Project overview

The San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, adopted in 2014, laid the groundwork for development and increased economic activity along the San Pablo Avenue corridor. Through the San Pablo Complete Streets Project, the City of El Cerrito is moving forward with access and mobility improvements identified in the Specific Plan to make it safer and more comfortable for people walking, biking, and taking transit.

The goal of this project is to create a more vibrant and connected community to maintain and increase access to commercial districts, local businesses, transit and neighborhoods.

Benefits

- Improving safety and comfort for people walking, biking, and taking transit.
- Increasing bus reliability and decreasing bus travel times.
- Increasing biking, walking, and transit access to businesses.
- Providing more transportation options to help achieve climate and active transportation goals.

Schedule

We are currently working on preliminary design concepts through funding provided by a Safe Routes to Transit grant. We will need additional funding to complete the design and move into construction.

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*We will need funding to finish the design and construct the project. We anticipate needing about five years to complete construction once we secure funding.

San Pablo Avenue today

A typical cross section of San Pablo Avenue as it exists today.
We are designing access and mobility improvements on San Pablo Avenue between Lincoln and Potrero Avenues. This concept shows a two-block sample of the design, which includes the following elements:

- **Flashing beacons** at crosswalks where there are no pedestrian signals to improve safety.
- **Curb bulbs** to reduce crossing distances.
- **Upgraded curb ramps** at all crosswalks to improve access for all users.
- **Buffered bike lanes** for bicycle safety and to create more predictable interactions between people driving and biking.

**Bus islands** to improve transit reliability and enhance the passenger waiting experience.

With limited off-street parking in the area, we understand how important it is to maintain street parking on San Pablo Avenue and nearby side streets. We are working to minimize loss of parking, but some parking will need to be removed near crosswalks and driveways for pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The images below are examples of the types of improvements that we will make on San Pablo Avenue.

Safety enhancements at uncontrolled crosswalks include flashing beacons and updated curb ramps to improve driver visibility of pedestrians and create safe, accessible street crossings.

Bike lanes with a buffer from traffic provide bicycle safety improvements and create more predictable interactions between people driving and biking.

Buses will stop at bus islands in the travel lane, instead of pulling off to the side, to improve travel speed and reliability. The bike lane will be located behind the bus island to remove conflicts between buses and people biking.

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