



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/28/2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs Nash, Schmidt, Taylor (remote and exited the meeting at 7:55 p.m.), Wise
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Justin Murphy, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Agenda Review

The City Council reordered agenda bringing item M. to come after item E.

D. Public Comment

- Pete Colby spoke on First Amendment Auditors in Downtown Menlo Park.
- Liam Goudge spoke on concerns related to vehicle speeding on College Avenue (Attachment).
- Adina Levin spoke on the sequence of the meeting and requested public comment after the E4. SamTrans presentation and before City Council discussion.
- Jack Cackler spoke in opposition of the recycling station with large digital screen near the Safeway in Sharon Heights Shopping Center.
- Mukta Dhanuka provided a follow-up comment from the April 14 meeting related to habitability compliance for renters.

E. Presentations and Proclamations

E1. Proclamation: Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates Board Member Billy Chow accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

E2. Proclamation: Jewish American Heritage Month (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

Chief Community Officer at Jewish Silicon Valley Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

E3. Proclamation: Bike Month (Attachment)

Mayor Nash introduced the proclamation.

- Kathrine Dumont spoke in support of the proclamation.

Complete Streets Commissioner Meredith Bergin Bailey accepted the proclamation (Attachment).

E4. Presentation: SamTrans Senate Bill 63 Local Investment Plan (Attachment)

SamTrans Chief Communications Office Emily Beach made the presentation (Attachment).

- Adina Levin spoke in support of the plan and the need for bus shelters.
- Brian Schmidt spoke in support of the presentation and plan.
- Kathrine Dumont spoke in support of the plan and the need for bus shelters.

The City Council received clarification on the Dumbarton Express line bus schedule and public participation in the ballot measure.

The City Council discussed additional clipper card upload locations.

E5. Presentation: Peninsula Clean Energy update (Attachment)

Peninsula Clean Energy Chief Executive Officer Shawn Marshall made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council discussed partnership with Peninsula Clean Energy and city school districts.

F. Advisory Body Vacancies and Appointments

F1. Consider applicants and make appointments to fill vacancies on various advisory bodies (Staff Report #26-050-CC)

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Sandoval made the presentation.

- Tim Rochte spoke in support of their serving on the Complete Streets Commission.
- Nabil Saad spoke in support of their serving on the Environmental Quality Commission.
- Bob Hubbell spoke in support of their serving on the Parks and Recreation and Housing Commission and expressed a preference for serving on the Housing Commission.
- Patrick Ye spoke in support of their serving on the Housing Commission.
- Brittany B. Goodwin spoke in support of their serving on the Environmental Quality Commission, Housing Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Justin Van Buren spoke in support of their reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Sumi Hachmann spoke in support of their serving on the Environmental Quality Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission and expressed a preference for serving on the Parks

- and Recreation Commission.
- Michael Barclay spoke in support of the reappointment of Sally Cole to the Complete Streets Commission.
- Steven Switzer spoke in support of their reappointment to the Housing Commission.

Applicants within the City Council chambers provided their name and preferred advisory body for appointment.

The City Council discussed the scope of the Planning Commission.

The City Council made appointments to fill vacancies on the Complete Streets, Environmental Quality, Housing, Library, Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissions:

Complete Streets Commission:

Sally Cole – term expiring April 30, 2030

Athena Ierokomos – term expiring April 30, 2030

Environmental Quality Commission:

Brittany B. Goodwin – term expiring April 30, 2030

Eduardo Lopez Hernandez – term expiring April 30, 2030

Housing Commission:

Steven Switzer – term expiring April 30, 2030

Library Commission:

Kim Crockett – term expiring April 30, 2030

Brian Westcott – term expiring April 30, 2030

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Justin Van Buren – term expiring April 30, 2030

Planning Commission:

Nancy Larocca Hedley – term expiring April 30, 2030

Jennifer Schindler – term expiring April 30, 2030

G. Consent Calendar

G1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for March 21 and 24, 2026 (Attachment)

G2. Award a construction contract to Cratus, Inc. for the Sand Hill Water Main Replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$6,157,530 and approve an appropriation from the unassigned fund balance in the water capital fund (Staff Report #26-058-CC)

- Kevin Rennie spoke in support of the addition of a protected bike lane and requested clarification on bike lane closures.

The City Council received clarification on the project.

G3. Waive the second reading and adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 5.80 (Massage Businesses) of

Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code, relating to the regulation of massage businesses (Staff Report #26-060-CC)

- G4. Receive and file the single audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the independent accountants' report on the calculation of the appropriations limit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the auditors' communication at the conclusion of the audit (Staff Report #26-061-CC)
- G5. Authorize the city manager to purchase library books and media from current vendor Ingram Content Group in total amount not to exceed \$141,785 during fiscal year 2025-26 (Staff Report #26-062-CC)
- G6. Authorize the city manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for supplemental work on the Downtown Parking Management Study and approve an appropriation from unassigned fund balance in the Transportation Fund (Staff Report #26-063-CC)
- G7. Consider and adopt a resolution approving an administrative amendment to Paragraph 2.2 of the Peninsula Clean Energy Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement reflecting the name change of Peninsula Clean Energy Authority to WestLight Energy (Staff Report #26-065-CC)
- G8. Approve a professional services agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., for a comprehensive Classification and Compensation study in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (Staff Report #26-064-CC)
- G9. Consider and adopt a resolution to authorize the city manager to execute an Affordable Housing Loan Agreement, Secured Promissory Note, Leasehold Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, and Below Market Rate and State Density Bonus Law Housing Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, each substantially in the form attached, with 320 Sheridan LP with respect to a loan in the amount of \$1 million from the below market rate housing special revenue fund for the construction and development of affordable housing at 320 Sheridan Dr., and approve the appropriation of \$1 million from the below market rate housing special revenue fund in the fiscal year 2025-26 budget for the construction and development of 87 affordable housing units at 320 Sheridan Dr. (Staff Report #26-066-CC)
- G10. Authorize the city manager to purchase data processing supplies from SHI International Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 for fiscal year 2025-26 (Staff Report #26-067-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Wise/ Nash), to approve the consent calendar, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

H. Regular Business

- H1. Consider and adopt a resolution ratifying the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 60-2026 adopting the 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments (Staff Report #26-068-CC)

Community Development Director Deanna Chow and Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Marshall Gage Schlice made the presentation (Attachment).

- Virginia Chany Kiraly spoke in support of adopting the resolution.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of potential changes to regulations in the future that affect driveways and building design and seeking opportunities for different size equipment to optimize streets and Complete Streets Commission review.

The City Council received clarification on the size of equipment, response times and routes, and applicability of new sprinkler requirements to residential.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wise/ Schmidt), to adopt a resolution ratifying the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 60-2026 adopting the 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments, 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

H2. Consider and adopt a resolution establishing the Slow Streets Program, superseding the Neighborhood Traffic Management program and authorizing the installation of traffic control devices consistent with the California Vehicle Code (Staff Report #26-059-CC)

Senior Transportation Planner Catrine Machi and Public Works Director Azalea Mitch introduced the item.

- Ken Kershner requested clarification on scoring criteria and speeding percentile and provided amendments to the resolution.
- Janet Poses spoke on concerns to residential streets, the need for sidewalks and provided amendments to the resolution (Attachment).
- Laura Melahn spoke on concerns to dangerous conditions on College Avenue (Attachment).
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the Slow Streets Program (Program) with additional sidewalks and on concerns with the use of the 85th speed percentile.
- Saaya Thompson spoke on concerns of dangerous conditions on College Avenue.
- Joseph Thompson spoke on concerns of dangerous conditions on College Avenue.
- Will Biederman spoke in support of the Program and to include College Avenue.
- Randy Avalos spoke on value and cost inefficiency resulting from the points system.
- Sue Kayton spoke in support of removing Middle Avenue traffic calming measures.
- Bill Kirsch requested staff to review and install quick build traffic calming measures on Partridge and College Avenues.
- Katie Behroozi spoke in support of Middle Avenue traffic calming measures and the need for additional safe streets with pedestrian measures.

The City Council discussed prioritization, civic engagement, quick build pilot programs and the City Council's role in program development and implementation.

The City Council received clarification on adding sidewalks, systemic speeding and the point system related to streets without sidewalks.

The City Council directed staff to add the 95th percentile of speeds and note where there are no sidewalks as unscored details for tracking purposes for the next report out.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Wise), adopt a resolution establishing the Slow Streets Program to supersede the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and authorizing the installation of traffic control devices pursuant to the California Vehicle Code, passed 3-1-1 (Combs dissenting and Taylor absent).

- H3. Authorize the city manager to execute an amended memorandum of understanding with Caltrain to advance the design and environmental clearance documents for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing project (Staff Report #26-069-CC)

Public Works Director Azalea Mitch introduced the item.

- Adina Levin spoke in support of the amended memorandum of understanding (MOU) and the project.
- Sue Kayton spoke in opposition to the project.
- Michael Barclay spoke on concerns about funding for the project.
- Bill Kirsch spoke in opposition to the project.

The City Council discussed additional funding needs before the next grant cycle.

The City Council received clarification on shovel ready status and timeline, project funding opportunities and transportation impact fee (TIF) funding strategy.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Schmidt), authorize the city manager to execute an amended memorandum of understanding in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the Caltrain to advance the engineering design and environmental clearance documentation for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing Project for a total agreement amount of \$3,000,000, passed 3-1-1 (Combs dissenting and Taylor absent).

I. Public Hearing

- I1. Consider and adopt a resolution amending the City's comprehensive master fee schedule for the following departments: general administration, administrative services, community development, library and community services, police, public works, and Menlo Park Municipal Water (Staff Report #26-057-CC) (Supplemental documentation)

Administrative Services Director Brittany Mello, Assistant Administrative Services Director Fenny Lei and Government Consulting Partners, Inc. Director Cindy Sconce made the presentation (Attachment).

Mayor Nash opened the public hearing.

- Pete Colby spoke in opposition to newsrack fees.
- Jamie Fraser spoke in support of non-profit rental rates with clearly defined guidelines.
- Eleanor Raab spoke in opposition to newsrack fees.
- Adam Dawes spoke in opposition to newsrack fees.
- Nabil Saad spoke in opposition to newsrack fees and in support of parking enforcement.
- Adina Levin spoke on credit card fees, automations to reduce fees and on concerns to impacts on affordable housing from increased/new fees.
- Randy Avalos spoke in opposition to newsrack fees.
- Kathy Newman spoke in opposition to newsrack fees.

Mayor Nash closed the public hearing.

The City Council discussed waiving or zeroing out the newsrack fee, additional newsracks or distribution in Belle Haven neighborhood, opportunities for City Council review of the master fee

schedule and Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases.

The City Council received clarification on if the new fees impact affordable housing development, the credit card convenience fee and how it applies to debit cards, ability to accept cash or ACH (Automated Clearing House) for fees, newsrack fee calculations and staff inspection process and maintenance, gymnastics and Menlo Children's Center preschool cost recovery tiers and non-profit rental fees.

ACTION: By acclamation, the City Council extended the meeting past 11 p.m.

The City Council directed staff to retain the 2021 newsrack fees and proceed with staff recommendations for gymnastics, Menlo Children's Center preschool and credit/debit card convenience fees.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Nash), adopt a resolution amending the City's master fee schedule to incorporate proposed changes in fees to become July 1, 2026, for the following departments: general administration, administrative services, community development, library and community services, police, public works, and Menlo Park Municipal Water, while waiving the permitting newsrack fees and retaining the 2021-level newsrack enforcement fees, passed 4-0-1 (Taylor absent).

The City Council took a recess at 11:29 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 11:34 p.m.

J. City Council Initiated Items

J1. Request by City Councilmember Schmidt for a future agenda topic (Staff Report #26-070-CC)

City Councilmember Schmidt introduced the item.

The City Council discussed city childcare approach and balancing costs.

The City Council received clarification on tracking the San Mateo County Child Care Blueprint.

No action.

K. Informational Items

K1. City Council agenda topics: May 2026 (Staff Report #26-072-CC)

K2. Annual City Council priority setting workshop final report (Staff Report #26-071-CC)

L. City Manager Report

City Manager Murphy reported out on upcoming May 12 and 19 City Council meetings, the Bike Rodeo May 2, Bike to School day May 6, Bike to Wherever day May 14 and the Downtown Developer Open House May 7.

M. City Councilmember Reports

Mayor Nash reported out on City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo (C/CAG) Resource Management and Climate Protection (RMCP) committee, Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) meetings, Encinal Elementary Earth Day Bike Fest, Love Our Earth event and Mayor Tree Planting events.

Vice Mayor Wise reported out on the Chamber of San Mateo Commerce Progress Seminar.

City Councilmember Taylor reported out on the Chamber of San Mateo Commerce Progress Seminar.

City Councilmember Schmidt reported out on the Chamber of San Mateo Commerce Progress Seminar.

N. Adjournment

Mayor Nash adjourned the meeting at 11:59 p.m.

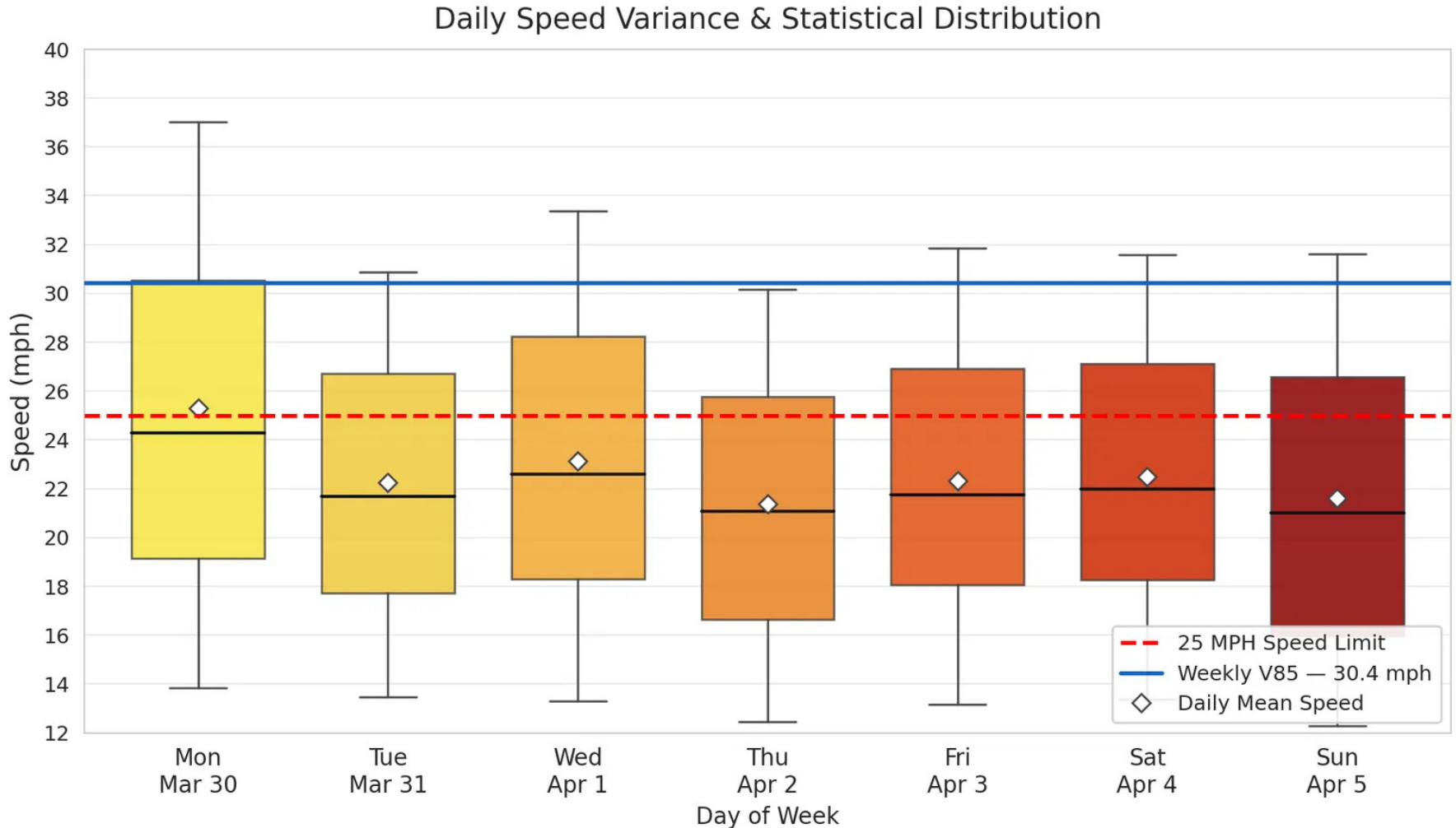
Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi Herren

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting May 19, 2026.

SPEEDING ON COLLEGE AVENUE



DAILY SPEED DISTRIBUTION



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WEEKLY V85

Exceeds the 25 mph speed limit daily

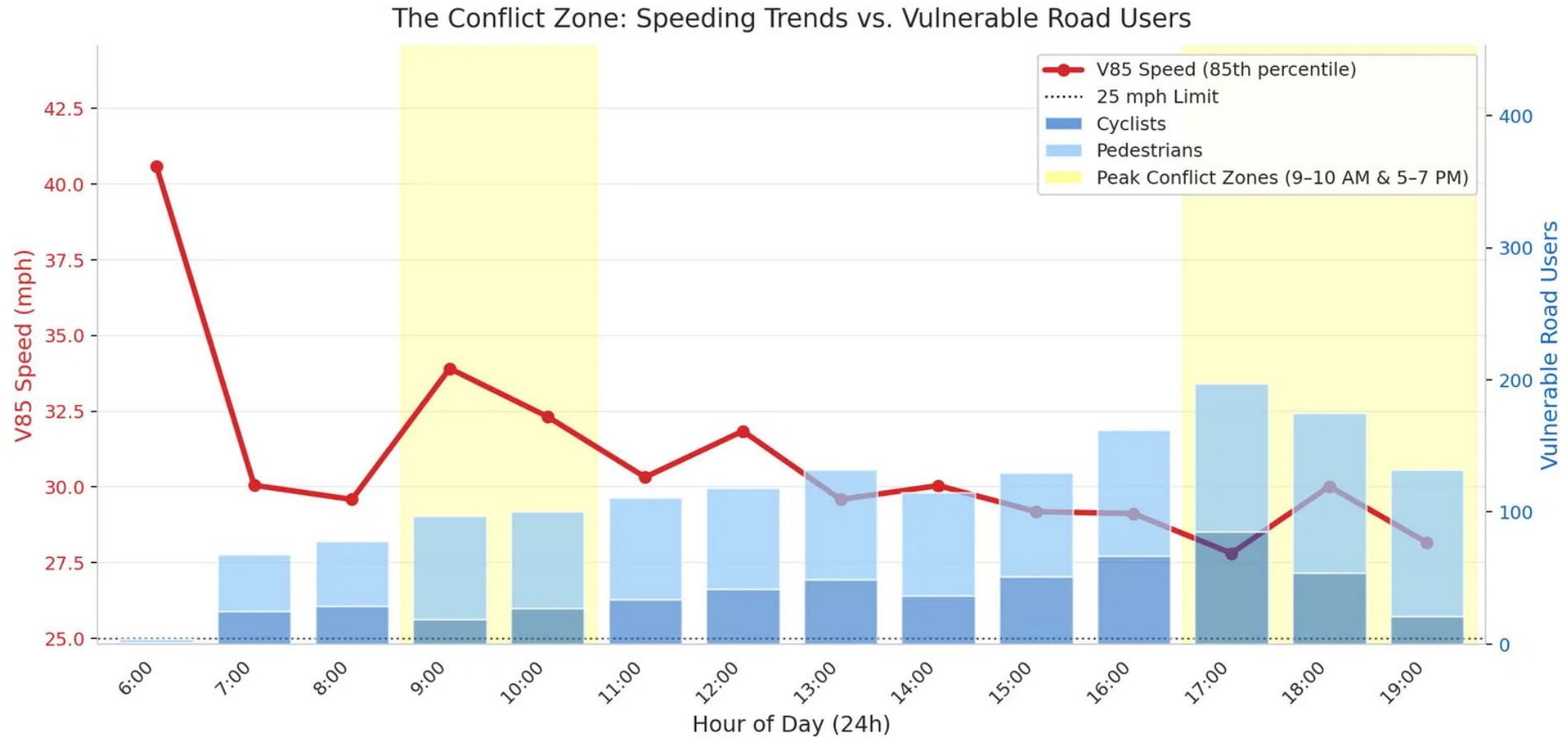
37.0_{mph}

MONDAY MAX

Upper whisker reaches 12 mph over

Source: College Ave Speed Sensor · Week: Mar 30 - Apr 5, 2026 · Moving vehicles only (>6 mph)

SPEEDING MEETS PEAK FOOT TRAFFIC



Source: College Ave Speed Sensor · Week: Mar 30 - Apr 5, 2026 · Moving vehicles only (>6 mph)

V85

V85 exceeds 25 mph **every active hour** of the day.

9 AM MORNING PEAK

V85 hits **33.9 mph** while 97 pedestrians & cyclists share the street.

5-7 PM EVENING PEAK

Up to **197 bikes/pedestrians per hour** while V85 runs at 28-30 mph.

Proclamation

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2026

WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, is a time to reflect and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 7 million individuals of Asian or Pacific Islander descent, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hold the fastest population growth rate among all racial and ethnic groups in our country; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI community has a long and rich history in California, migrating during the Gold Rush era and planting their roots in the San Francisco Bay Area ever since, brave immigrants who, motivated by the promise of possibilities, picked up their lives and built new communities; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize that throughout history AAPI communities have been the target of violence, disenfranchisement, and other xenophobic policies such as the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the internment of Japanese Americans and the “alien ineligible for citizenship” status imposed on Asian immigrants into the 1950s and 1960s – all of which have been systemic and wrongful violations of their rights; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, hope and hard work of the AAPI community as educators and entrepreneurs, athletes and artists, scientists and entertainers, public officials and activists, labor and community leaders, diplomats and military service members, and more, have enriched our communities through their ingenuity and creativity while navigating significant cultural and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, despite the immeasurable ways Asian American and Pacific Islanders enrich this country, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes that have left too many families afraid to leave their homes and too many loved ones traumatized; and

WHEREAS, we must all confront past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of our AAPI friends and neighbors and acknowledge that AAPI communities are an invaluable part of the rich fabric of our communities at large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate May 2026 as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Menlo Park.



Betsy Nash

Betsy Nash, Mayor
April 28, 2026

Proclamation

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2025

WHEREAS, every May since 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month has been recognized annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, Jewish refugees fleeing oppression and discrimination abroad have fought for religious freedom, defining bedrock principles upon which America was built; and

WHEREAS, Union soldiers celebrated Passover in the midst of the Civil War, Jewish suffragists fought to expand freedom and justice, and Jewish faith leaders linked arms with giants of the Civil Rights Movement to demand equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans enrich every part of American life as educators and entrepreneurs, athletes and artists, scientists and entertainers, public officials and activists, labor and community leaders, diplomats and military service members, and more; and

WHEREAS, despite this we still see racism, bigotry, and other forms of injustice towards Jewish Americans, including attacks on synagogues, bricks thrown through windows of Jewish businesses, swastikas defacing cars and cemeteries, students harassed on college campuses and antisemitic conspiracy theories online; and

WHEREAS, our communities strive to heal these acts of hatred, acknowledging the crucial contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our collective struggle for a more just and fair society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park recognizes both the continuity of the Jewish people and the intergenerational responsibility we have to heal the community for our children; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we honor Jewish Americans who, inspired by Jewish values and American ideals, have engaged in the ongoing work of forming a more perfect union; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Menlo Park.



Betsy Nash

Betsy Nash, Mayor
April 28, 2026

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Bike Month was established in 1956 as an annual recognition of bicycling as a convenient, fun, popular and healthy form of transportation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park acknowledges that whether traveling to work, school or simply running errands, bicycling is an integral commute mode in the multimodal transportation network which alleviates traffic congestion, reduces air pollution and decreases fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, bike-to-work, bike-to-school and bike-to-whenever days have proven effective in encouraging adults and children to bicycle and educating residents about the environmental importance of biking to work, school or wherever regularly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park encourages both residents and visitors to bike in order to improve air quality, reap the health benefits of cycling and reduce traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park Safe Routes to School program encourages children to walk and bicycle to school to develop life-long skills and independence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to Vision Zero and Complete Streets by actively working to build out its biking infrastructure to enable safer travel by people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area will participate in the 15th Annual National Bike-to-School Day on May 6 and the 32nd Annual Bike-to-Work/Wherever Day event on May 14, partnering with local bicycle coalitions, public school districts, private schools and non-profit agencies in promoting a month-long message that bicycling is a fun, healthy and environmentally viable form of transportation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate May 2026 as Bike Month in Menlo Park.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy Nash".

Betsy Nash, Mayor
April 28, 2026



Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan

AGENDA ITEM E-4



Agenda

- SamTrans Snapshot
- Key Issue
- Connect Bay Area Measure
- Transportation Funding in San Mateo County
- SamTrans Financial Outlook
- Local Investment Plan
- Take the Survey and Spread the Word

SamTrans Snapshot

- **Established in 1976 – Celebrating 50 Years!**

- San Mateo County, parts of San Francisco, City of Palo Alto
- 315 buses serving 76 bus routes, 10 million annual boardings
- Other services: Redi-Wheels and RediCoast paratransit, Ride Plus on-demand rideshare (two zones), shuttles
- School-oriented bus service

- **Rider Profile**

- 94% low income (68% extremely low income) based on SMC affordable housing metrics
- Lowest household income among major Bay Area transit agencies
- 40% speak a language other than English at home
- Nearly 80% do not drive/own a car
- 98.8% of pre-pandemic ridership

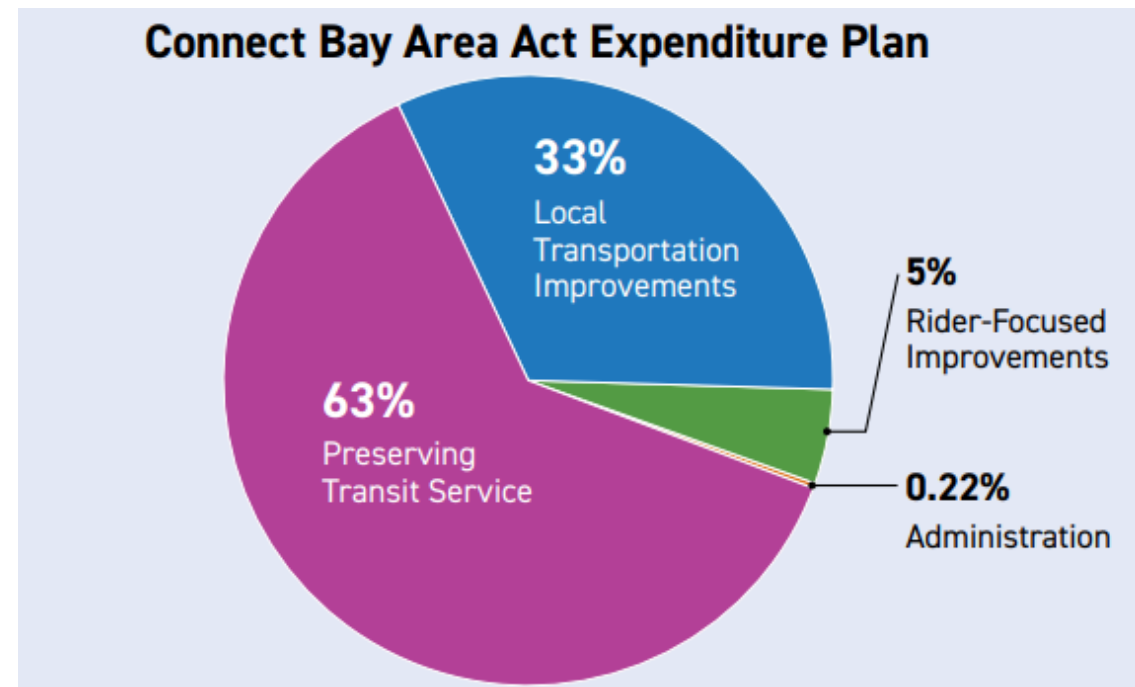


Key Issue

- Caltrain, BART, SFMTA, and AC Transit are facing deficits as post-pandemic fare revenue lags and operating costs rise
- Despite ridership gains and cost efficiency measures, expenses are outpacing revenues
- Federal and state support has declined
- Need for a stable, predictable source of funds to keep these agencies going

Connect Bay Area Measure

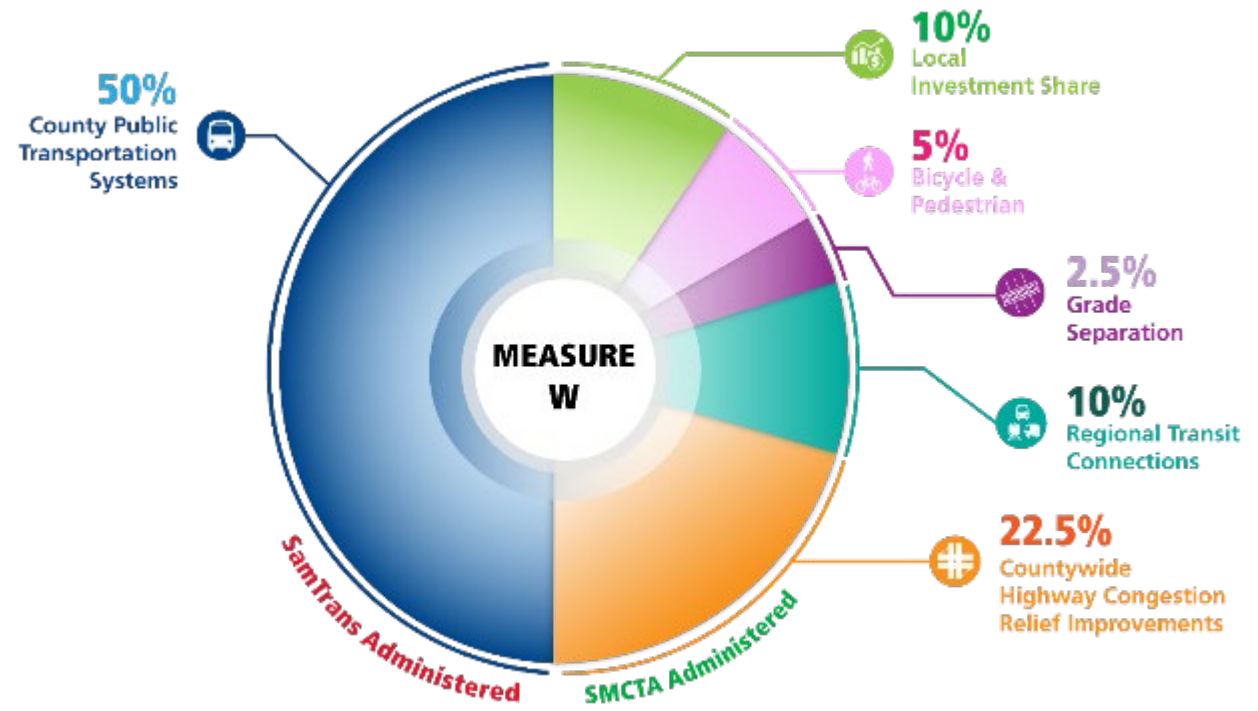
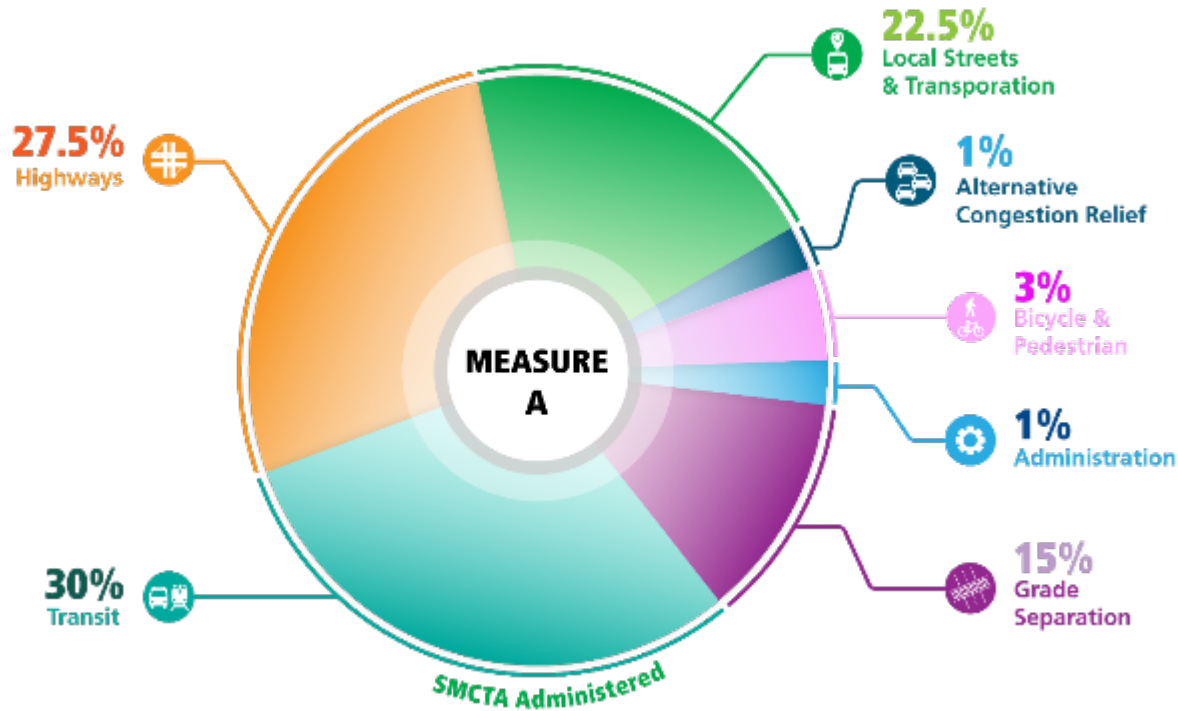
- 14-year, 1/2 cent sales tax in 4 counties (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa), full cent in San Francisco
- Would generate approx. \$980 million annually
- Includes accountability and oversight provisions
- 24% of SMC sales tax to Caltrain, 27% to BART, 7% to Muni, 37% SamTrans Local Investment Plan



Connect Bay Area Measure – San Mateo County

- Approximately \$50M annually for 14 years for public transit in San Mateo County; Total = \$700M
- Funds may be used for:
 - Public transit operations and capital
 - Public transit components of larger capital projects
 - Targeted pavement repairs on local roads served by fixed-route transit

Transportation Funding in SMC



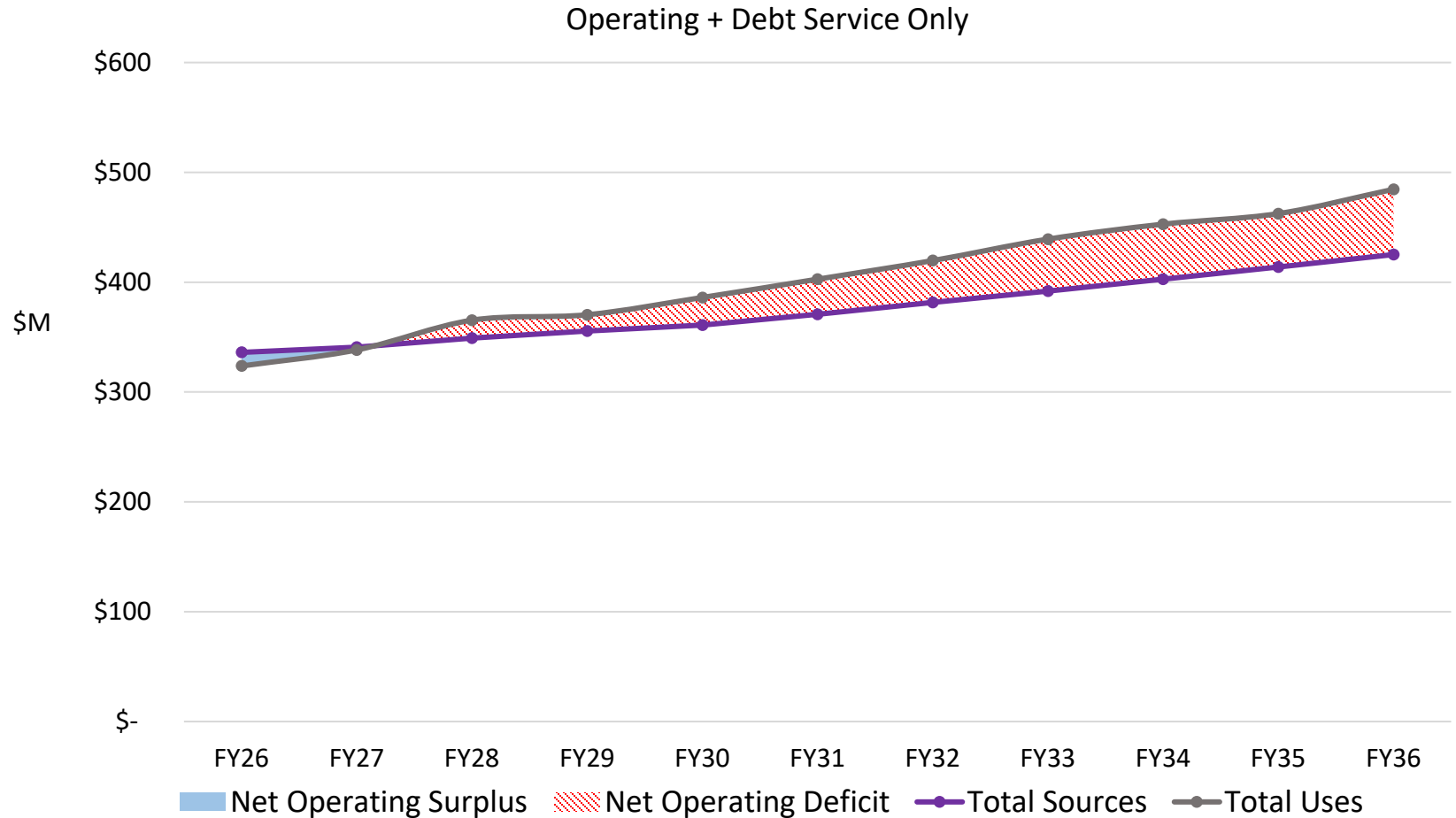
Measure A generates approximately **\$120 million** annually. **Measure W** generates approximately **\$60 million** annually for SamTrans local transit and **\$60 million** annually for SMCTA to allocate for broader transportation improvements and operations throughout the county.



SamTrans Financial Outlook

FY26-FY36 Operating Outlook (assumes zero new tax revenue)

- **Operating deficit projected to begin in FY28**
- Average annual deficit over next 10 years of nearly \$30M
- Increased labor, energy, and contracted services costs
- Cost saving measures
 - No new positions approved, reducing consultant use
 - Cuts across all discretionary spending



Local Investment Plan: Your Input Matters!

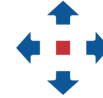
- SamTrans' Local Investment Plan will be informed by:
 - San Mateo County Transit District Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - SamTrans Board of Directors
 - Stakeholder and Agency Advisory Group meetings
 - City Council presentations
 - Public outreach
- Goal is to have a Board-adopted plan in June 2026



Local Investment Plan Categories



Improve transit routes to reduce traffic on the most heavily traveled corridors



Expand access to transit for communities that are currently underserved



Continue free and reduced fare programs for seniors, students, and people with disabilities



Make repairs and upgrades to aging paratransit vehicles to ensure reliable service



Protect transit infrastructure against sea-level rise, flooding, and extreme weather



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by transitioning to zero-emission buses



Increase safety, cleanliness, and accessibility at bus stops



Repair potholes and fix streets along bus routes



Enhance bus service to be more efficient, faster, and more reliable



Offer affordable ride-share and on-demand programs to more communities

Local Investment Plan

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Stakeholder and Agency Advisory Group Meetings: February – April, May (if needed)					
Public Communications Effort: March – May					
City Council and other presentations: March – May					
Board Information Item: May 6					
Board Action Item: June 3					

Approximately 10 weeks for public engagement

Take the Survey and Spread the Word!

Visit

<https://www.samtrans.com/projects/LocalFundingPlan>

- Multilingual **online survey** + printable mail-return version
- Multilingual **fact sheets**
- **Social media** toolkit
- Translations in Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog
- Additional support and language assistance available at 1-800-660-4287

The San Mateo County Transit District (commonly referred to as "SamTrans") is the principal public transportation provider in San Mateo County, managing SamTrans bus, Ride Plus on-demand ride-share, and RedWheels and RedCoast paratransit services throughout the County. These reliable transit services connect residents to jobs, healthcare, their communities, and regional transit systems.

Your Transit, Your Voice
SamTrans is leading a community conversation to hear your priorities for how funds should be spent in San Mateo County if the potential measure qualifies for the ballot and is approved by voters. Your feedback and voice are critical as we shape the future of transit in San Mateo County. Please complete the survey card to share your priorities for SamTrans. To take the survey online, scan the QR code.

Help Shape the Future of Local Transit Funding in San Mateo County

Community Survey Enclosed
Share Your Priorities for SamTrans

Protecting Reliable Regional Transit Services
The Bay Area stays connected through a regional transit system that links our counties together. Coordinated, efficient, and reliable public transit helps relieve traffic congestion, reduce pollution, and provides an affordable transportation option for low-income residents, students, seniors, persons with disabilities, and commuters. There is a growing budget shortfall for some of our regional transit systems, including Caltrain, BART, and Muni. Closing stations and stops, canceling weekend and evening service, and eliminating service on certain train routes are all currently under consideration as cuts.

The Connect Bay Area Measure Would Increase Funds for Regional and Local Transit
A potential 14-year, five-county sales tax measure is being circulated by an independent group of citizens. If the measure qualifies for the November 2026 ballot and is approved by voters, the regional tax would stabilize public transportation funding to offset planned transit service cuts and prevent station closures across the Bay Area, including in San Mateo County. Additionally, the measure would provide approximately \$50 million in annual, locally controlled funding dedicated to public transit in San Mateo County to be administered by SamTrans. This local funding would be entirely for transit within San Mateo County — no funds could be taken by the State or outside counties.

Transparency and Accountability
This potential measure would impose standards on transit operators like BART and Muni to ensure accountability and service improvements, including clean and safe transit stops and vehicles, well-timed connections between transit systems, and transparent spending so residents can see where their tax dollars are going. The potential measure would include a detailed expenditure plan and annual audits, oversight, and transparency requirements to ensure all funds are spent as promised.

Local Funding for Local Transit Services
SamTrans is developing a local plan for how to invest this additional \$50 million in annual local transit funding should the measure be approved. Stakeholder engagement and community input will be critical components of this planning process. SamTrans could potentially use this funding to:

- Improve transit routes to reduce traffic on the most heavily traveled corridors.
- Continue free and reduced fare programs for seniors, students, and people with disabilities.
- Protect transit infrastructure against sea-level rise, flooding, and extreme weather.
- Increase safety, cleanliness, and accessibility at bus stops.
- Enhance bus service to be more efficient, faster, and more reliable.
- Expand access to transit for communities that are currently underserved.

You can learn more about the specific types of projects included under all of these funding priorities at [SamTrans.com/LocalFundingPlan](https://www.samtrans.com/LocalFundingPlan)

Take Our Survey
Rank the following SamTrans local transit priorities from one through ten with one being the highest priority and ten being the lowest:

- Improve transit routes to reduce traffic on the most heavily traveled corridors.
- Continue free and reduced fare programs for seniors, students, and people with disabilities.
- Protect transit infrastructure against sea-level rise, flooding, and extreme weather.
- Increase safety, cleanliness, and accessibility at bus stops.
- Enhance bus service to be more efficient, faster, and more reliable.
- Expand access to transit for communities that are currently underserved.
- Make repairs and upgrades to aging paratransit vehicles to ensure reliable service.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by transitioning to zero-emission buses.
- Repair potholes and fix streets along bus routes.
- Offer affordable ride-share and on-demand programs to more communities.

City: _____
Email: _____
Comment/Question: _____

Survey closed: April 23, 2026

Questions/Comments?

Contact us!

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Thank You



Peninsula Clean Energy Update

City of Menlo Park
April 28, 2026





Generation → **Delivery** → **Savings**



10 Years of Local Impact, Delivered Together

- Lower costs
- Clean energy
- Investment of \$3.25M with projected savings of \$2M across solar projects at the following locations:
 - Belle Haven Child Development Center
 - Burgess Pool
 - City Hall
 - Main Library
- 210 EV Chargers (inc. Kelly Park)



A Decade of Delivery in Menlo Park



\$17M in savings...

7 free days of electricity per year
for each household

\$3.6M in community reinvestment

Bill credits, solar system credits, DAC-GT discounts,
customer rebates, and Zero-interest loans

100% clean energy sources

Provided from solar, wind, hydro & geothermal

Our role has expanded

From **electricity provider** focused on **greening** the grid while maintaining lower rates....



...to **long-term partnerships** that help customers make energy investment decisions for their homes and businesses.

Focus on Menlo Park

The Year Ahead

- Continued rate savings, currently at ~10% discount
- New residential solar+ storage roll out
- Recognized the *City of Menlo Park* for leadership on reach codes at the 2026 Sustainable San Mateo County Awards



Focus on Menlo Park

The Year Ahead

- \$600k to Menlo Park schools through GovBE for heat pump HVAC upgrades (Encinal School, Hillview Middle School, Oak Knoll Elementary, Laurel School Upper + Lower Campus). To be installed summers 2026 – 2028.
- \$786k to Menlo Park through Member Agency Grant for Arrillaga Family Recreation Center electrification project.
- Large GovEV project at City Hall and Corp Yard (~26 chargers)
- Partnering with Menlo Park on CEC electrification grant in Home Upgrade Program



And coming soon!

The spirit of the **West** meets the power & promise of **Light**

PCE becomes WestLight Energy

Same great agency, great new chapter

Support Our Next Chapter

Our Ask Tonight

- Approve the JPA amendment that reflects our new name
- Help us clearly communicate the change to customers
- Join us in marking our 10-year service anniversary!
 - Policy reception in the Fall
 - Community activities
 - Shared communications



Thank you from the PCE team!





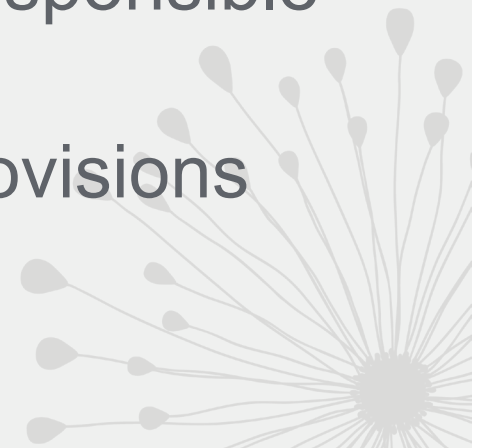
2025 Fire Prevention Code Ratification

Deanna Chow, Community Development Director



2025 Fire Code Adoption Summary

- California Building Standards Code is published every three, mostly recently becoming effective Jan. 1, 2026
- Applicable to all buildings that submit a building permit application during its effective period
- City adopted the 2025 Building Code and local amendments in Nov. 2025
- Menlo Park Fire Protection District (Fire District) is responsible for adopting and enforcing the Fire Prevention Code
- City ratifies the Fire Prevention Code to make the provisions enforceable in Menlo Park





2025 Fire Code Adoption Summary

- Fire District Board adopted Ordinance No. 59-2025 on Oct. 21, 2025 and No. 60-2026 on Feb. 17 to include the Fire District's Standards and Guidelines Manual
- All jurisdictions within the Fire District's authority have ratified the Fire Code
- 2025 Fire Prevention Code generally remains the same as the 2022 Code with a few minor edits and several added local amendments
- Gage Schlice, Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Marshal, to provide an overview of the 2025 Fire Code





Ratifying the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Ordinance No.60-2026

MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE MARSHAL GAGE SCHLICE

Overview of the Changes

- Formal adoption of the Standards & Guidelines Manual
- New sections related to Electric Vehicles in Parking Garages (S-2)
- Ability to prevent excessive nuisance(false) alarms
- Updated language and deleted duplicate information already found in the code.
- Compliance with AB 306
 - Full compliance with the establishment of a moratorium (6 years) on changes to state and local building standards for residential units.

Questions



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THANK YOU!



Recommendation

- Adopt resolution ratifying the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 60-2026 adopting the 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments



Safety concerns on residential streets lacking continuous sidewalks

Growth in Bike/Pedestrian Use intersects with Significant Increase in Vehicle Speeds and Commercial Traffic

“We can’t reduce traffic deaths without lowering speeds”

Source: NACTO

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) states that when a street **lacks dedicated infrastructure for people walking or biking**, it functions as a "shared street" where the **target speed is 20 mph or less**.

Because

The "Survival" Factor: Speed is the most critical variable.

At **20 mph**, pedestrian **survival rates are ~90%**

At **30 mph**, that survival rate drops significantly **closer to 50%**

The College Avenue Example

Growth in Bike/Pedestrian Use influenced by 215 units at Middle Plaza and Significant Increases in Vehicle Speeds and Commercial Traffic influenced by speed bumps on Middle Ave.

~200 bikes and pedestrians every day

- Kids biking to school and Nealon
- Parents pushing strollers and walking 3 and 4 year-olds to pre-schools on Middle
- Grad student, faculty and staff biking to Stanford
- Residents walking dogs, getting exercise, older neighbors using mobility devices to stay active

>700 vehicles each day

>150 vehicles speeding over 31 MPH each day

Top speeds exceed **40MPH** at times even **50MPH**



Highest volume of cars and speeds over the speed limit coincide with times of highest pedestrian and bike use. Morning and early evening.



How Menlo Park can help protect vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists

1. Please add a Vulnerable Road User / Pedestrian-in-Roadway Exposure criterion to the Slow Streets program
2. Please use AB 43 to support lower speeds where vulnerable users are present
3. Please authorize 90-day quick-build pilots using signs, striping, and flexible bollards.



2024



SAFETY MATTERS **TODAY**

2024



Now



Traffic Diverter and Sign at Intersections

Update the existing traffic diverters and signage from the older Type III barricade configuration to the new design.

This is one of the core tools used on a Slow Street to discourage through traffic from entering the street and emphasize pedestrian and bicycle priority.



Caltrans **CASE STUDY**

SAN FRANCISCO

-14%

decrease in median
speeds

-36%

decrease in
collisions



Master Fee Schedule Adoption

Brittany Mello, Administrative Services Director
Fenny Lei, Assistant Administrative Services Director
Cindy Sconce, Director, Government Consulting Partners, Inc.



Agenda

- Cost of services study background
- Updates since March 24 Study Session
- Proposed fees
- City Council direction





Cost of Services Study Background



Background

- The most recent cost of services study was completed in 2017
- Master Fee Schedule has not been comprehensively adjusted since 2019
 - Fees have not kept pace with neighboring jurisdictions
 - Fees have not factored in annual cost escalation factors like CPI or personnel costs
- The City's User Fee Cost Recovery Policy was updated in 2022
 - Transparent framework for setting fees based on clear, supportable criteria





State Law

- **Proposition 218 (1996)** Ensures user fees are fair, transparent, and directly connected to the actual cost of the service provided.
- **Proposition 26 (2010)** States that user fees are limited to the "estimated reasonable cost of providing a service" by Government Code section 66014(a) and other supplementary legislation.
 - It should be noted that fees charged for the use of government property are exempt from Proposition 26. These include fees for parks and facility rentals as well as other equipment rental fees. All of these fees may be set at a price the market will bear.



Cost Recovery Policy

- Strives to balance cost recovery with access and community benefit
- Three tiers: low (0-30%), mid (30-70%), high (70-100%)
- Higher cost recovery for services that benefit individuals and for regulatory services
- Lower cost recovery for community-wide services





Cost Recovery Policy

- Many services in library and community services are intentionally subsidized to advance equity and community goals
- Library and community services programming fees are set at reduced rates to ensure accessibility
 - Reduced rates for residents vs. non-residents
 - Hyperlocal resident fees for the neighborhood service area of the Belle Haven Community Campus
- Financial assistance remains available





Cost of Services Study

- The cost of services study was conducted over approximately six months to evaluate the full cost of providing City services:
 - Staff time to deliver the service
 - Materials
 - Overhead
 - Administrative support
- The full costs were then compared to current fee levels
- Proposed fees either reflect the full cost of providing that service or a reduced cost that reflects the cost recovery policy framework





Updates to the Proposed Fee Schedule



Overview of Revisions Since Study Session

- Differentiated the Heritage Tree Appeal fee to set a substantially lower rate for community member appeals than for permit applicants
- Several Public Works fees and the credit card convenience fee were adjusted to achieve 100% cost recovery
- Menlo Children Center (MCC) fees were increased by 5% to better align with comparable market rates
- Proposed annual updates to be brought to the City Council to incorporate annual cost escalations based on the greater of CPI or personnel cost increases; includes updates to fees based on City hourly rates
- Administrative updates were made to improve clarity, including fee name revisions, formatting changes, and overall reorganization of the fee schedule



Updates Proposed for Tonight

- Revert site license wireless fee back to \$270, amount established by FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
- Remove the El Camino Real and Sand Hill Road Banners fee, which was inadvertently included in the schedule
- Typographical and naming corrections — includes updates to fee terminology (e.g., "technology surcharge" → "technology fee"), subsection titles and names, spacing, punctuation, capitalization, and missing words
- Updating the unit of measure column to better reflect the context of the fee (e.g., per meal, per season)
- General formatting changes in certain sections to improve readability including separating impact and in-lieu fees



Supplemental Documentation

- Supplemental document prepared to help with readability and provide additional context for each fee, including:
- Brief description and estimated volume
- Cost recovery policy tier, current vs. proposed cost recovery level
- Current and proposed amounts with dollar and percent changes
- Annual cost, subsidy amount, current and projected revenue

City of Menlo Park - 2026 Public Works		PER UNIT ANALYSIS								ANNUALIZED PROJECTIONS			
Fee Category	Annual Volume	Current Fee	Fee Description	Current Cost Recovery	User Fee Cost Recovery Policy	Proposed Cost Recovery	Proposed Fee	Actual Dollar Change	% Change	Current Fee Revenue	Annual Cost	Subsidy	Proposed Revenue



Proposed Fees For Further Discussion



Cost Recovery Highlights – Gymnastics

- Low cost recovery per policy (0-30%)
- With recommended 10% increase to the fees, cost recovery will reach 51%, with General Fund continuing to subsidize approximately \$1 million operating cost annually
- With the increase, fees are still 60% below programs that offer similar services

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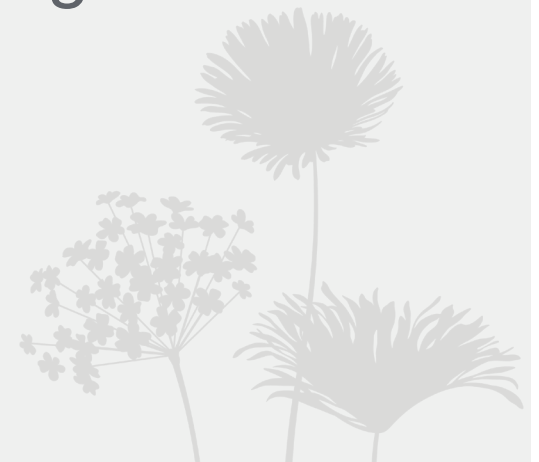




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- Newsrack Fee meant to capture use of public property and maintenance concerns
- Prior Council direction to waive fee in 2021
- Direction on cost recovery level needed
- Fee able to be reduced or delayed for further evaluation





Cost Recovery Highlights – Credit Card

Credit Card Convenience Fee

- Cities and other government entities may charge a convenience fee when payments are made by credit card.
- The City of Menlo Park has experienced a large increase in costs associated with credit card fees.
- GCP recommends implementing credit card fee passthrough where supported by POS (point of sale) systems, charging the actual processing cost and applying a 2.5% convenience fee for payment methods that do not support passthrough to offset transaction costs.





Council Direction



Timeline

- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 66016 and 66017, fees imposed on development projects shall not take effect for at least 60 days
- Proposed Master Fee Schedule changes effective July 1, 2026
- Approved fee updates will be incorporated into the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget's revenue projections
- Staff may return to City Council for a discussion of service levels and potential reductions to bring expenditures in line with revenues





Items for Discussion

Areas highlighted for further discussion and City Council feedback:

- Gymnastics fees
- Menlo children center preschool fees
- Newsrack fees





Council Direction

- Staff recommends that City Council adopt the proposed Master Fee Schedule, with fees effective July 1, 2026
- Incorporate updated fees into the fiscal year 2026–27 budget development and five-year forecast





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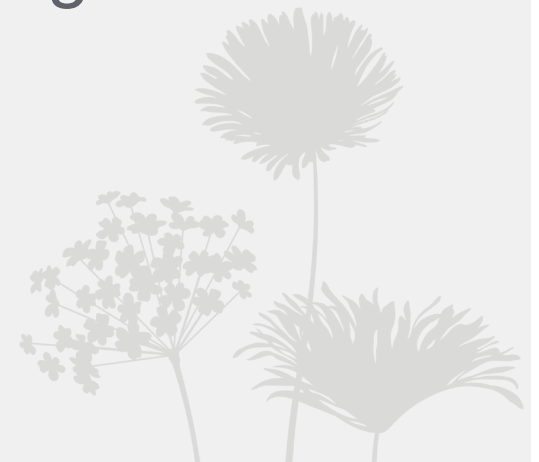




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