Homestead Bike Lane Study Community Meeting Aug. 25, 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this study being proposed again?

In 2015, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) sponsored the study issue DPW 15-04 to evaluate the conversion of part-time bike lanes on Homestead Road to full-time bike lanes. The results of the study were presented to City Council. On Nov. 17, 2015, Council's action was to maintain the part-time bike lanes as is and re-evaluate the study again after a minimum of 3 years. Since it has been over 3 years, Staff are studying the potential of implementing full-time bike lanes again.

What is the status of the part-time bike lanes on Homestead Road, and does it prevent people from biking on Homestead Road?

The bike lanes are inconsistent on the north and south side of Homestead Road. In Cupertino, Homestead Road has full-time bike lanes. In Sunnyvale, some parts of Homestead Road have part-time bike lanes; which means that on weekdays between 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. parking is restricted. Outside of these hours, parking is allowed, and bicyclists may encounter a parked vehicle in the lane. Visit the project website to view a map of the study area.

What data will be considered and how will it be used?

Travel speed, vehicle counts, bicycle counts, and parking occupancy for on-street and driveways will be collected on weekdays and weekends during respective peak hours. Available side street parking, collision data, and community feedback will also be considered in the study. The data will be used as a benchmark to evaluate existing conditions and determine feasibility of alternatives.

What are the alternatives for this study?

There are two main alternatives: no change to the existing part-time bike lanes or convert the part-time bike lanes into full-time bike lanes. However, there are different options to consider when implementing full-time bike lanes. One option mentioned during the community meeting was to remove a vehicle lane to allow space for both a bicycle lane and a parking lane, also known as a road diet. Another option is to restrict parking all day every day to facilitate a full-time bike lane. We will also study if selective segments can be converted into full-time bike lanes.

How do I provide feedback on the alternatives?

Members of the public can provide feedback at community meetings, at both BPAC meetings, and the City Council meeting. There will also be an online community survey to collect input on the alternatives. Meeting dates and online survey information will be available on the project website. If you are unable to attend the meetings and would like to provide input on the alternatives, please contact Angela Wong at awong@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7579.

