

HOPKINS CORRIDOR TRAFFIC AND PLACEMAKING STUDY











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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING #3 Near-Term Recommendations | March 14, 2022

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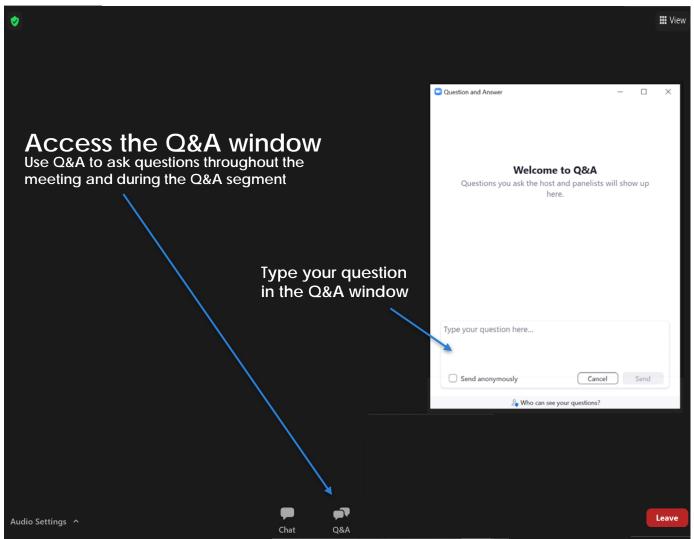
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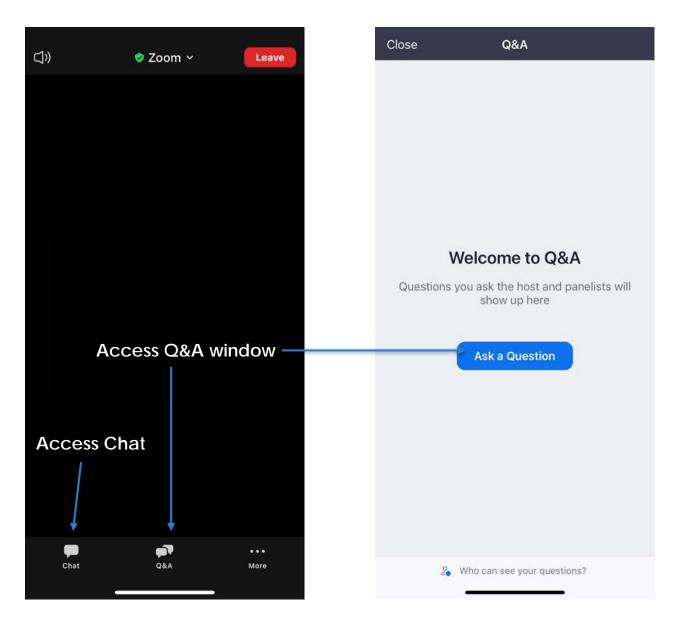
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AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Project Background
- 3. Existing Conditions
- 4. Near-Term Design Concept Recommendation
- 5. Next Steps
- 6. Question & Answer

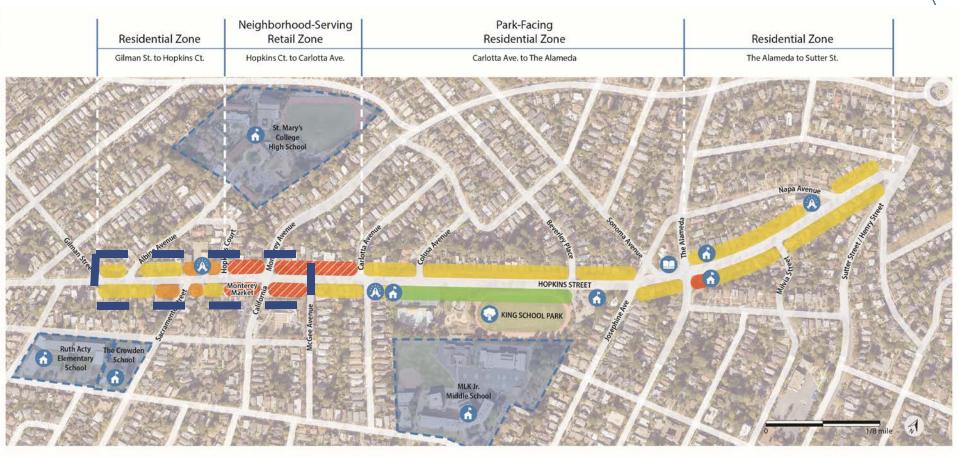
MEETING PURPOSE

- Share "Complete Streets" design and safety improvements for the Hopkins Street corridor proposed to be installed in summer 2023 after the roadway is re-paved.
- Answer questions on the proposed design for the Hopkins Corridor



PROJECT BACKGROUND

STUDY AREA SEGMENT 3 - MCGEE AVENUE TO GILMAN STREET



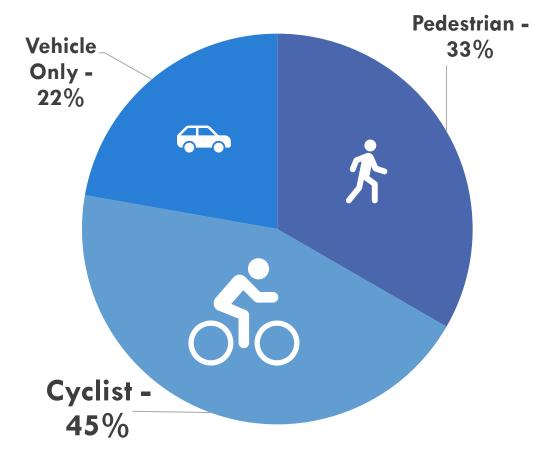


COLLISIONS — INJURY AND FATAL

Who was involved? Injury & Fatality Collisions

18 collisions along the corridor resulted in injury or fatality from 2016-2019. **78%** of these involved cyclists or pedestrians.

Every reported collision involving a pedestrian and cyclist resulted in an injury or fatality.



CITY OF BERKELEY BICYCLE PLAN

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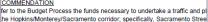
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Approved March 10, 2019 by the Berkeley City Council



2017 Bicycle Plan

Approved May 2, 2017 by Berkeley City Council

2018 Budget Referral

Vision Zero Action Plan (2019)

city of berkeley BICYCLE PLAN

Approved May 2, 2017 by Berkeley City Council

2017 Bicycle Plan

- Proposes a Complete Street corridor and cycle track study for a Low-Stress bikeway along Hopkins Street
- Hopkins Street envisioned as one corridor making up a network of Low-Stress Bikeways

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COMMENDATION

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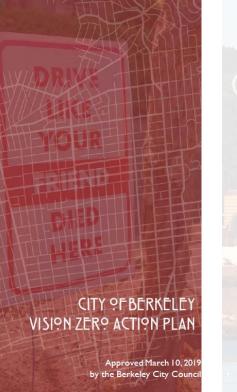
- Recommends a traffic and placemaking study of the Hopkins/Monterey/Sacramento corridor
- "The study should...use a "complete streets" approach to identify improvements to be integrated into the paving and bicycle infrastructure work already scheduled for this area...with an emphasis on pedestrian safety, bike and vehicle safety and flow"

2017 Bicycle Plan

2018 Budget Referral

Vision Zero Action Plan (2019)

- Designates Hopkins Street a "high-injury street" due to its disproportionate number of crash-related severe injuries and fatalities
- Identifies priority actions, including that proactive and reactive Vision Zero infrastructure for people of all ages and abilities are included with each repaving project.



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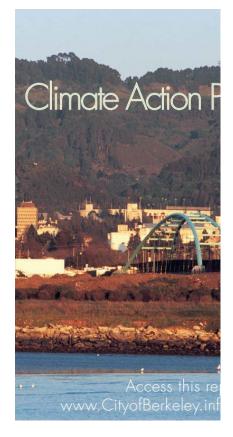
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BICYCLE

PLAN

 Core strategy: reduce vehicle miles traveled in the community by making cycling, walking, public transit, and other sustainable mobility modes the mainstream

 One way to do this is by accelerating implementation of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and to continue efforts to make walking and cycling safe, healthy and enjoyable alternatives to driving.



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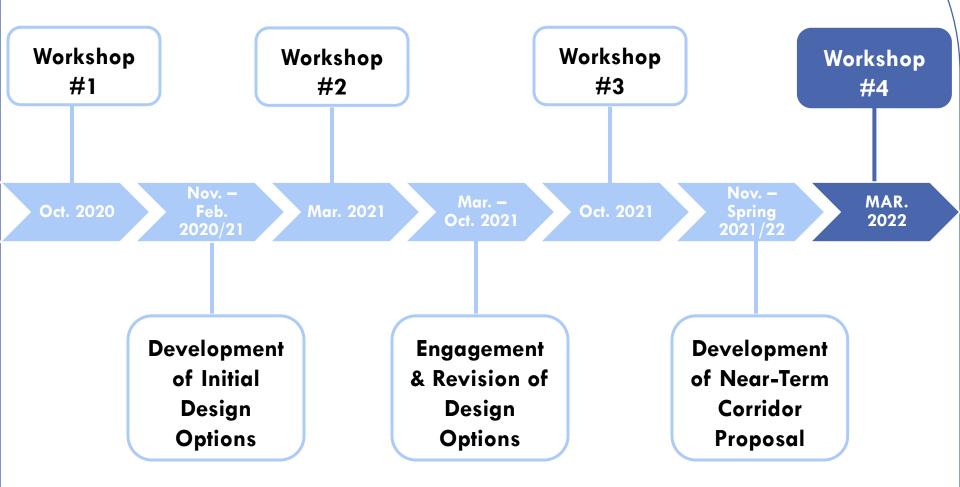
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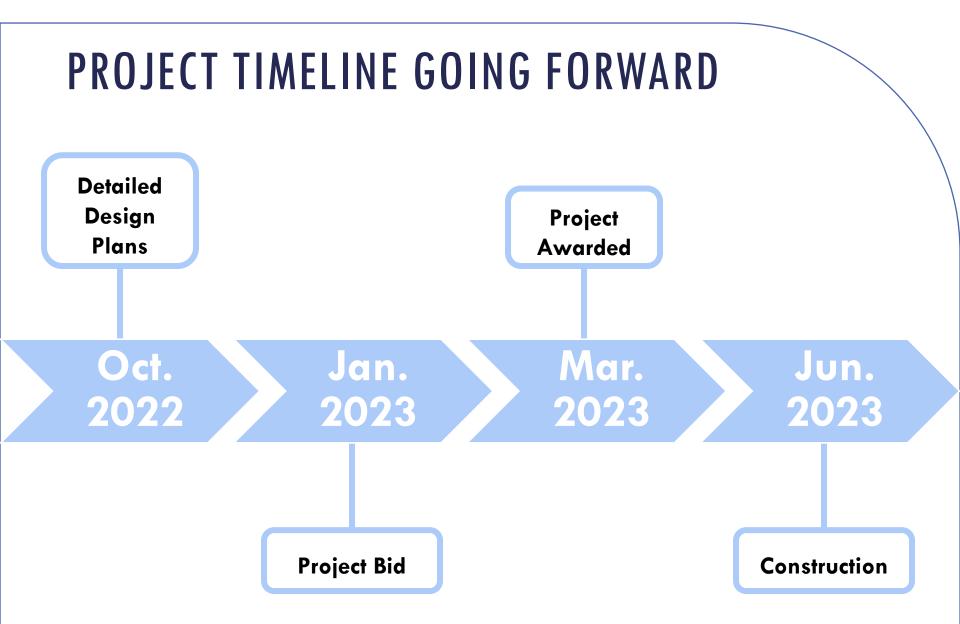
ADVANTAGES OF 'COMPLETE STREETS'

A 'complete street' **anticipates and accommodates** the needs of all road users

- Travel Choices
 - Over 70% increase in cycling (National Institute for Transportation Communities, 2014)
 - Promotes health benefits from active transportation (Pucher et al., 2010)
- Safety
 - 90% reduction in cyclist injuries on major streets with onstreet parking (Teschke, 2012)
 - Over 80% reduction in sidewalk cycling increases safety for pedestrians (New York City Department of Transportation [NYCDOT], 2012)
 - Decreased automobile speeding (Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2021)
- Access to local businesses
 - Improved accessibility and a more welcoming street environment can generate increases in retail sales (NYCDOT, 2014)

PROJECT TIMELINE TO DATE



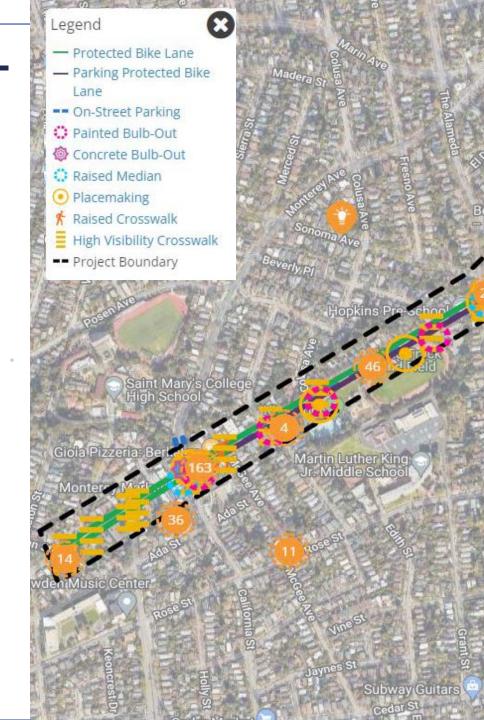


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- Over 1,000 e-mails and phone calls received
- About 40 discussions with business owners and representatives from Hopkins' institutions (schools, churches)
- Input from workshops #2 & #3

- Placemaking preferences survey + general/locationspecific comment submission
- Open to the public from Oct. 28-Dec. 1, 2021
- Over 700 comments submitted



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT — THEMES

- Desire to improve pedestrian safety
- Interest in protecting cyclists from vehicular traffic
- Concern over loss of on-street parking
- Seek to preserve local businesses



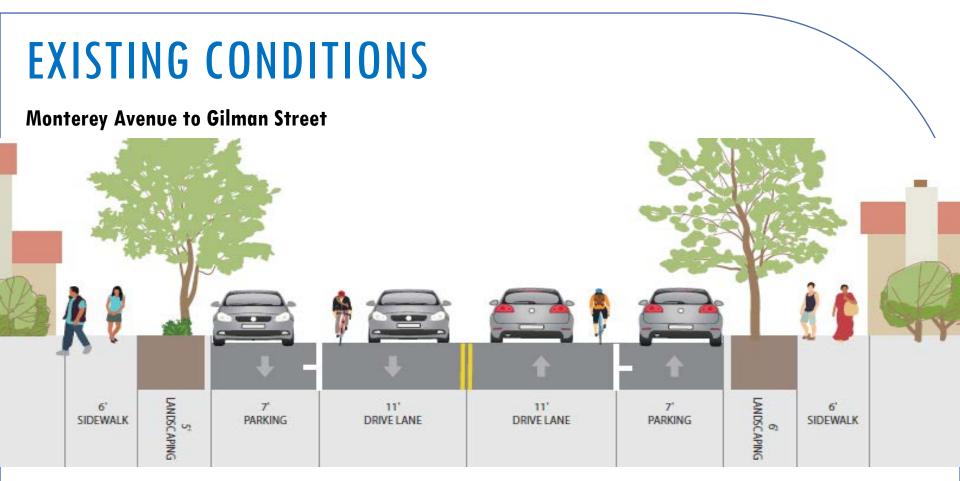


SEGMENT 3: MCGEE AVENUE TO GILMAN STREET

EXISTING CONDITIONS

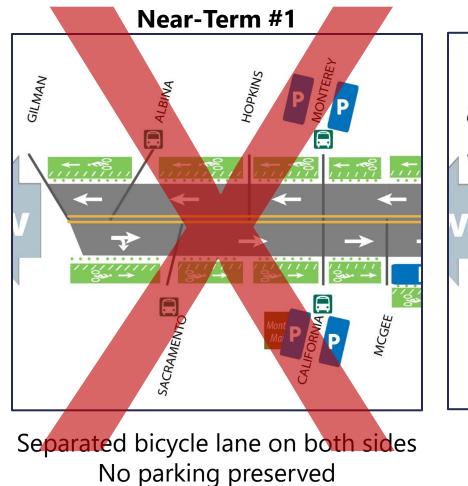
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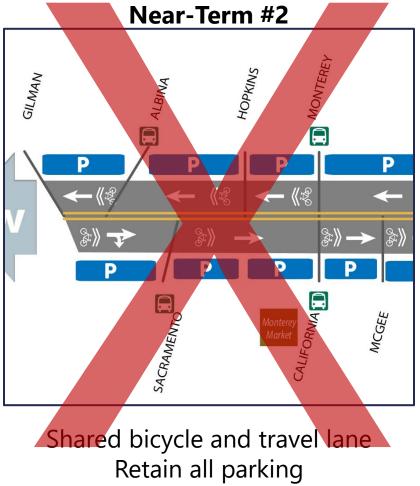






WHERE WE'VE BEEN — WORKSHOP #3

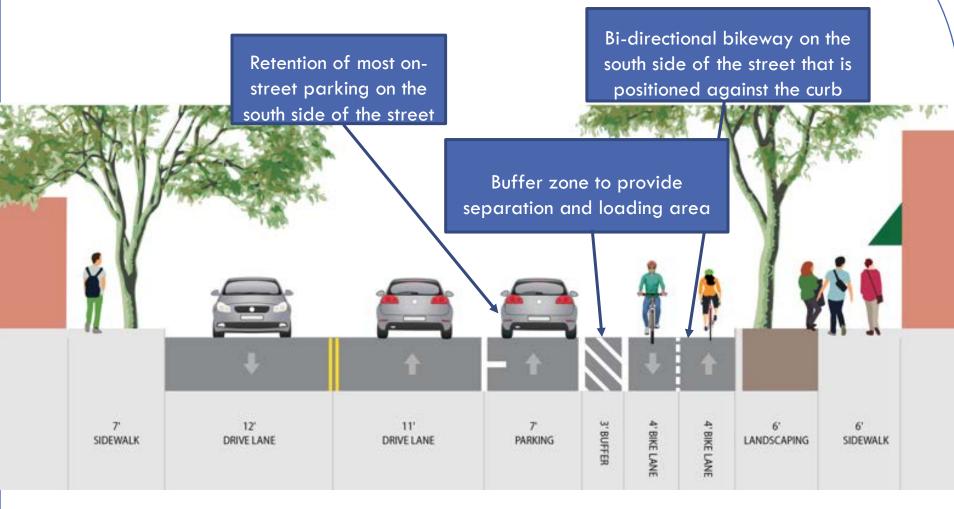




NEAR-TERM DESIGN CONCEPT RECOMMENDATION

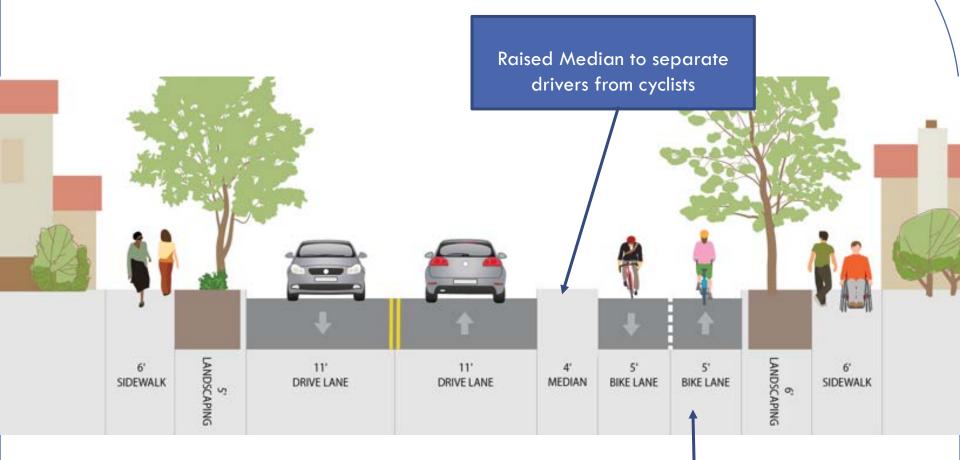
RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT MCGEE TO MONTEREY

View: looking east



RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT MONTEREY TO GILMAN

View: looking east



Bi-directional bikeway on the south side of the street that is positioned against the curb

RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT MCGEE AVENUE TO MONTEREY AVENUE





Note: Designs are conceptual and subject to revision and further engineering

RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT MONTEREY AVENUE TO SACRAMENTO STREET





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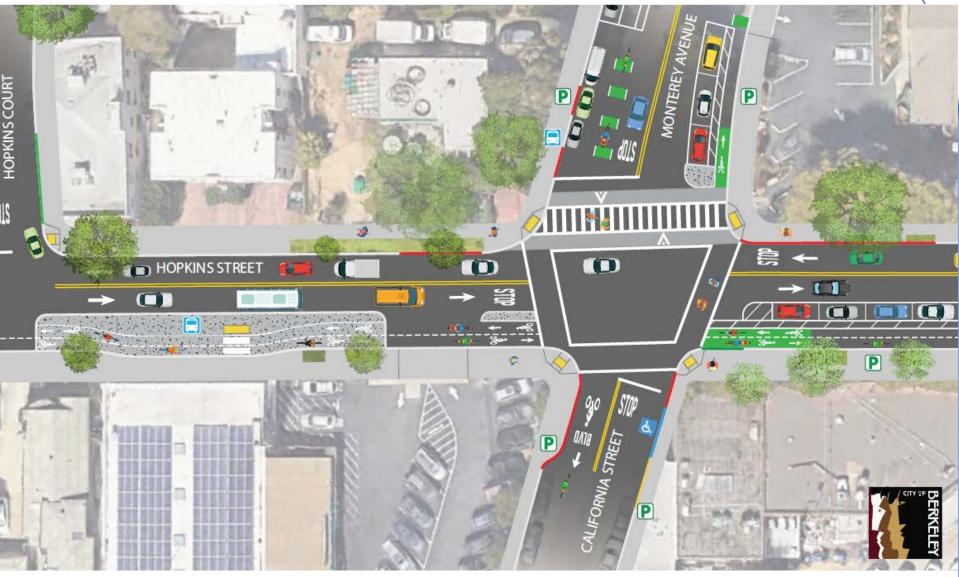
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RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT HOPKINS/MONTEREY/CALIFORNIA INTERSECTION



RECOMMENDED DESIGN CONCEPT -ADVANTAGES

- Provision of separate space along the roadway for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Reduction of conflict points between road users along the corridor and at the Sacramento intersection
- More predictable travel along the roadway due to expected lower speeds and understanding of where drivers and bicyclists might be expected
- Enhanced visibility of all road users
- Traffic calming, lane width reduction and increase in public space at Monterey intersection
- **Retention of majority of parking** in front of commercial block

NEXT STEPS

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- Virtual Community Meetings:
 - Segment 1 Sutter Street to The Alameda

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 / 6:00-7:30pm



Segments 2 – The Alameda to McGee Avenue

Monday, March 7, 2022 / 6:00-7:30pm

- Segment 3 McGee Avenue to Gilman Street Monday, March 14, 2022 / 6:00-7:30pm
- Email your question or comment to:
 - Ryan Murray: <u>RPMurray@cityofberkeley.info</u>
 - Beth Thomas: <u>BAThomas@cityofberkeley.info</u>
- Staff recommendation at City Council meeting on April 26, 2022

