

Morgan Hill Transportation Master Plan
Community Meeting #1
Wednesday November 8th, 2023
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center
Meeting Summary

The City of Morgan Hill hosted a community outreach meeting on November 8th, 2023, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to discuss and present information related to the City's Transportation Master Plan effort. The meeting was held at the City's Community and Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Highway in Morgan Hill. Approximately 25 community members participated in the meeting. Approximately half of the attendees indicated they are members of the Stakeholder Committee.

This was the first community outreach meeting with members of the public regarding this project. The purpose of the meeting was to get input from the community members on the city's hot spots and missing transportation links.

When queried about the meeting noticing the attendees indicated they had received the City's 411 notice, saw it on NextDoor and received direct emails as the highest frequency of noticing tools. No one saw the meeting notice posters, one person heard about the meeting through word of mouth and others indicated the Chamber of Commerce and Vision Morgan Hill emails were also sent.

Staff Attendees: City of Morgan Hill: Chris Ghione, Edith Ramirez, Jennifer Carman, Maria Angeles, Adam Paszkowski, Nicole Martin, and Michelle Bigelow

Consultant Project Team Staff Attendees: Robert Del Rio Hexagon Project Manager, Reuben ~~X~~; Aaron Sussman and Ellie Gertler, Toole Design; and Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies

Meeting Summary:

Eileen Goodwin, meeting facilitator, reviewed the agenda and explained how the meeting would include a presentation and Q and A period as well as workshop stations to collect input.

Chris Ghione convened the meeting on behalf of the city, he thanked and welcomed the members of the community to the first community meeting for the Transportation Master Plan effort (TMP). He made formal introductions of the city staff in attendance and of the project team.

The meeting followed the following agenda:

- Welcome and Agenda Review

- Why does Morgan Hill Need a TMP?
- Availability of Project Information
- TMP Issues and Components
- Project Timeline
- Workshop Stations
- Wrap Up and Reminder of Community Survey

Chris made the following points about the city's need for a TMP which would help address:

- Changes in City's Population
- Travel Options for all Residents and Modes of Travel
- The City's First Comprehensive Review of Transportation
- Funding Mechanisms for Improvements

Eileen reviewed the goals for the outreach program. She also stated the purpose of the outreach effort by utilizing the following points:

- Build community knowledge about the project and project process.
- Hear perspectives from a range of community members.
- Incorporate community ideas, needs and preferences into the Transportation Master Plan (where appropriate and feasible)
- Develop community support for proposed TMP.

Eileen highlighted the availability of an on-line survey that takes feedback in a similar way to the workshop stations. She explained the survey would be live through the end of November. She also highlighted the City's Spanish language meeting to be held on November 16th at City Hall.

Robert gave an overview of the TMP issues and components using the following speaking points:

- The team will identify transportation challenges.
- Identify Necessary Inter-City Transportation Improvements
 - i. Focus on multi-modal, travel gaps & safety
 - ii. Roadway/Intersection congestion relief
- The team has recently conducted a citywide Speed Survey
- The effort will identify any necessary updates to Citywide Transportation Policies
- The effort may result in updates to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Transportation Impact Fees (TIF)
- Review for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) Policy Adjustments
- The TMP will be used as an input to an eventual General Plan Update/Circulation Element Update

Robert reviewed the project timeline. He stated the work was initiated in June 2023, and that it was an estimated 18-month schedule. He said the schedule shows anticipated completion of the effort in Fall 2024

Then Robert and Aaron explained the five workshop stations and the input requested at each. They explained that sticky notes, pens, maps and dots would be used to help elaborate community hot spots, missing infrastructure, and the like.

Five Stations:

- Vehicle Speeding Hot Spots
- Transit Service Origin/Destination
- Pedestrian Conditions
- Existing Bikeways and Trails
- Safety Conditions – Observed Crash Locations & High Injury Networks

Eileen explained that there would be about eight to ten minutes per station allotted and for those who chose to stay there would be a wrap up summary of the themes from each station. Those wrap up comments are highlighted below.

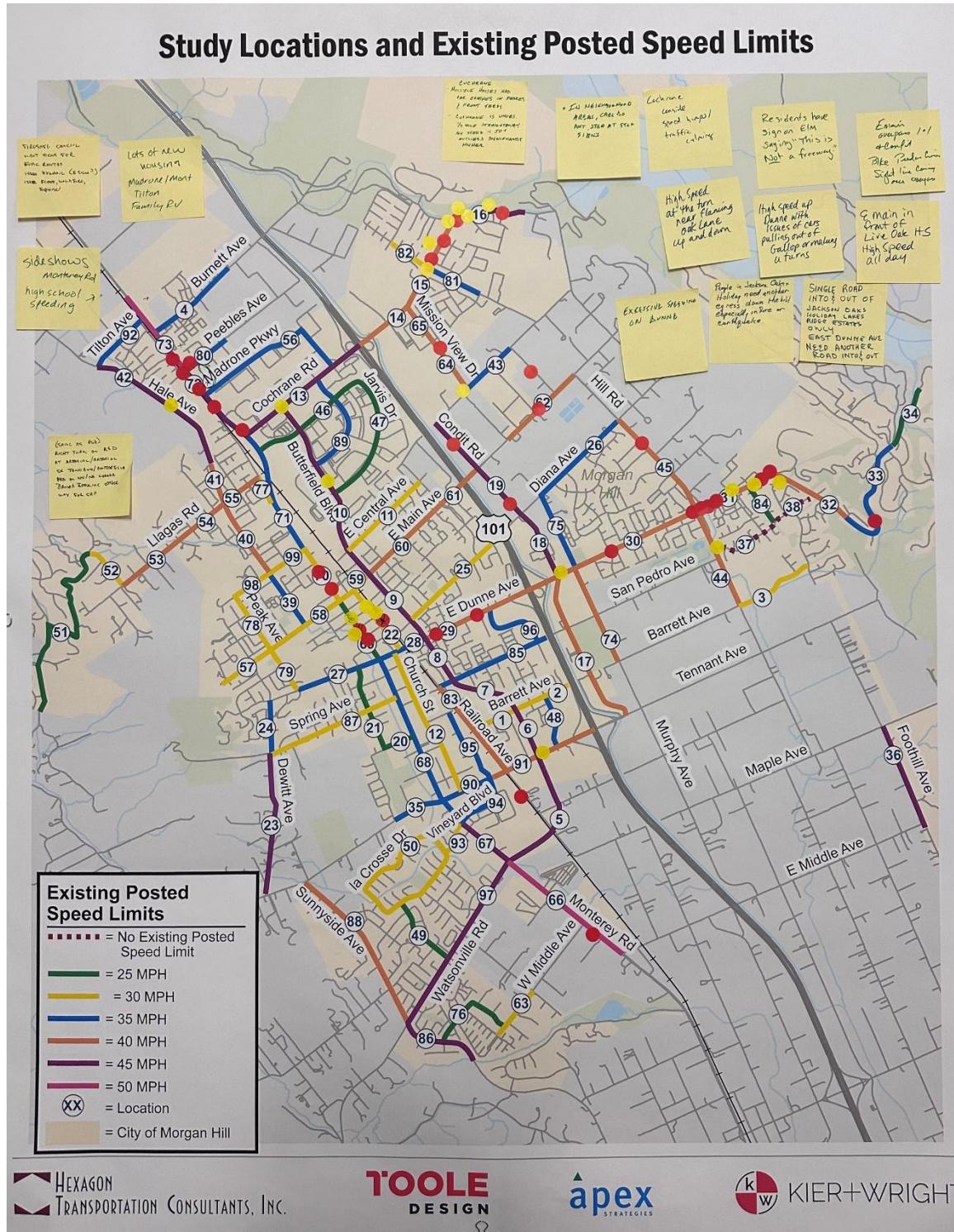
Before going to the workshop portion of the meeting, the following questions were asked and answered (either during the presentation or during the Q and A session):

- How is VMT calculated? (There is a model, that has assumptions built into it)
- How is the TMP kept from going stale if it isn't part of the General plan yet? (The TMP will be a living document, it will eventually be folded into the General plan as the circulation element, it will inform the two year budget cycle for the capital improvement program in the meantime and also serve as the basis for the traffic impact fee updates)
- How can the Jackson Oaks Holiday Lakes area get an additional route out of the community? Where can we put that request? (Please add that to the Vehicle Station)
- Will the consultant team look into the future regarding the future growth and the potential for that growth to change traffic patterns? (The model used goes out to 2035 and has General Plan assumptions built in, that said, there will be opportunities for the community to look at the model outputs next summer at the next round of outreach and check that work)

The members spent approximately forty-five minutes giving their input on the station topics. These are the report out notes from each station:

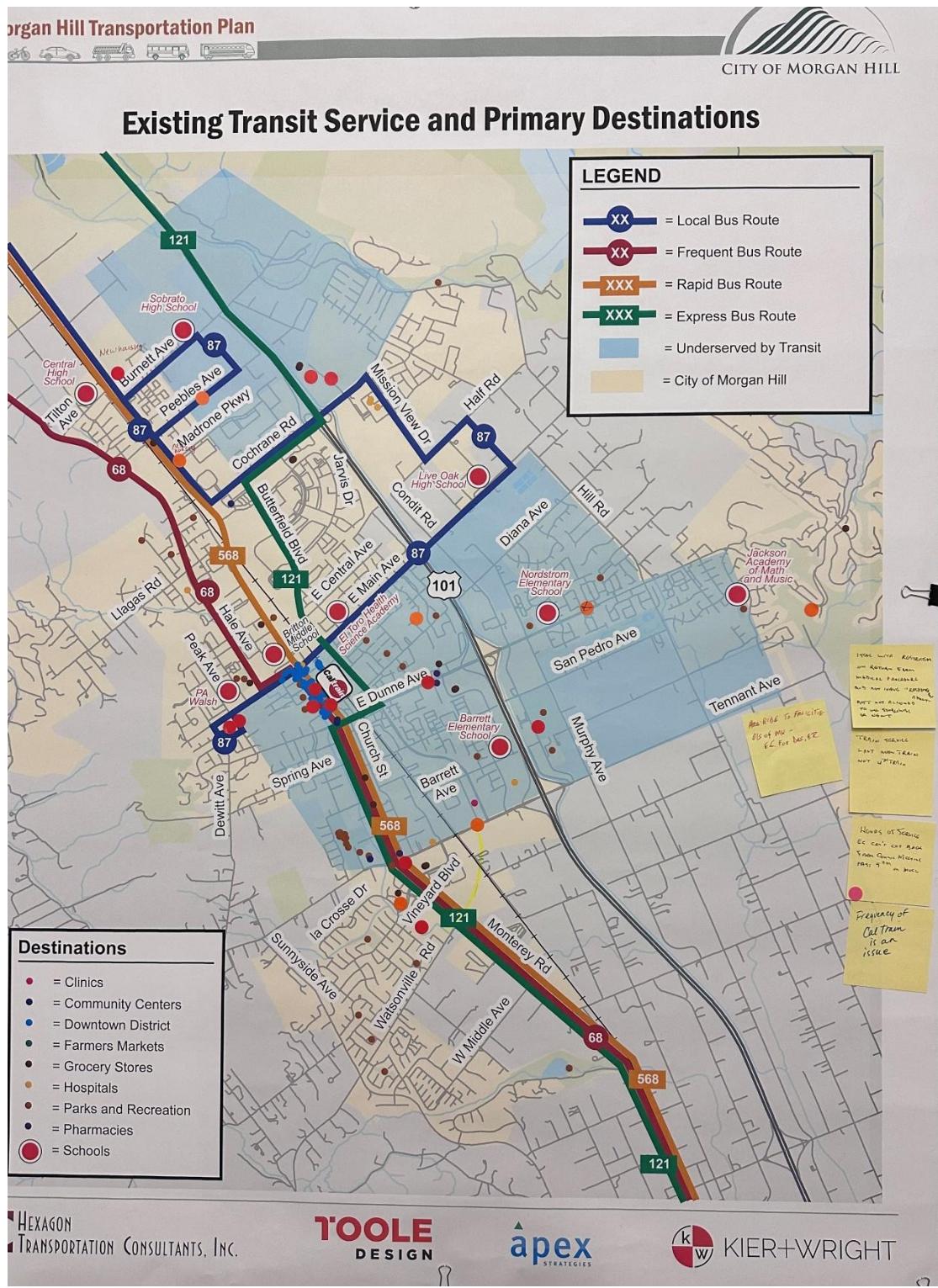
Vehicle Speeding Hot Spots

- Lots of specific locations flagged
- Monterey Highway and Cochrane Road are hot spots
- There were traffic calming ideas suggested
- Schools are locations that need attention



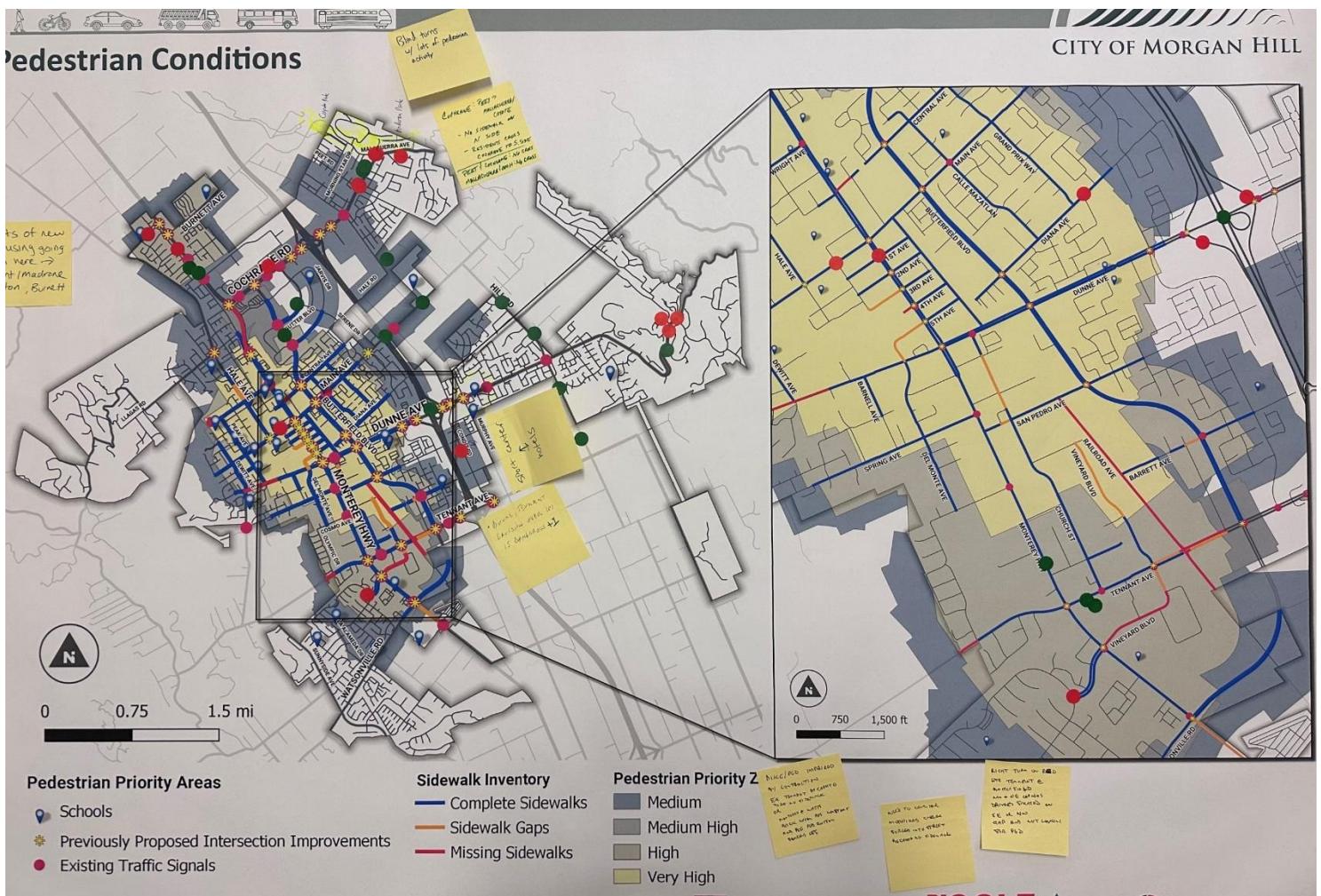
Transit Service Origin/Destination

- Destinations highlighted include downtown, Caltrain Station and Cochrane Road retail
- The viability of Caltrain service was discussed—"last mile" in Morgan Hill as well as final destination north is a challenge
- Specialized medical trips was a need for transit, rideshare opportunity potential
- Bus frequency was discussed



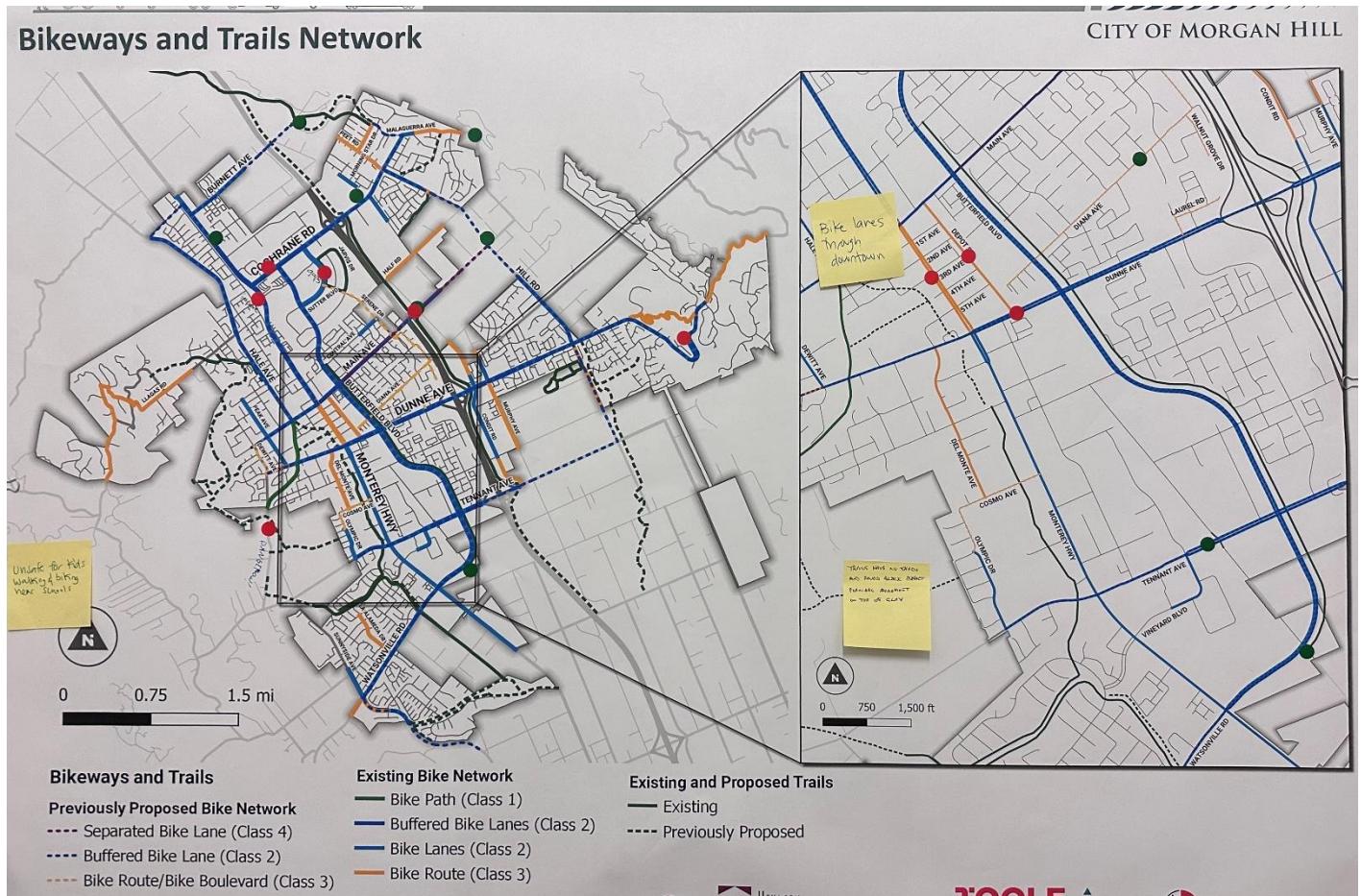
Pedestrian Conditions

- Schools need improved crossings and access
- Coyote Creek Park off Cochrane needs better access
- Walking on the north end of Monterey Highway near Cochrane Road is challenging due to adjacent speeding traffic
- All of the overcrossings of Route 101 need attention



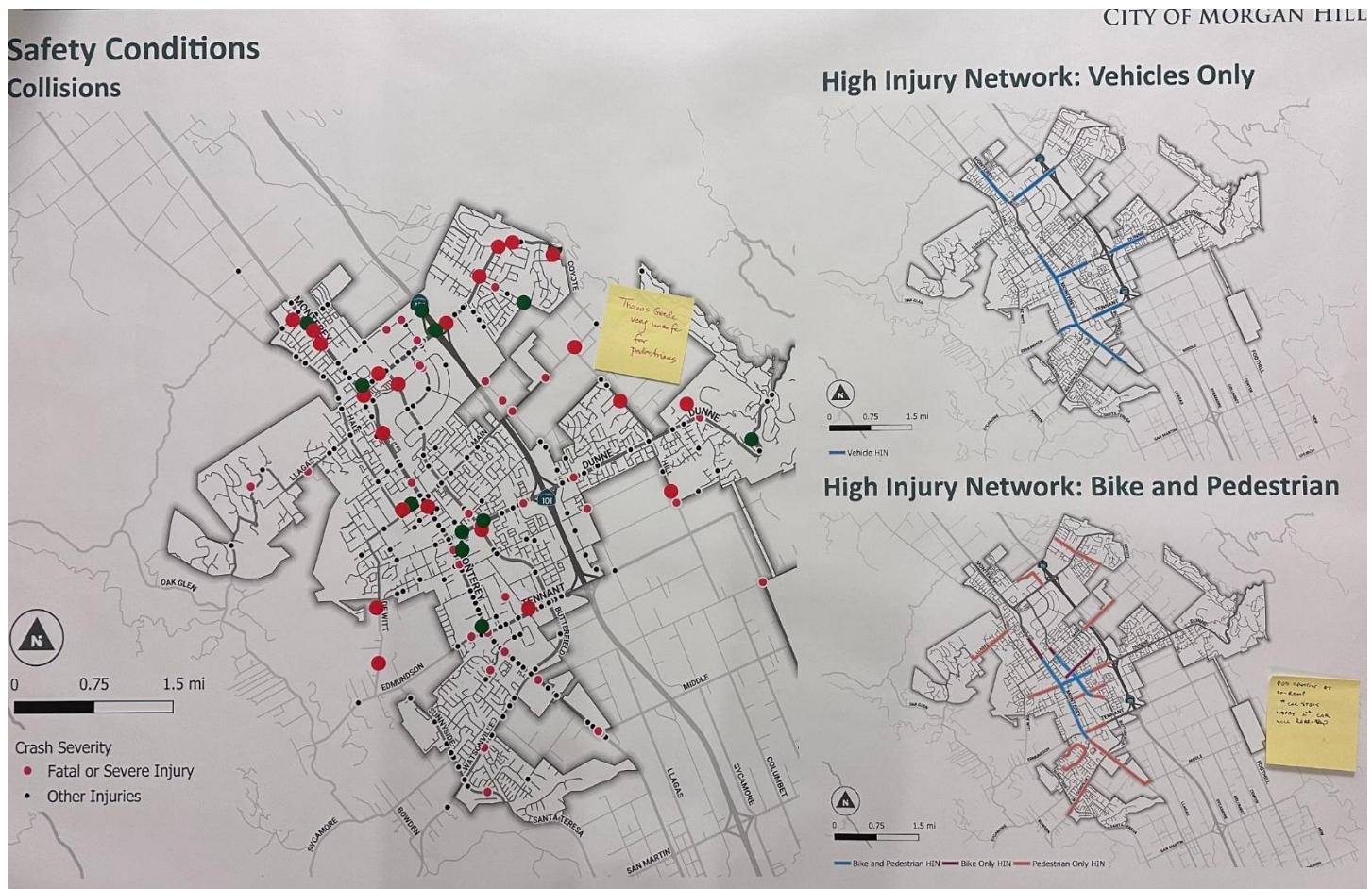
Existing Bikeways and Trails

- Similar location hot spots on Monterey Highway and Cochrane Road are issues for bicyclists as well as pedestrians and also on Dunne Avenue and Main Street
- Biking access to schools needs to be looked at with a desire for more protection for students trying to bike to school
- While trails are great, access to them is not safe



Safety Conditions – Observed Crash Locations & High Injury Networks

- Monterey Highway intersections are hot spots
- Dunne Avenue east of Monterey is a hot spot as well as “up hill” on Dunne Avenue
- Main Street
- Cochrane Road



After the wrap up, Eileen reminded the community to spread the word about the Spanish language meeting, the survey and to sign -up for the email list.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared by Eileen Goodwin, Apex Strategies.