

# **El Camino Real Complete Streets Demonstration Project and Corridor Study**

City Council  
March 13, 2024

# Background

## ▶ 2022/2023:

- Caltrans selected to participate in the Complete Streets Leadership Academy
- Goal of the program is to “test” Complete Streets Concepts on a State-Owned roadway (El Camino Real SR82)
  - **Intended to be temporary and limited in scope**
  - Identify issues and barriers in the approval process
  - Foster collaboration with local jurisdictions, county, and Caltrans
- ▶ Project installed and operated from July 2023 through December 2023
  - ▶ **First Demonstration of Complete Streets on El Camino Real**

# Demonstration Project Goals

## ▶ **What problem are we seeking to address?**

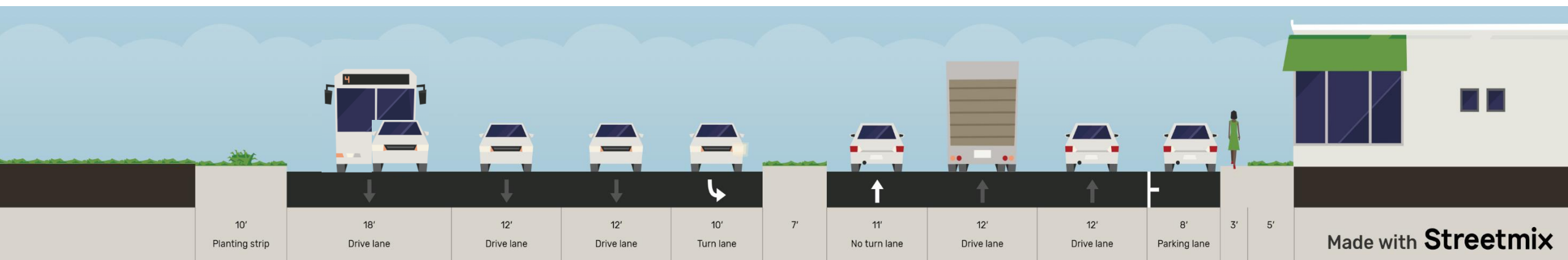
- Reduce potential for incidents on El Camino Real
- Is a protected bicycle lane on a State Road possible?
- Protect vulnerable people walking/using mobility devices across El Camino Real
- Improve Transit access and operations (SamTrans ECR and City Shuttle)

## ▶ **Alignment with long term goals**

- Establish biking as a viable mode on El Camino Real
- Develop partnership with Caltrans, SamTrans/SMCTA, SMCOE, SVBC
- Assess community priorities for ECR and receive feedback

# Existing Conditions – Demonstration Project

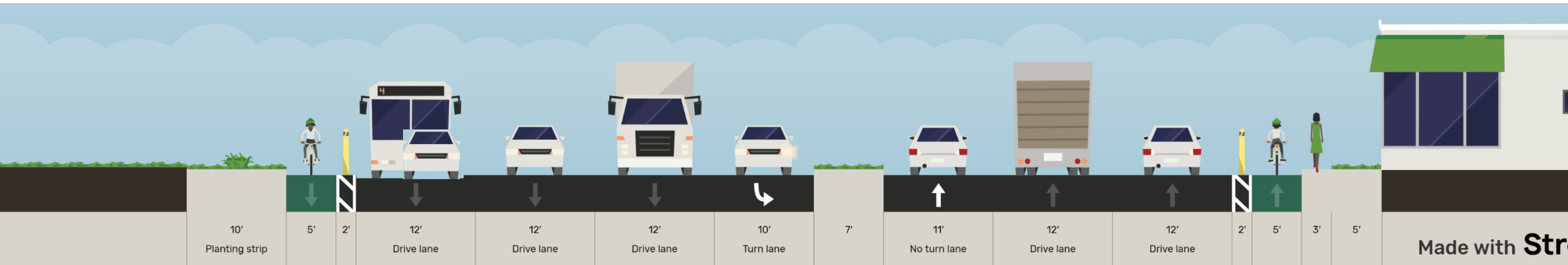
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# Proposed Demonstration Project

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# Demonstration Project - Events



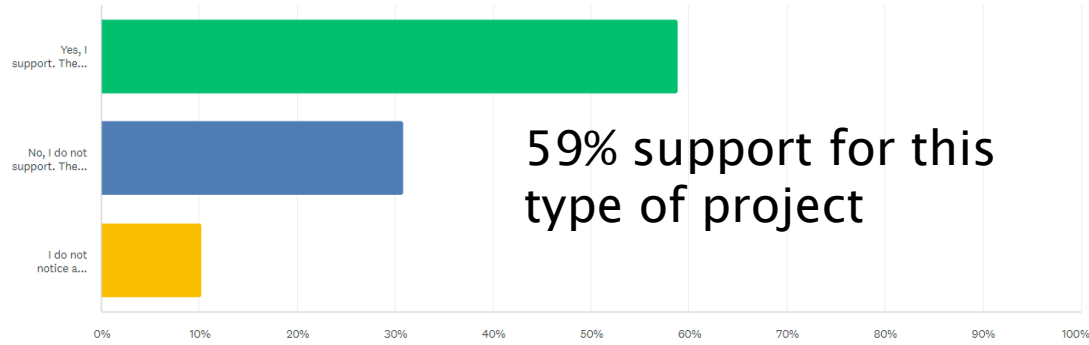
# Demonstration Project - Events



# Summary of Outreach

Do you support making the temporary demonstration project permanent?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 0

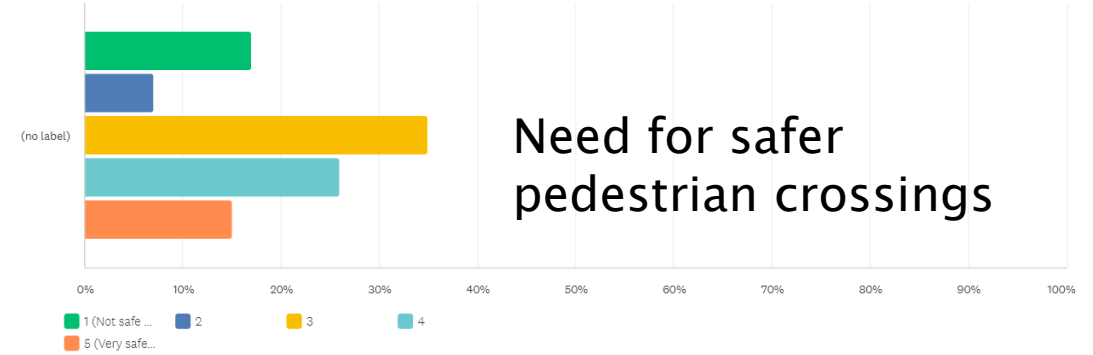


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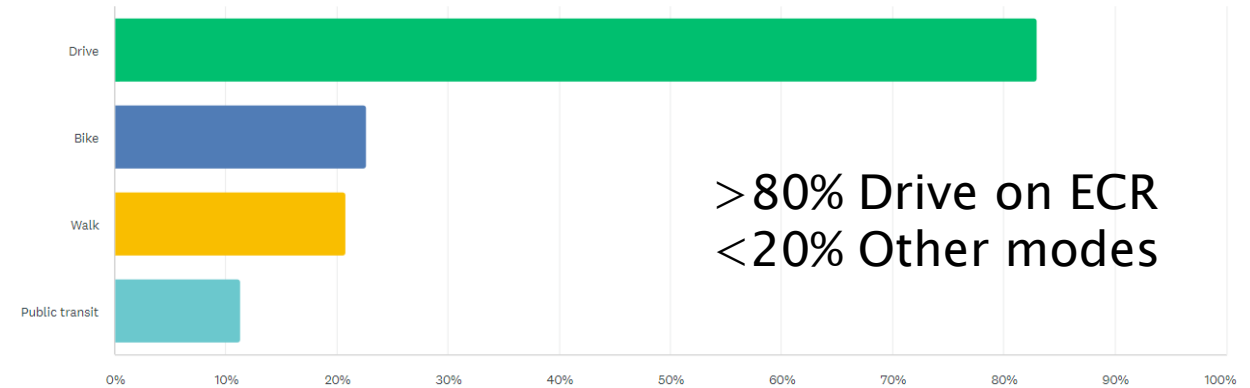
How safe do you feel crossing the street at Country Club Dr. with the temporary high visibility crosswalk installed? Please rate from a...

Answered: 100 Skipped: 7



How do you currently use this stretch of ECR (Country Club Dr. to South Spruce Ave.)? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1

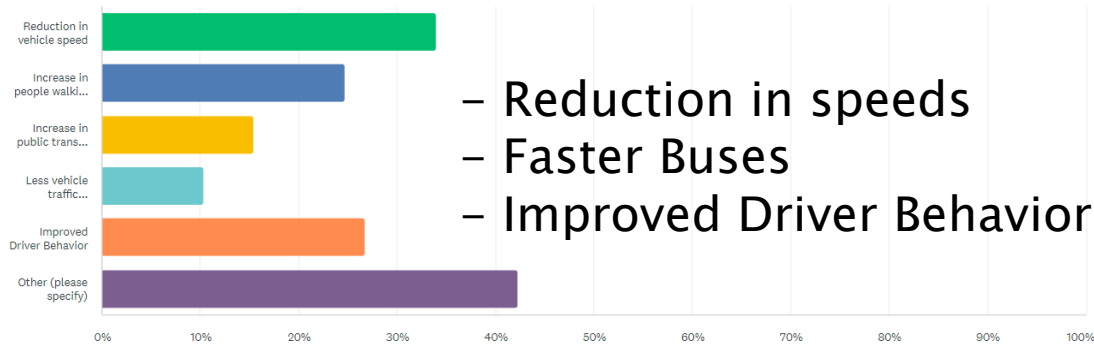


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As a consequence of the temporary traffic safety improvements: Class IV protected bike lanes, high visibility crosswalk, and bus stop...

Answered: 97 Skipped: 10



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# Demonstration Project Outcomes

- ▶ Changes to SamTrans Bus Stop Design Guidelines (2023)
- ▶ Significant bus operations improvement.
  - Typical Boardings: 1 minute and 30 seconds. With Project: 15-25 seconds between pick-up and drop-off
- ▶ Caltrans' - largest quick-build project on a state-owned road.
  - Caltrans installed permanent High-Visibility crosswalks at ECR and Country Club in May.
- ▶ New Caltrans guidance DIB-94 (Spring 2024) on Complete Streets
- ▶ Protected bike lane on ECR...Possible!
- ▶ Highlighted gaps and needs for improved multimodal connections

# Next Steps

- ▶ Caltrans Quick-Build/Complete Streets Guidance
- ▶ Continue El Camino Real Corridor Study
  - Visioning process with stakeholders on ECR
  - Outreach to Community on high-level concepts for ECR
  - Incorporate what we learned from the Demonstration Project
    - Need for safer east-west connections to the Centennial Trail and neighborhoods
    - Balance between business loading/parking and active transportation
    - Bus boarding islands for quick-build (explore other methods)
  - Pursue further funding to fund design/alternatives
  - Due at the end of 2024
- ▶ “Balancing the books” vs new project

# South City Actions Recap

## ▶ Funding Sources

- Smart Growth America – \$15k Grant (Council Approved in 4/26/23)
- Active South City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Council Approved 2019)
- **CC 3/13/2024 (\$161,922):**
- SMCTA Cycle 6 Grant – **ECR Corridor Study** (\$100k + \$5k match)
  - Includes ECR Demonstration Project + remaining outreach and visioning for ECR
- SMCTA/SamTrans - \$56,922 for purchase and loan to SSF of Zicla Platforms
  - Reimbursement to SSF for purchase of platforms

# Recommendation

- ▶ Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution accepting the \$161,922 grant funding from the SMCTA to continue the City's evaluation of the El Camino Real Corridor.