Sustainability Policy + Regulatory Update
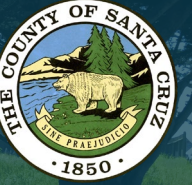
COMMUNITY MEETING #3: TRANSPORTATION

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT + INFRASTRUCTURE DEPT   APRIL 5, 2022
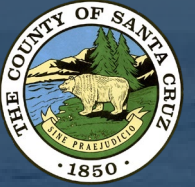
SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Meeting Format

- Meeting is being recorded

- 40-minute presentation followed by Q+A

- Participants are muted during presentation

- How to participate from the computer:

    - Virtual meeting link: https://tinyurl.com/3mjuu6yp

    - How to participate from the phone:

    - Dial (916) 318-9542, Conference ID 850-652-502#

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Agenda

01 Transportation Framework
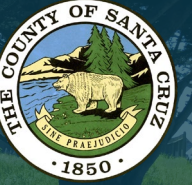
02 Transportation System Management

03 Parking

04 Coastal Access, Placemaking & Environmental Justice

05 Other Key Code Updates

06 Project Schedule and Q + A

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
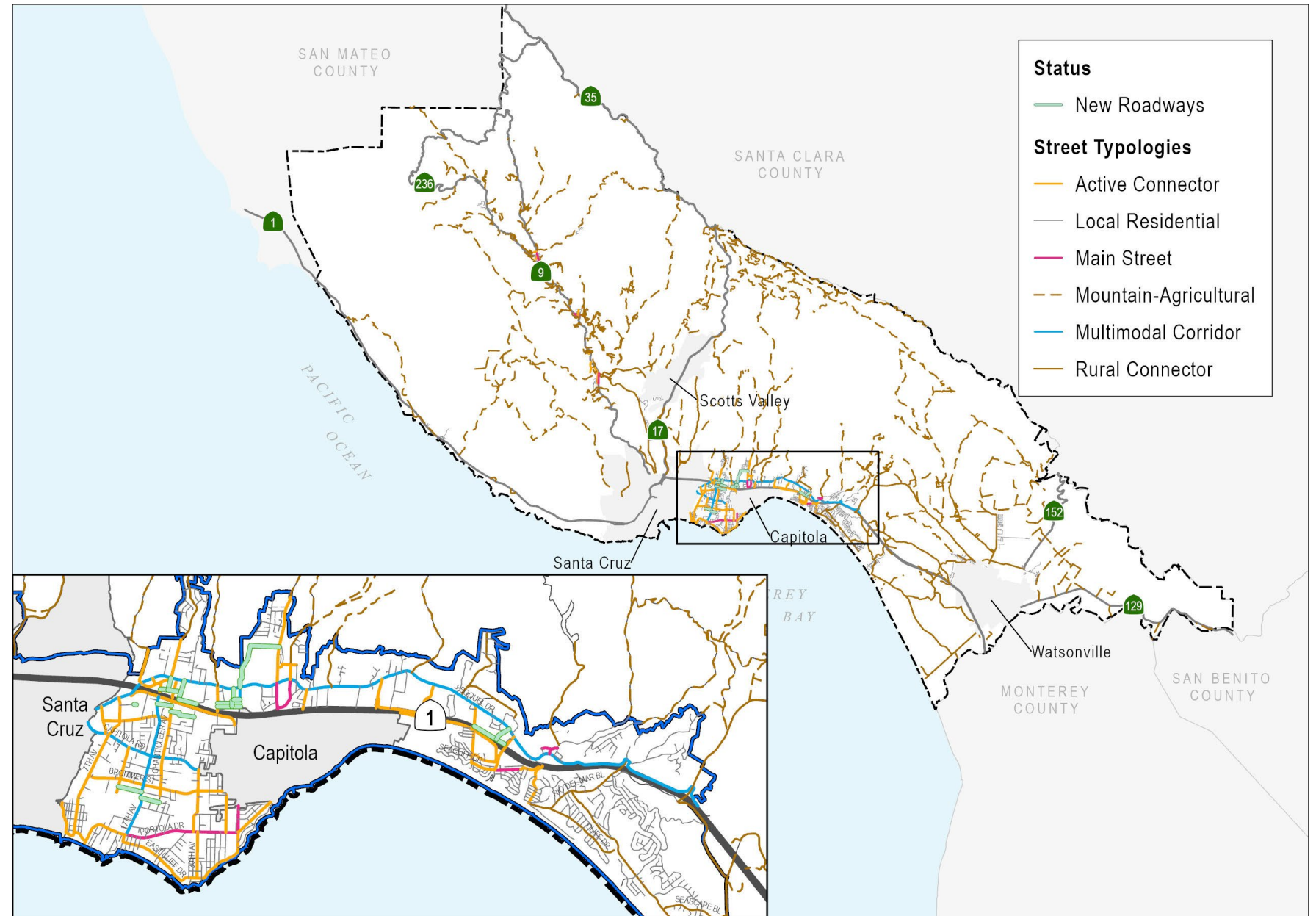
Policies + Regulations

- General Plan Policies
  - Transportation System Management
  - Multimodal Planning
  - Coastal Access, Placemaking & Environmental Justice
  - Economic Vitality & Innovation
- County Code Regulations
  - Chapter 13.16: New location for parking and circulation
  - Chapter 15.10: Updates to Developer Requirements
  - Chapter 5.52: TDM requirements moved
- Design Guidelines, Appendix A: Street Standards
  - Considerations for streetscape as related to building form and how people move from one place to another
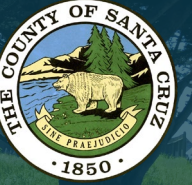
SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
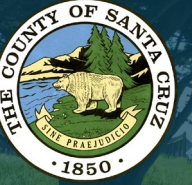
Sustainable Transportation Framework

- **Layered Network Approach:** certain user types are prioritized on specific streets such that different users have a preferred network for travel.

- Coordination of development intensity and with transportation and infrastructure

- 15-minute neighborhoods

- New roadways where possible to connect places and improve access

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Legend:

Status
— New Roadways

Street Typologies
— Active Connector
— Local Residential
— Main Street
--- Mountain-Agricultural
— Multimodal Corridor
— Rural Connector

Typology	Purpose	Cross Section
Multimodal Corridor	Provide a safe, continuous route for vehicles, transit users, pedestrians, and cyclists.	
Active Connector	Provide high-quality bicycle and pedestrian facilities that provide first and last mile connections to transit and major land use destinations.	
Main Street	Provide walkable and pedestrian oriented access to goods and services.	
Local Residential	Provide access to housing and residential communities.	
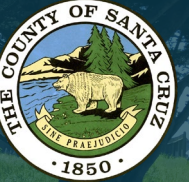
Transportation System Management

- **Focus on Vehicle Miles Traveled Reductions**
  - Providing multimodal alternatives
  - Improving access to land uses

- **Policies to address Level of Service**
  - Multimodal operational improvements
  - LOS D now acceptable

- **Transportation Demand Management**
  - Programs that support choices to rideshare, work from home, bicycle, walk and generally reduce trips

- **Vision Zero & Safety Emphasis**

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Traffic Signal Level of Service

A
- Highly stable, free-flow condition with little or no congestion
- No vehicle waits longer than one signal indication
- Delay: <10 seconds/vehicle

B
- Stable, free-flow condition with little congestion
- On rare occasions vehicles wait through more than one signal indication
- Delay: 10 to 20 seconds/vehicle

C
- Free-flow conditions with moderate congestion
- Intermittently vehicles wait through more than one signal indication and occasional backups may develop
- Delay: 20 to 35 seconds/vehicle

D
- Approaching unstable condition with increasing congestion but without excessive backups
- Level of service D has historically been regarded as a desirable design in urban areas
- Delay: 35 to 55 seconds/vehicle

E
- Unstable, congested condition
- Very long queues may create lengthy delays
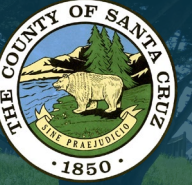- Delay: 55 to 80 seconds/vehicle

F
- Stop and go
- Backups from locations downstream restrict or prevent movement of vehicles out of approach creating "gridlock" condition
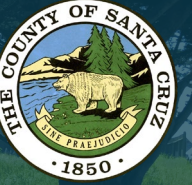- Delay: >80 seconds/vehicle

Policy Goals for Parking

- Right sizing parking for land uses

- Provide for shared parking

- Increase access to publicly owned parking lots so they don't sit empty

- Conduct parking studies to provide a quantitative basis for new programs

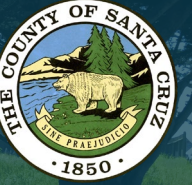- Long term goal – Programs to manage parking demand

SCC
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Use	Current Requirement	New Requirement
Single Family Homes	1 bedroom - 2 2-4 bedrooms - 3 >4 bedrooms - +1 for each	1 bedroom - 1 2-3 bedrooms - 2 4+ bedrooms - 3
Townhouse (not previously included)		1 bedroom - 1 /unit + 20% 2+ bedrooms - 2 / unit + 20%
Multifamily	1 bedroom - 2 2-3 bedrooms - 2.5 4 bedrooms - 3 >4 - + 0.5 for each additional	≤750 GSF - 1 / unit + 20% >750 GSF - 2 / unit + 20%

SCC
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

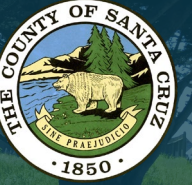| Use	Current Requirement	New Requirement
Public Assembly	0.25 per seat or 30 per 1,000 square feet if no fixed seating	1 for each 3 seats or for each 3 persons of design occupancy load if no seats
Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities	0.3 per bed	1 per 3 beds/rooms plus 1 per employee on peak shift
Hospitals	1.5 per bed and 1 per 200 square feet of office	0.5 for each bed plus 1 for each employee on peak shift
Retail, Commercial Services, Shopping Centers, Convenience Stores, Supermarkets, Fast Food and Cafés with 12 seats or less	1 per 300 square feet of gross floor area (1 per 200 square feet of gross floor area for Supermarkets and convenience stores)	1 per 300 GSF
Dine-in Restaurants, Bars and Coffee Shops with 13 or more seats	1 per 100 square feet (9.3 square meters) of gross floor area, and 0.3 per employee for Restaurants, bars, soda fountains, and similar establishments	1 per 100 gross square feet (GSF)

SCC
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
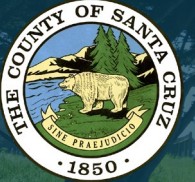
- Up to 10% of parking may be converted to bike parking

- Located within a transit priority area (as defined by PRC §21064)

- Shared parking is provided

- Based on an approved transportation demand management plan

- Due to historic resources

  - Due to state laws such as for ADUs, affordable and supportive housing, and for density bonus projects

  - A parking maximum also included of no more than 10% above the required parking
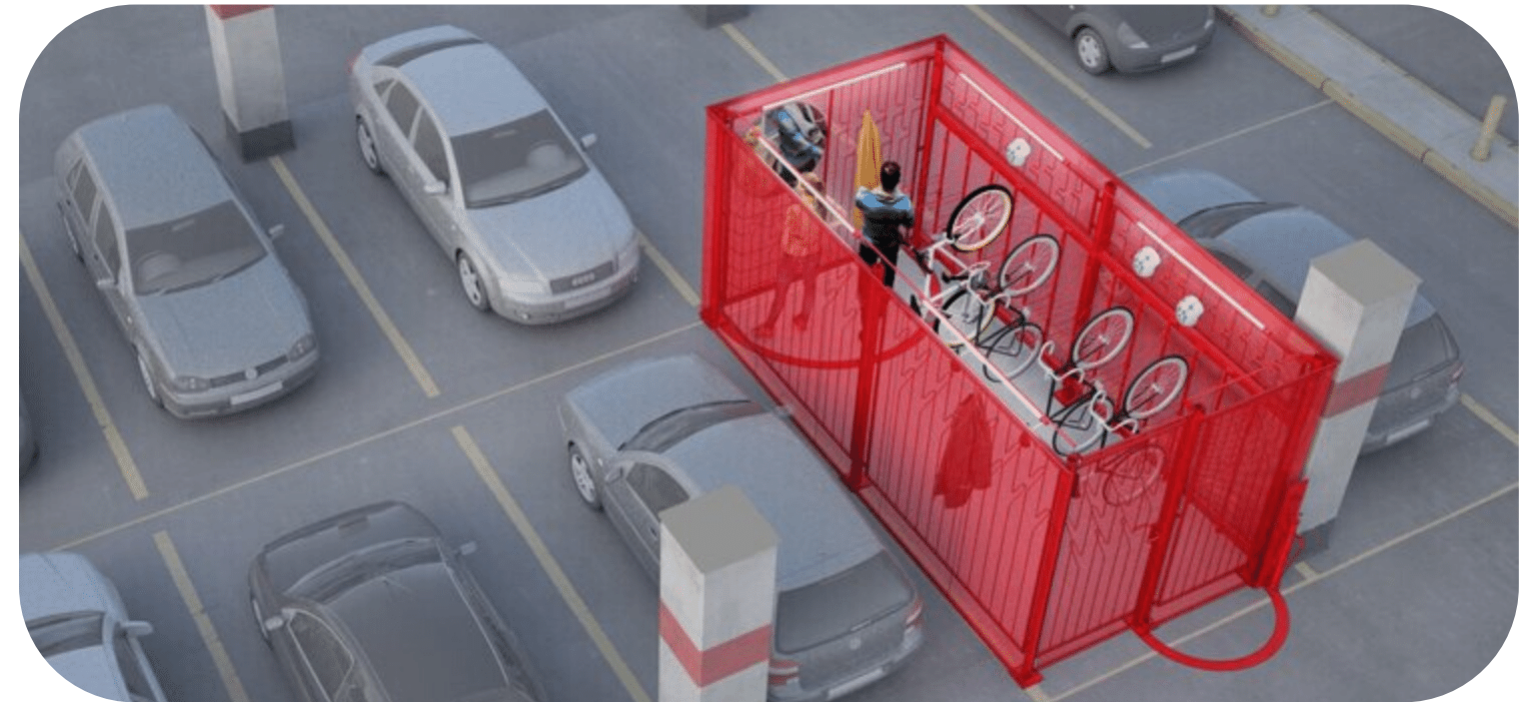
SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
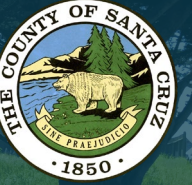
New Code Section

- Requirements are a percentage of vehicle parking resulting in a substantial increase

- New design standards

- Allows properties to convert vehicle parking spaces

- Shower facilities now required

- Vertical bike parking allowed with approval

SCC
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Preserve + Create Access to County's Coast

- **Measures to protect existing coastal access and create new or expanded access**
  - Consistency with the LCP Guidelines considered
  - Many older policies were carried over or modified to include new practices
  - New policies added
  - Maps provided to show coastal access points
- **Placemaking & Context Sensitive Design**
  - Support for specific plans & corridor studies
  - Wayfinding
  - Tying street planning to land use planning

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Existing Conditions

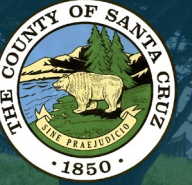Near Term Concept

Long Term Concept

- Pollution exposure and air quality

- Public facilities

- Food access

- Safe and sanitary homes

- Physical activity

- Community engagement

- Improvements and programs addressing disadvantaged communities

Disadvantag...
- Poverty Area
- Low Income Area
- Minority Area
- Minority and Low Income Area

Other
- Fringe, Legacy, and Island Communities
- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- Urban Services Line (USL)
- Rural Services Line (RSL)
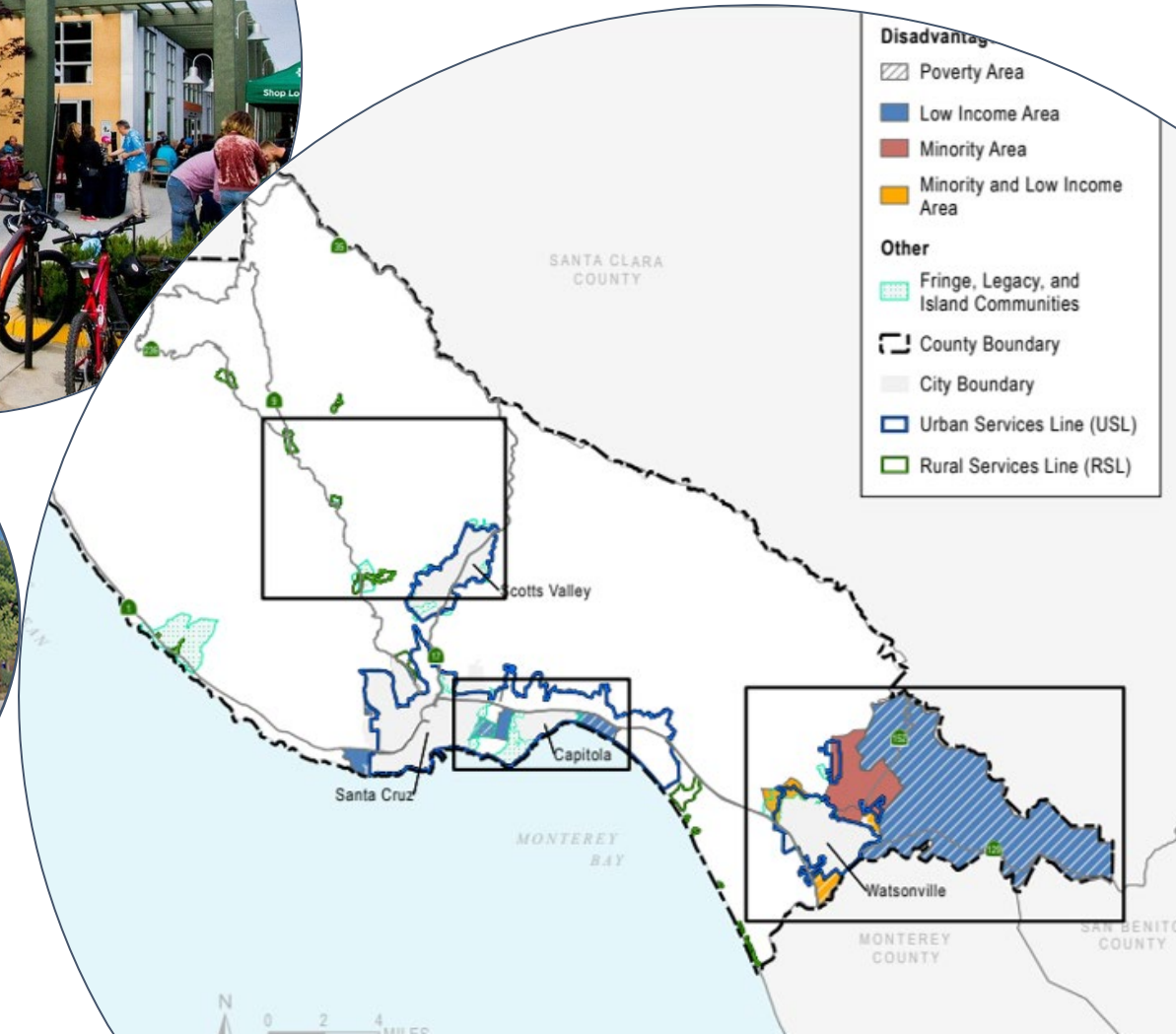
Other Major Changes

- Exceptions to Roadway Standards
- Drive through facilities
- Site distance
- Surface lot design standards

Image Source: Small Town & Rural Design Guide
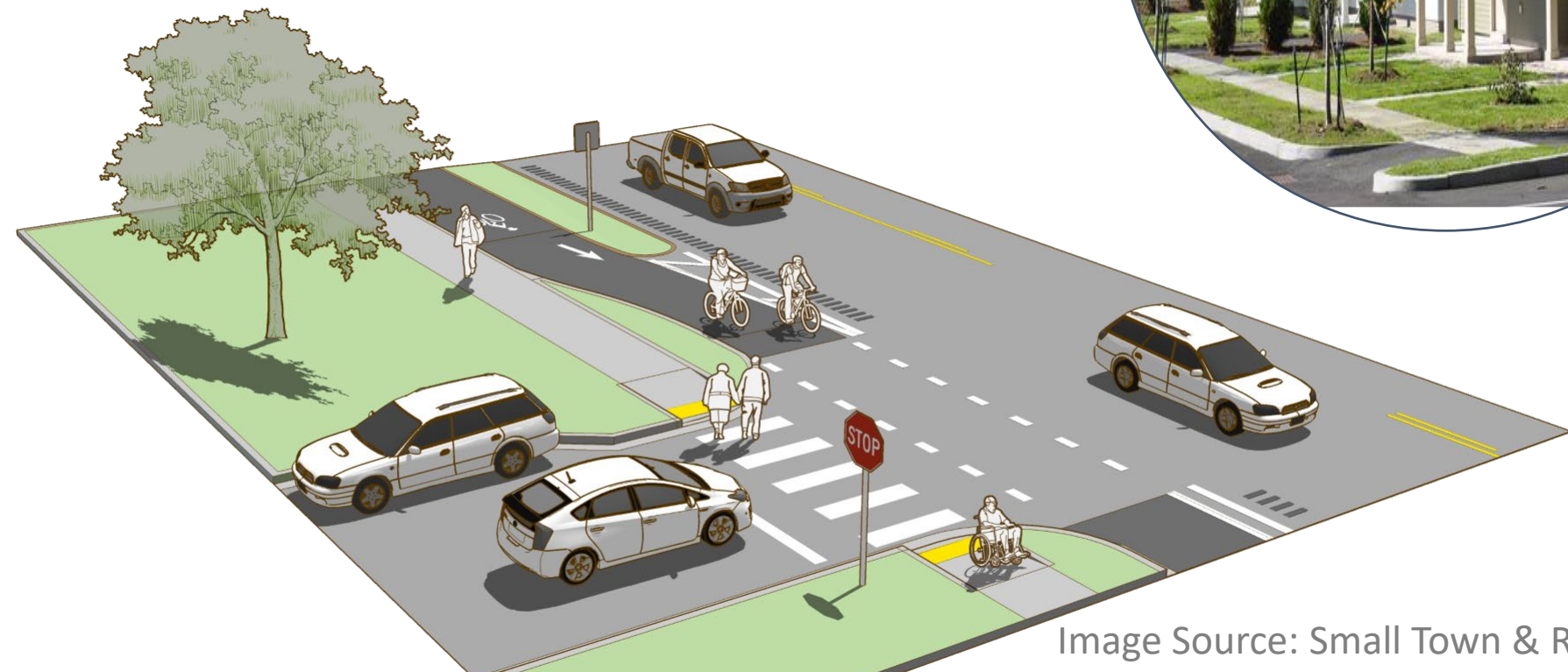
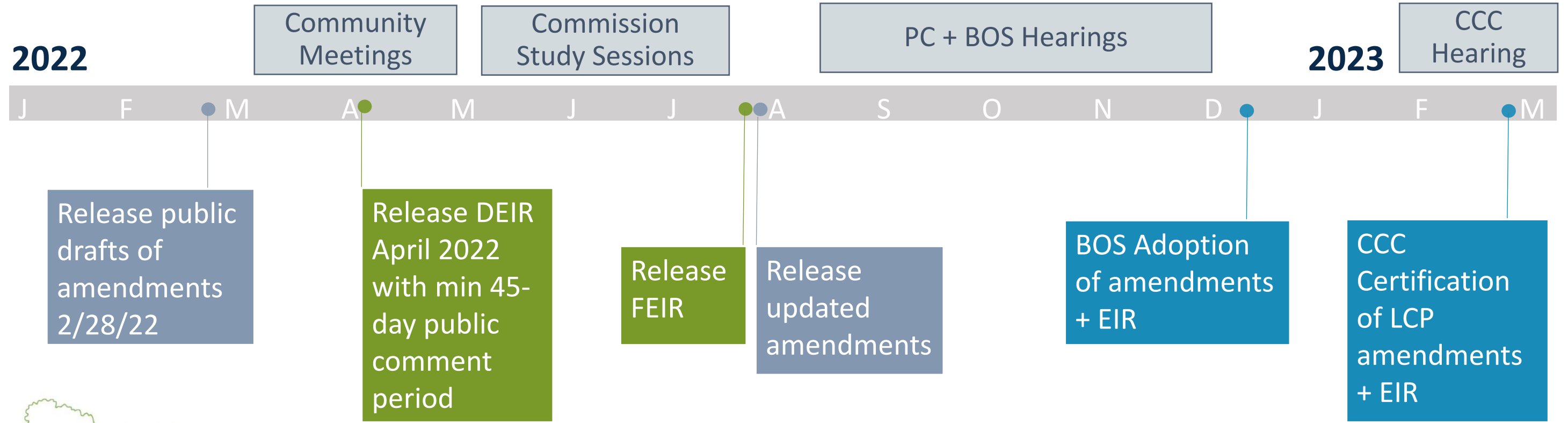**06** Schedule + Public Input

THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ · SINE PRAEJUDICIA · 1850

2022

| Community Meetings | Commission Study Sessions | PC + BOS Hearings |

2023

| CCC Hearing |

J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M

Release public drafts of amendments 2/28/22

Release DEIR April 2022 with min 45-day public comment period

Release FEIR

Release updated amendments

BOS Adoption of amendments + EIR

CCC Certification of LCP amendments + EIR

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

EIR: Environmental Impact Report - DEIR: Draft EIR - FEIR: Final EIR

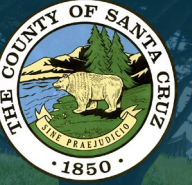PC: Planning Commission - BOS: Board of Supervisors - CCC: California Coastal Commission

Community Meeting	Date	Time
Meeting #1a: Introduction and Overview (hybrid virtual/in person)	Wednesday March 16	6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting # 1b: Introduction and Overview (virtual)	Monday March 21	6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting #2: Built Environment and Community Design (virtual)	Monday March 28	6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting #3: Transportation (virtual)	*Tuesday April 5*	*6:30-8:00 pm*
Meeting #4: Agriculture, Resources, Public Facilities (virtual)	Tuesday April 12	6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting #5: Code Modernization and Map Amendments (virtual)	Wednesday April 20	6:30-8:00 pm

SCC
SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Q + A

- Website: https://www.sccoplanning.com/sustainabilityupdate

- Written public comment options

    - https://www.sccoplanning.com/sustainabilityupdate "Get Involved"

        - Take the project survey!

        - Summit comments on project documents

    - Submit comments on EIR: Email CEQA-NEPA@santacruzcounty.us

- Hard copy documents: 701 Ocean Street 4th Floor; Capitola Library

- Project Email: SustainabilityUpdate@santacruzcounty.us

SCC SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE