

# NEWS FOR YOU

## IMPROVEMENTS TO HELP WALKERS AND CYCLISTS

One of the City Council's current goals is to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. The City plans to commit more than \$3.5 million to fund capital-related projects over the next two years. The funding includes a \$500,000 contribution from Google. The funds will be used for a number of bike and pedestrian projects, including:



- Continuing a program to encourage K-12 students to walk or bike to school.
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on Castro Street between El Camino Real and Miramonte Avenue by reducing vehicle lanes, adding bicycle lanes, and adding safety signage and lighting.
- Constructing a new at-grade signalized crossing of the Permanente Creek Trail at Charleston Road and designing improvements to the trail undercrossing at Amphitheatre Parkway.
- Designing a new pedestrian undercrossing on Ellis Street below U. S. Route 101 to improve pedestrian access between the North Whisman Area and the NASA Ames Bayshore light rail station.
- Preparing an updated comprehensive bicycle transportation plan for the City.
- Studying a dedicated pedestrian, bicycle, and transit corridor between the Downtown Transit Center and the North Bayshore Area.
- Installing new bike racks in the downtown area.
- Studying options to improve the bicycling and pedestrian environment along and across California Street, including elimination/narrowing of vehicle lanes, increased areas for bicyclists, curb bulb outs to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians, and improved lighting and signage.
- Installing flashing beacon lights at three pedestrian

crosswalk locations on South Shoreline Boulevard.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 or at [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov).

## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

The Mountain View Police Department reminds everyone it is important for pedestrians and bicyclists to stay alert and remember the following precautions:

- Cross intersections defensively.
- Cross roadways as quickly as possible to minimize the amount of time you are in the roadway.
- Cross roadways at intersections and in marked crosswalks—do not jaywalk or cross from between parked cars.
- Before crossing, stop at the edge of the street and look left, right, and left again before proceeding.
- Look for turning vehicles.
- Walk on sidewalks if they are available.
- Wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- Look for backing (reverse) lights and be aware around parked cars and driveways.
- Use caution walking near hybrid and electric vehicles because these vehicles are virtually silent while operating.

### SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- Maintain control of your bicycle.
- Obey the rules of the road as if you were driving a car—stop at stop signs, red lights, and signal before changing lanes or turning.
- Wear a helmet.
- Wear visible clothing and communicate your intentions by using hand signals.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be careful when passing parked cars—occupants may not see you when opening doors or pulling out of parking spaces.

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- Equip your bicycle at night with a front lamp, a rear red reflector, and yellow reflectors on pedals or shoes.
- Properly register your bicycle.

## BIKE SHARE PROGRAM BEGINS

Mountain View is one of five Bay Area cities participating in the Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program. The Bike Share system enables members to check out a bike from a network of automated bicycle stations, ride to their destination, and return the bike to a different station. Bike Share provides a convenient and affordable transportation alternative or supplement to cars and mass transit.



The pilot program currently deploys 700 bicycles at 70 bicycle stations in five peninsula cities including Mountain View, San Jose, Palo Alto, Redwood City, and San Francisco. Mountain View's seven bicycle stations are located near the following transit, employment, and service/retail destinations:

- Mountain View Transit Center
- City Hall
- Castro Street/El Camino Real
- Evelyn Avenue Light Rail Park-N-Ride
- San Antonio Shopping Center
- San Antonio Caltrain Station
- Rengstorff Avenue/California Street

The pilot program is funded through a combination of local, regional, and Federal grants, including \$4.3 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Innovative Bay Area Climate Initiatives Grant Program. The pilot program is expected to run for a period of one to two years with the goal of transitioning into a full-scale, self-sustaining, permanent program for Bay Area communities. For more information, including membership fees, visit the Bike Share website at [www.bayareabikeshare.com](http://www.bayareabikeshare.com).