Community Workshop #2

Livable Moraga Road
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What is the Livable Moraga Road Project?

A community-based planning effort, looking at ways to improve the **function**, **character**, and **livability** of Moraga Road.
Agenda

7:00 – 7:30 Presentation
  • Project Status Update
  • Vision Statement
  • Preliminary Corridor Concepts A, B, and C

7:30 – 8:30 Small Group Exercise

8:30 – 8:50 Report Out

8:50 – 9:00 Next Steps
Workshop Goals

**Step 1:** Debut three corridor concepts (A, B, and C)

**Step 2:** Work in small groups to discuss concepts

**Step 3:** Express your feedback and preferences

**Step 4:** Use feedback to formulate preferred concepts
What does “Livable Moraga Road” mean to you?
What’s your vision for Moraga Road?

**MULTI-MODAL**
(bicycle and pedestrian facilities)
- Walkable (sidewalks) and bikeable
- Multi-modal trail (for pedestrians, bikes, and electric vehicles)
- Pedestrian and bike-friendly
- Sidewalks
- Access for pedestrians
- Sidewalks connecting
- Bike lanes on bike routes
- Bike paths
- Access for pedestrians

**BEAUTIFUL / VISUAL APPEAL**
(trees, landscaping, etc.)
- Sidewalks, lighting, trees, shade
- Chant! Visual pleasure
- Many trees
- Make more attractive
- Street trees
- Beautiful
- Aesthetic (planting)
- Street trees (enhance appearance)
- Beautiful

**SAFETY**
- Safe for all
- Safe
- Sidewalks (safety)
- Safe for pedestrians and encourage walking
- Pedestrian safety

**ACTIVE / LIVELY**
- Lively with diverse users
- Active (handy) used
- Pedestrian use

**SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW**
- Freely moving traffic
- Smooth traffic flow
- 4 lanes for traffic (cars)
- Roundabouts
- Efficient travel
- Develop bus stops to eliminate bus blockages of traffic lanes
- Flowing traffic (no stops)
- Movement flow
- Easy traffic flow for autos
- Smooth flow of traffic (this is the major corridor)
- Efficient for traffic
- Roundabout at Rheem Boulevard
- Traffic flow

**SMALL TOWN FEEL**
- Rural aesthetics
- Small town feel
- Quiet (reduce auto noise)
- Privacy and separation for homes on Moraga Road
- Country road feel
- Bucolic

**OTHER**
- More sidewalks do not necessarily mean more people will walk
- Consideration of how Moraga Road is used will be used
- Integrate the Moraga Valley and Rheem Valley Portions of Moraga Road
- Common theme all along
- Regionally recognized (successful) example of corridor
- What is public acceptance of pedestrian accessibility? Trails exist but walking is not really socially acceptable
- Please relocate the crosswalk crossing at Moraga Road and Collins Drive. It is not a good location for a crosswalk

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Vision Statement

We envision Moraga Road as a vibrant, scenic, and safe corridor that links places and people; supports walking, bicycling, and transit use; provides smooth and safe traffic flow; and celebrates Moraga’s natural and scenic character.
Guiding Principles

1. **Connect** Moraga Road from end to end and to and from Moraga’s neighborhoods, schools, shopping and services

2. **Accommodate transportation for all modes and all abilities:** A “Complete Street” for autos, transit, bikes, pedestrians and wheelchairs

3. **Balance** safety, traffic flow, and cost in design solutions

4. **Create an attractive streetscape** reflecting the unique qualities and character of the street along its different segments

5. **Support investment and revitalization** of shopping districts so that they become more walkable, attractive, and vibrant places
Existing Conditions
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Study Segments

SEGMENT 1
Two travel lanes, center turn lane, two bike lanes, parking/drop off on west side along school frontage, west side sidewalk

SEGMENT 2
Four travel lanes, center turn lane, two bike lanes, east and west side sidewalks

SEGMENT 3
Four travel lanes, two shoulders used for parking and by bicyclists, intermittent sidewalks

SEGMENT 4
Two travel lanes with shoulders used by bicyclists, Moraga Road Spur Trail on the east side
Existing Conditions

- Spur trail ends at Corliss Dr.
- Narrow and missing sidewalks along the corridor
- Some bus stops lack shelter, benches, sidewalk and crosswalk access
- Discontinuous bike lanes
- Sufficient roadway capacity, observed speeding, pockets of congestion,

Photos:
- Looking north, approaching Campollino Drive.
- Looking north, approaching Rheem Boulevard.
- Pedestrians use the shoulder on the west side of Moraga Road. Photo looking north, approaching Devin Drive.
- Looking North on Moraga Road, approaching Corliss Drive.
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Concept A

Concept B

Concept C
Concept A – Modest Improvements

- Improve existing spur trail
- Close most sidewalk gaps
- Enhance existing pedestrian crossings, add 2 new crossings
- Improve bus stop amenities and signage
- Enhance existing bike lanes and stripe new bike lanes
- Narrow travel lanes, add medians, intersection improvements

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Concept B – Enhanced Pedestrian/Bicycle Network

- Improve existing spur trail and extend to Draeger Dr.
- Close all sidewalk gaps
- Enhance existing pedestrian crossings, add 2 new crossings
- Improve bus stop amenities and signage
- Enhance existing bike lanes and stripe new bike lanes, stripe buffered bike lanes where ROW allows
- Install limited lighting
- Narrow travel lanes, add medians, intersection improvements, reduce number of lanes near Rheem Center
Concept C – Complete Connected Corridor

- Construct multi-use trail on west side
- Close sidewalk gaps on east side
- Enhance existing pedestrian crossings, add 2 new crossings
- Improve bus stop amenities and signage
- Enhance existing bike lanes, stripe buffered bike lanes where ROW allows
- Add bicycle crossings at multi-use trail crossings
- Add landscape medians to center turn lane sections, add sidewalk landscaping
- Install sidewalk furnishings and lighting
- Narrow travel lanes, intersection improvements, reduce number of lanes near Rheem Shopping Center and the Hacienda, add medians
Intersection Concepts

- Moraga Road & **Woodford Drive**
- Moraga Road & **Rheem Boulevard**
- Moraga Road & **Corliss Drive**
- Moraga Road & **St. Mary’s Road**
Small Group Exercise

What do we want to accomplish tonight?

1. Break into 4 small groups with a facilitator
2. Introduce yourselves
3. Select group name
4. Elect Team Captain and Team Recorder
5. Spend an hour analyzing concepts
6. Select a preferred concept or hybrid concept
7. Present preferred concept or hybrid concept (8:30pm)
Next Steps!

1. Draft preferred concept designs based on tonight’s feedback
2. Present preferred concept designs at Workshop #3 (date tbd)

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