

# Ventura County Active Transportation Plan

## Community Meeting 4

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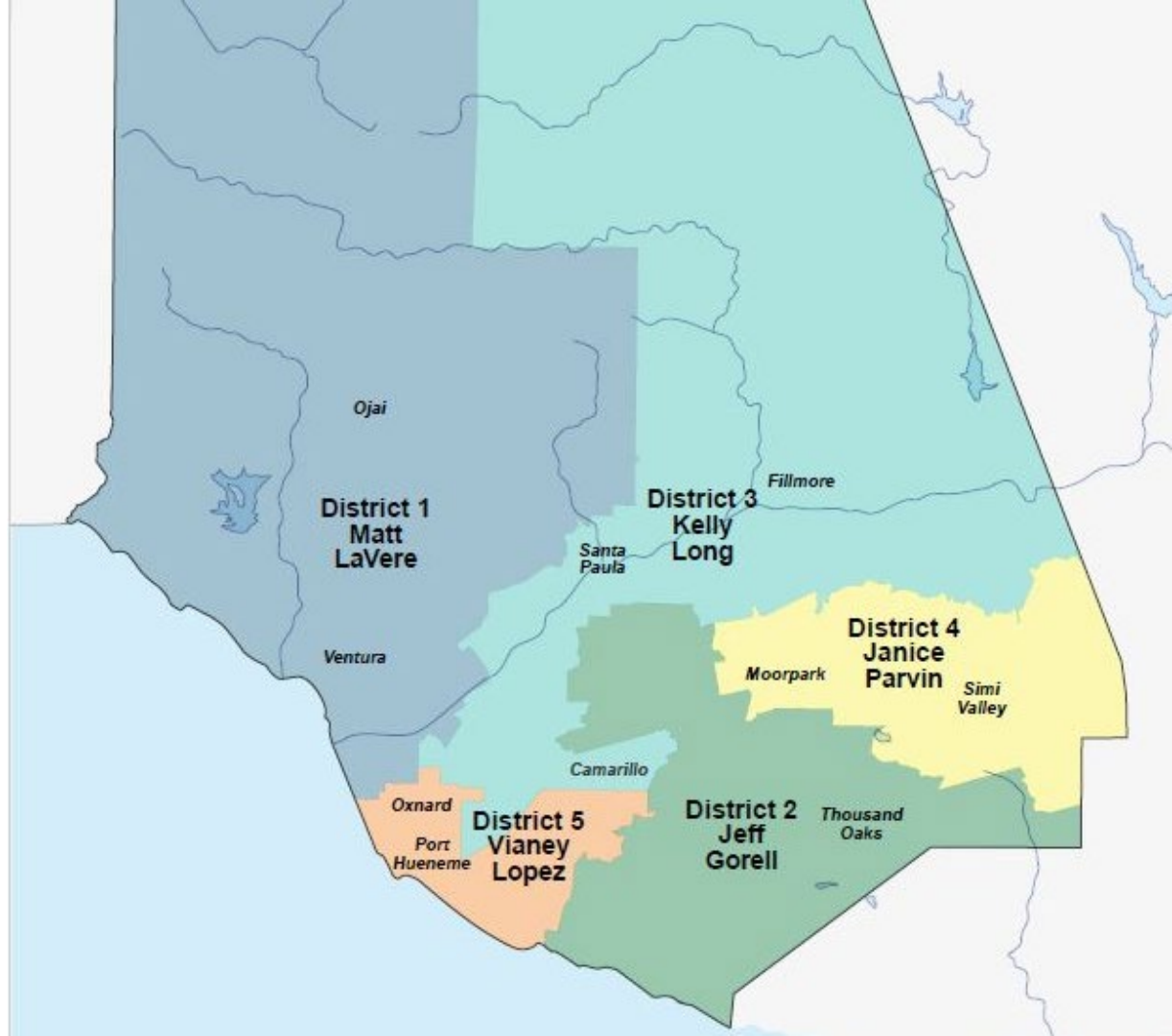
# Welcome + Zoom How-To

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- When participating, **rename yourself** on the participants tab  
*(Name, Community)*
- **Type questions and comments in the Chat room**
- **All participant** audio will be muted
- *This meeting will be recorded*

# Zoom Poll

- Which Supervisorial District are you in?



# Agenda

- **Review of Plan components**
  - What is an active transportation plan?
  - Review of the Safe Routes to School and First-Last Mile Process
  - Review of community engagement we've completed
- **Safe Routes to School and First-Last Mile Recommendations**
  - Review of the recommendations process
  - Highlights of key projects
- **Next Steps**
  - How to use the Plan

A person is riding a bicycle on a paved road that stretches into the distance. The road has a yellow line on the left and a white line on the right. In the background, there are hills and some trees. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent layer.

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN REVIEW, VISION, AND GOALS

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# Purpose of Community Workshops

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- Provide feedback on project materials
- Provide input on the Plan
- Better understand your community's issues and challenges in relation to active transportation



# What is Active Transportation?

A means of getting around that is primarily powered by human energy, such as walking and bicycling



# What is an Active Transportation Plan?

- Serves as a roadmap for implementing pedestrian and bicyclist facilities
- Documents existing walking, biking, and rolling conditions
- Collects community input and identifies community needs
- Identifies and prioritizes highest need improvements
- Works to meet larger Countywide goals of improved public health, reduced VMT, and reduce GHG emissions



# Plan Vision

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The **County of Ventura Active Transportation Plan** will serve as a roadmap for implementing active transportation facilities within the unincorporated County of Ventura.

The Plan will build upon existing planning efforts to create a safe and convenient active transportation network that connects more people to jobs, goods, services, and public transit networks without the use of a vehicle.

# Plan Timeline



Project Kickoff

Summer 2021

Existing Conditions  
Fall 2021

Public Outreach and Engagement  
Winter 2021 - Spring 2023

Analysis and Initial  
Recommendation  
Development  
Winter 2021

Refining Recommendation and Draft AT Plan Development  
Winter 2022 – Spring 2023

Final AT Plan Recommendation  
and Final Draft AT Plan  
Summer – Winter 2023

Final AT Plan  
Presented to  
Board  
Winter 2024

# COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS

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BOUNDARIES

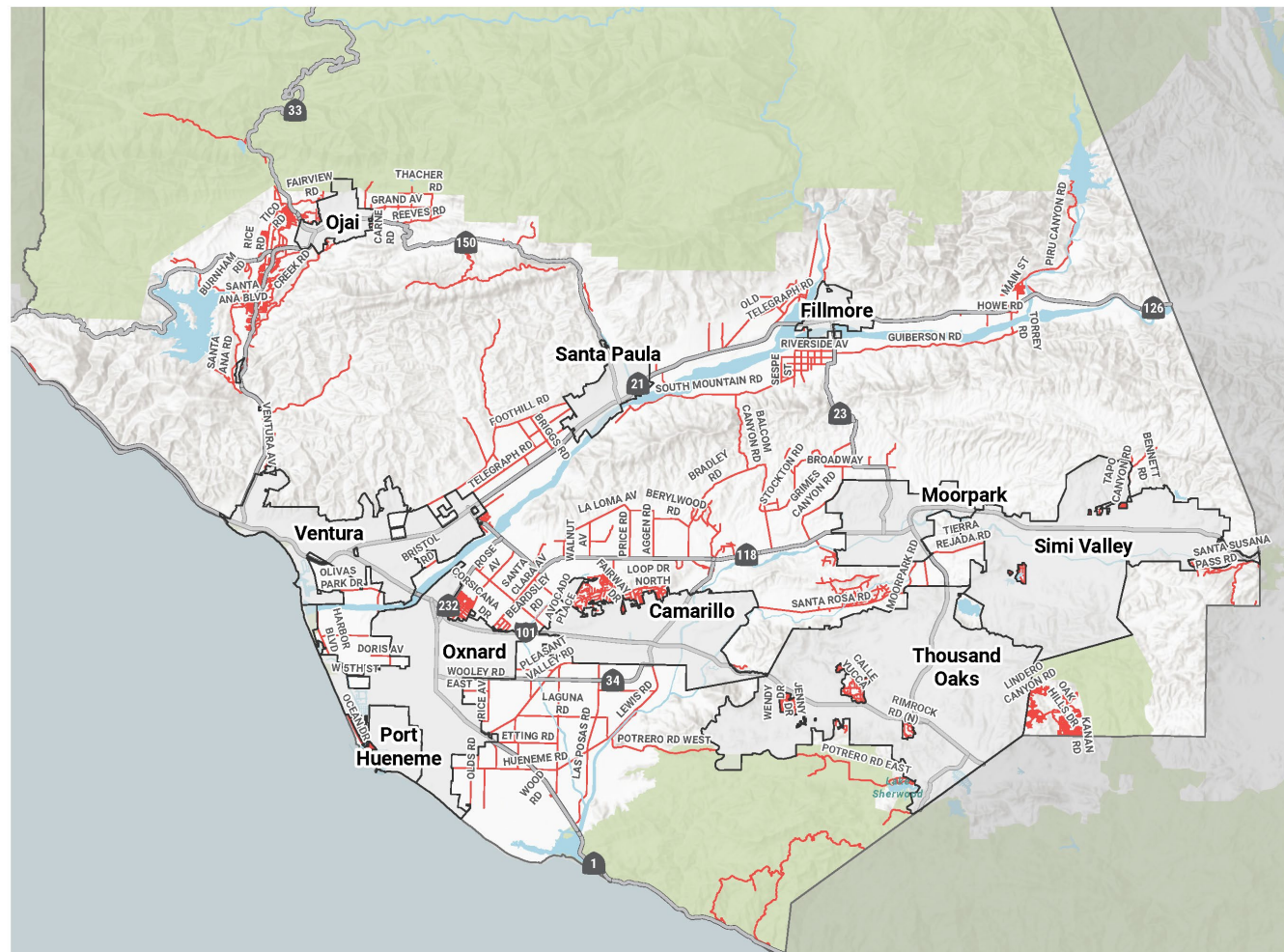
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ROADS

— County Maintained Roads

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# Zoom Poll

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- Why do you use active transportation?



# PLAN ANALYSES

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# Analysis and Development



- Existing Conditions
- Level of Traffic Stress
- High Injury Network
- Origin and Destination Analysis
- Equity

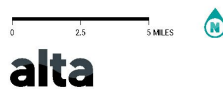
# LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS ANALYSIS COUNTYWIDE

DESTINATIONS +  
BOUNDARIES

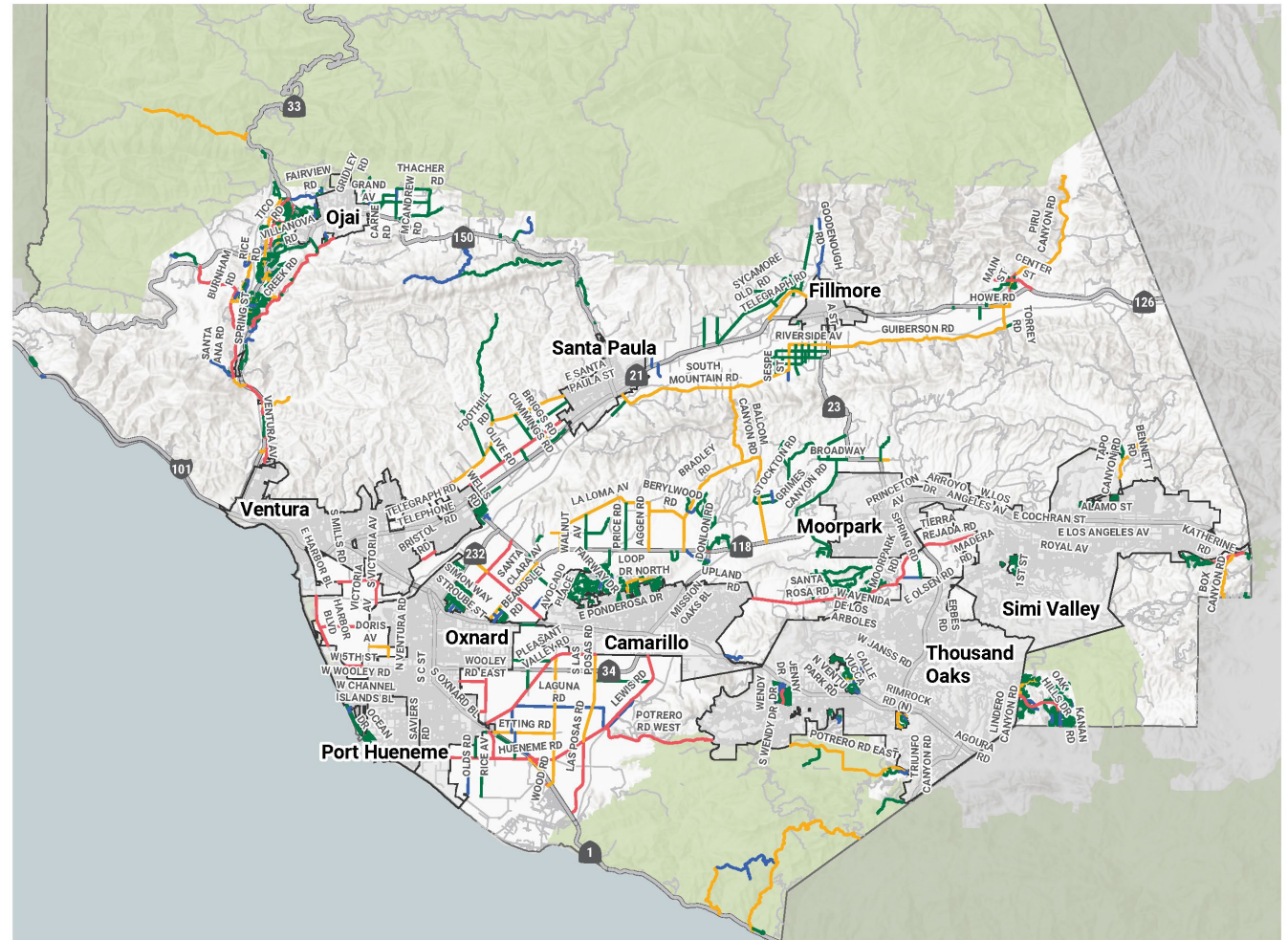
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LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS

- 1 (Higher Comfort)
- 2
- 3
- 4 (Lower Comfort)



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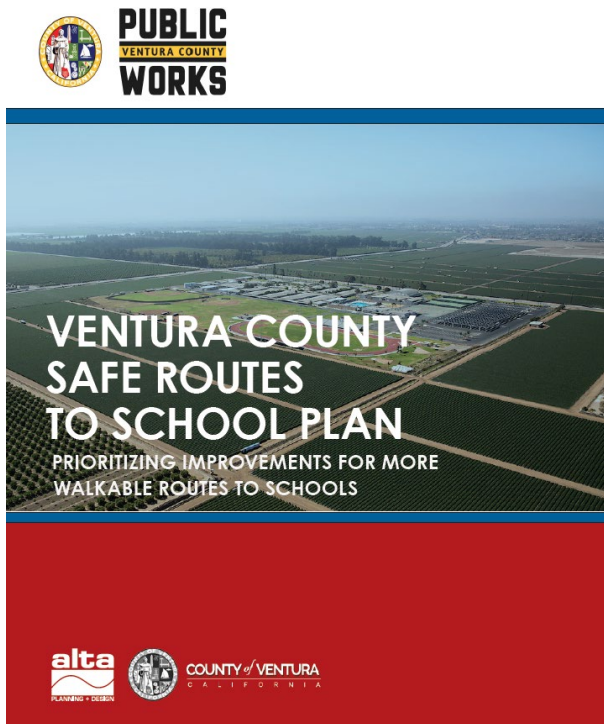


# What is Safe Routes to School?



- International movement to increase the number of students walking and biking
- Improvements focus on safe active transportation within ½ mile of school

# Safe Routes to School Plan



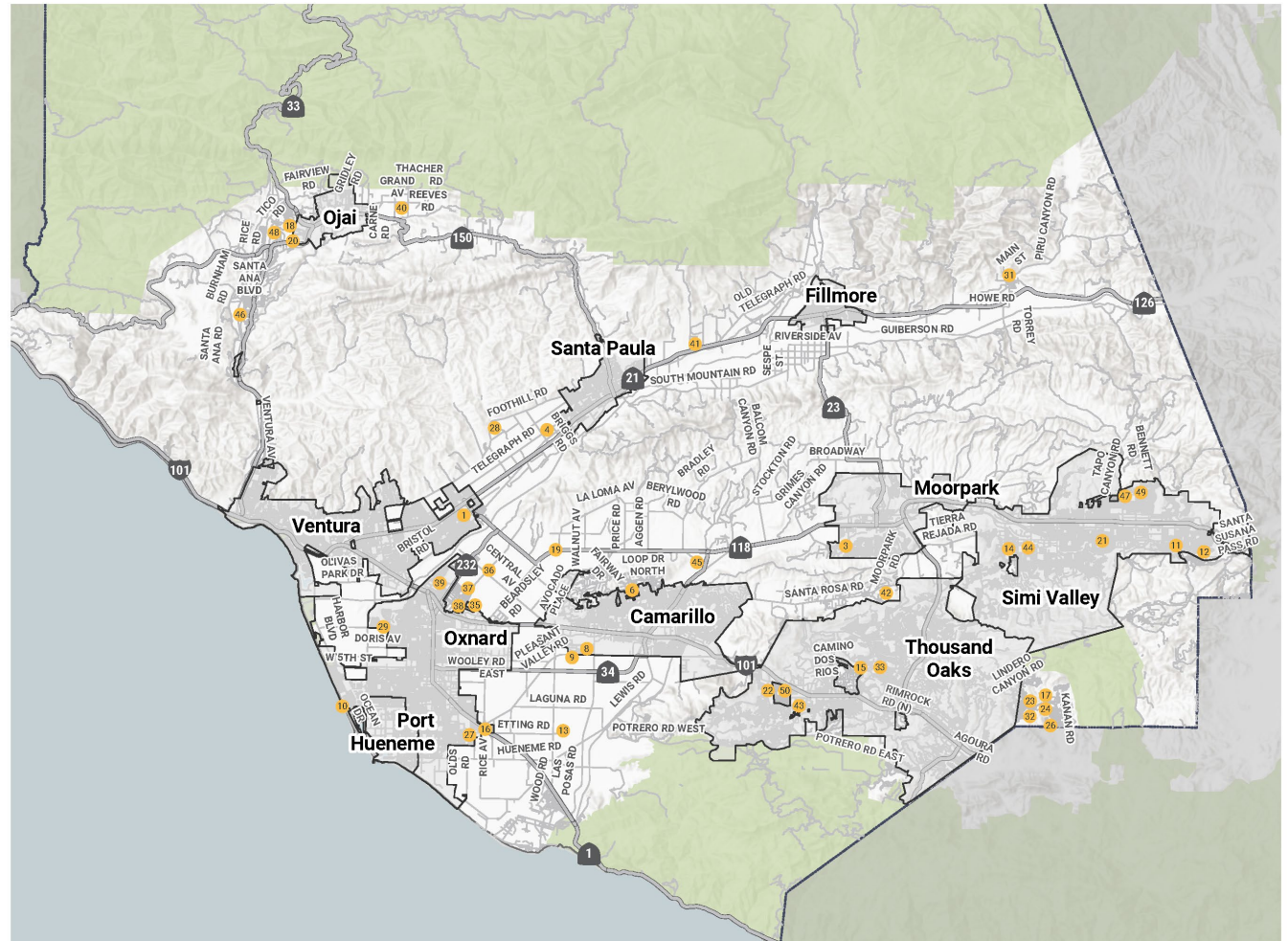
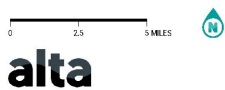
- 2018 Plan evaluated 12 schools in the County
- This Active Transportation Plan evaluates 38 other schools in the County, while incorporating 2018 recommendations

# SCHOOL LOCATIONS

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### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

- Cities
- Study Schools



# What is First-Last Mile?



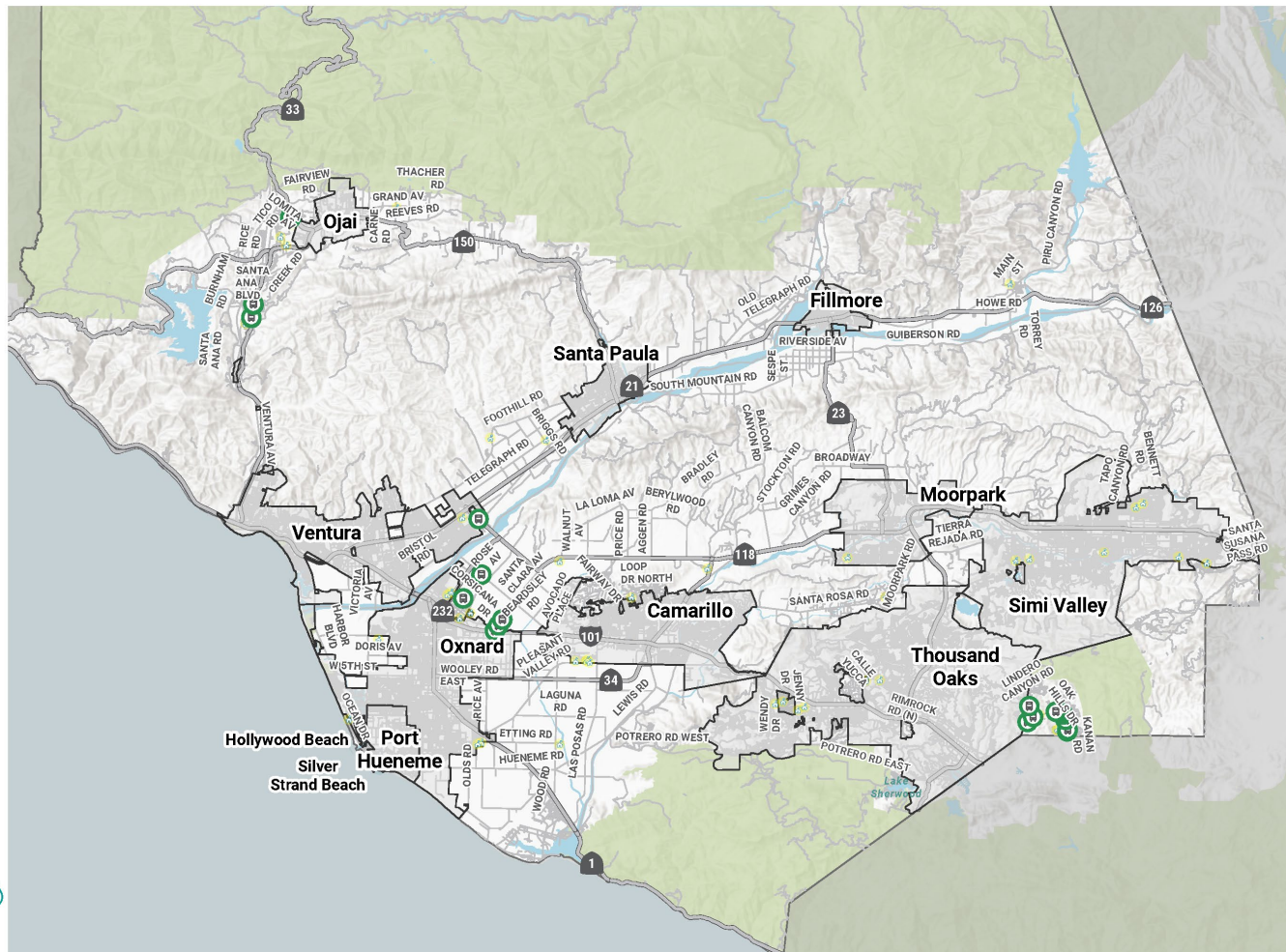
- Considers the first and last mile connections from transit stops
- Can encourage more transit use and creates a more equitable multimodal network

# VENTURA COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## RECOMMENDATIONS WHOLE COUNTY EXTENT

### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

-  High Ridership Stop
-  Cities
-  Schools

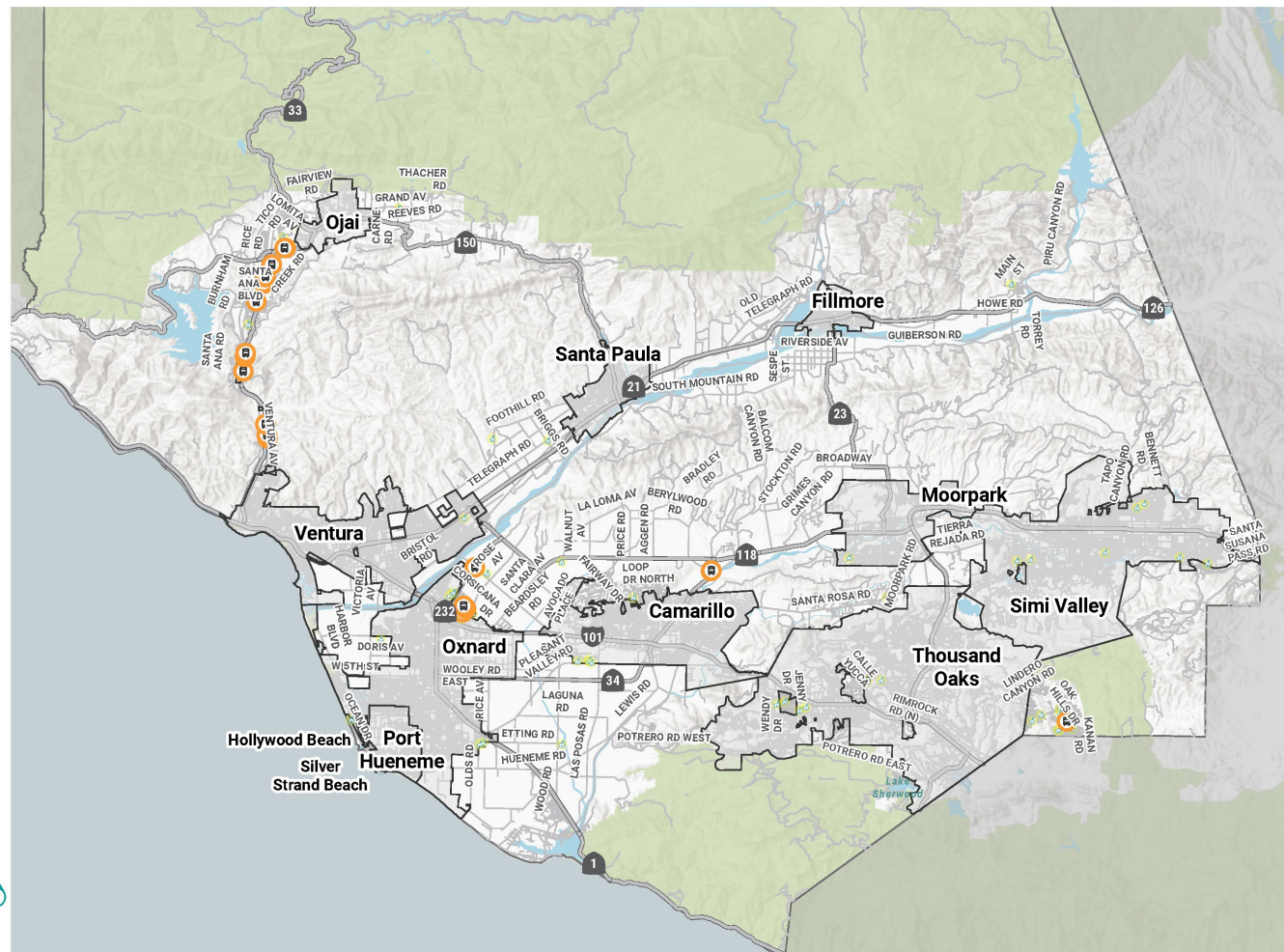


# VENTURA COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## FIRST-LAST MILE RECOMMENDATIONS WHOLE COUNTY EXTENT

### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

-  Low Ridership Stop
-  Cities
-  Schools



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Recommendations



- Safe Routes to School and First-Last Mile recommendations fit under the umbrella of all pedestrian and bicycle recommendations
- Recommendations were made using our analyses, our understanding of previous planning efforts, and feedback from community engagement

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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# Completed Community Engagement

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- All materials were hosted on the project website
- 3 public surveys
  - 800 responses
- 4 online community workshops
- 2 public input maps
  - 1,100+ interactions
- Walk audits for 50 schools
- 50 pop-up/information distribution events and activities
- 5 demonstration projects
- 2 Advisory Committees

# Demonstration Projects



# Engagement Key Points



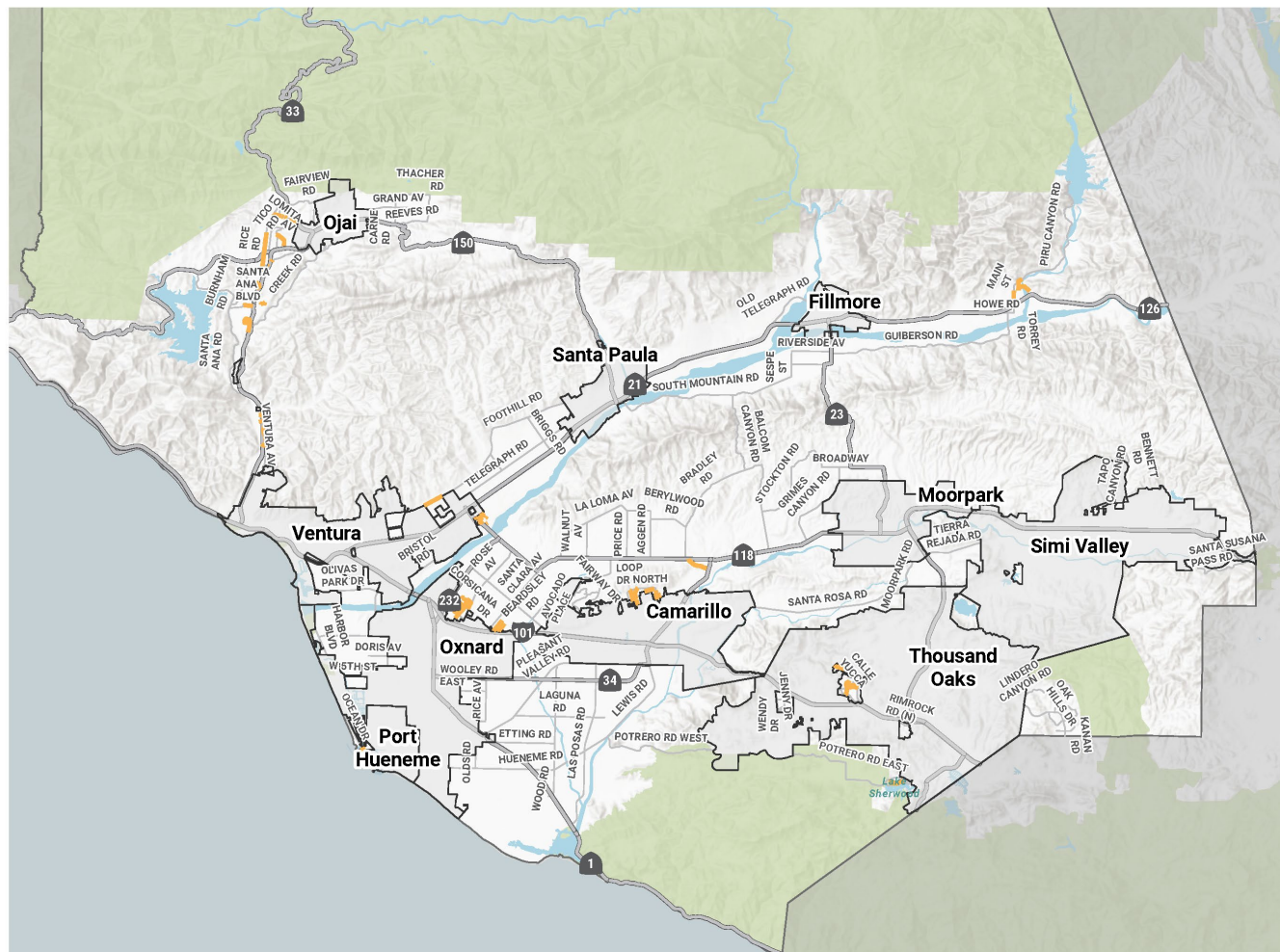
- “Safety is the main concern for bicyclists”
- “Would love to see improvements in the bike lanes connecting our cities”
- “No sidewalk here and roads are not safe/appropriate for biking or walking. Pedestrians are walking on the road”
- “Traffic calming very much needed on this route”

# FACILITIES / TECHNIQUES

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Existing Sidewalk Gaps

 Cities



# Pedestrian Crossing Facilities



Curb Extensions



Pedestrian Refuge Islands



Enhanced Crosswalks

# Crossing Pedestrian Beacons



Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB)



High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK)

# Zoom Poll

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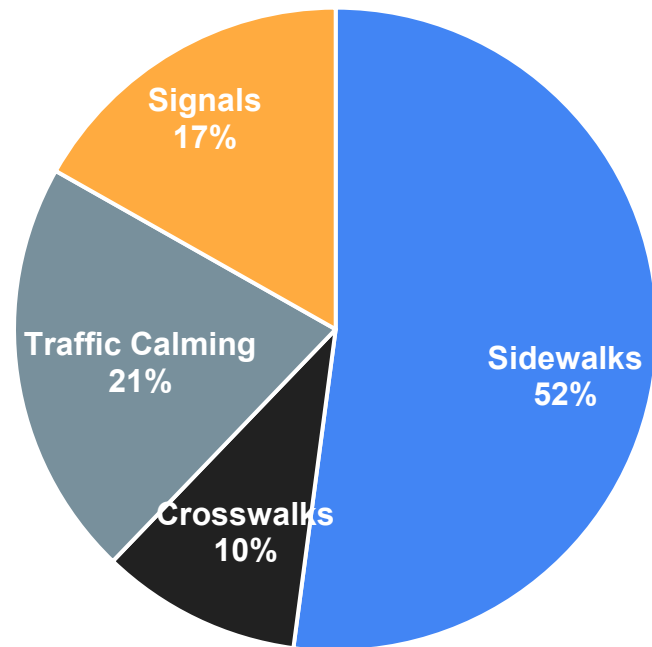
- Which pedestrian facilities would you most like to see in your community?

# Zoom Poll

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- Which pedestrian facilities would you most like to see in your community?

Survey 2 Results: Pedestrian improvements I'd most like to see in my community



# Class I: Bicycle Path



A bicycle path provides an exclusive right-of-way for bicyclists and pedestrians, away from the roadway, which minimizes motorized cross flow traffic

# Class II: Bicycle Lane



Bike lanes provide a dedicated space for bicyclists to ride on the street

# Class III: Bicycle Route



Bike routes are on streets shared with motor traffic to provide continuity to the bikeway network

# Class IV: Separated Bikeway



Separated bikeway provides a place for bicyclists to ride that is separated from moving vehicles by a curb, parked cars or other barrier

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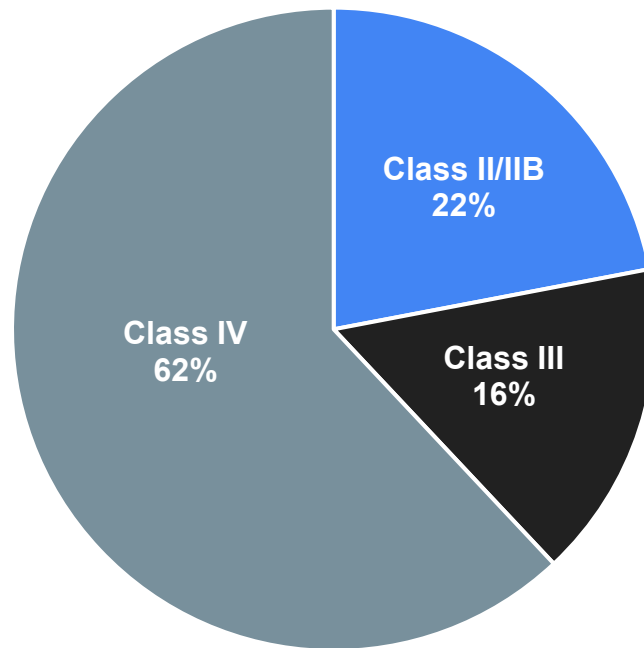
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# Zoom Poll

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Survey 2 Results: Bicycle improvements I'd most like to see in my residential community



A cyclist is riding away from the viewer on a paved road that stretches into the distance. The road has a double yellow line on the left and a white line on the right. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. A chain-link fence runs along the right side of the road.

# RECOMMENDATIONS & PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

# What is Prioritization?

- Identifies projects that best meet the goals and vision of this Plan
- Follows Board-approved Criteria
- Gives each project a score



# Prioritization Criteria

- Safety & Comfort
- Route Readiness
- Highest Need
- Community Support
- Funding Leverage



# Prioritization Tiers & Other Processes

Table 7 / Overall Bicycle Scores

	Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Bikeway Class	Jurisdiction	Other Prioritization Processes	Score
TIER 1	State Route 118	North Saticoy Limit	South Saticoy Limit	Class IV	Non-County	Network	86
	Telegraph Rd	County Boundary	County Boundary	Class IIb	County	SRTS	83
	Olivas Park Dr	County Boundary	County Boundary	Class IIb	County	Network	81
	Potrero Road West	Old Hueneme Rd	Oxnard St	Class II	County	Network	76
	Victoria Ave	Gonzales Rd	County Boundary	Class IIb	Non-County	SRTS	75
	Santa Rosa Rd	Las Posas Rd	Moorpark Rd	Class IIb	County	SRTS	75
	Potrero Rd	Oxnard St	County Boundary	Class I	County	Network	73
	State Route 150	State Route 33	Los Encinos Rd	Class IIb	Non-County	Network	73
	Harbor Blvd	County Boundary	County Boundary	Class IIb	County	Network	73
	Moorpark Rd	Santa Rosa Rd	Tierra Rejada Rd	Class IIb	County	Network	73
	Rose Ave	Central Ave	State Route 118	Class IIb	County	SRTS	73
	Howe Rd	Torrey Rd	Torrey Rd	Class II	County	Network	72
	Hueneme Rd	County Boundary	Lewis Rd	Class IIb	County	Network	72

	Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Bikeway Class	Jurisdiction	Other Prioritization Processes	Score
TIER 2	Churchwood Dr	Los Arcos Dr	Kanan Rd	Class III	County	SRTS	59
	Smoke Tree Ave	Start of Street	End of Street	Class III	County	SRTS	59
	Sunnycrest Dr	Park Springs Ct	Kanan Rd	Class III	County	SRTS	59
	Rosal Ln	Los Angeles Ave	Campanula Ave	Class III	County	Network	59
	Friedrich Rd	Santa Clara Ave	Friedrich Rd (334 Feet East of Almond Dr)	Class III	County	Network	59
	Foothill Rd	1166e Petit Ave	Wells Rd	Class II	County	Network	58
	State Route 118	Los Angeles Ave	County Boundary	Class I	Non-County	SRTS	57
	County Dr	Nardo St	State Route 118	Class II	County	Network	57
	State Route 34	County Boundary	West St	Class IIb	Non-County	SRTS	57
	Simon Way	Rose Ave	State Route 232	Class III	County	SRTS	57
	Cortez St	Street Start	Ventura Blvd	Class III	County	SRTS	57
	Los Angeles Ave	County Boundary	Aster St	Class III	County	Network	57



# SELECT PRIORITIZED PROJECTS

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## OVERALL PRIORITIZATION DISTRICT 1

### PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Pedestrian Recommendations

- High Visibility Crosswalk
- RRFB
- Traffic Calming
- Curb Extension
- Lighting
- Signage
- Pedestrian Island
- Signals
- Striping
- Bus Pull-Out
- Bike Racks
- Bus Shelter
- Roundabout
- Recommended Sidewalks

#### Bike Recommendations

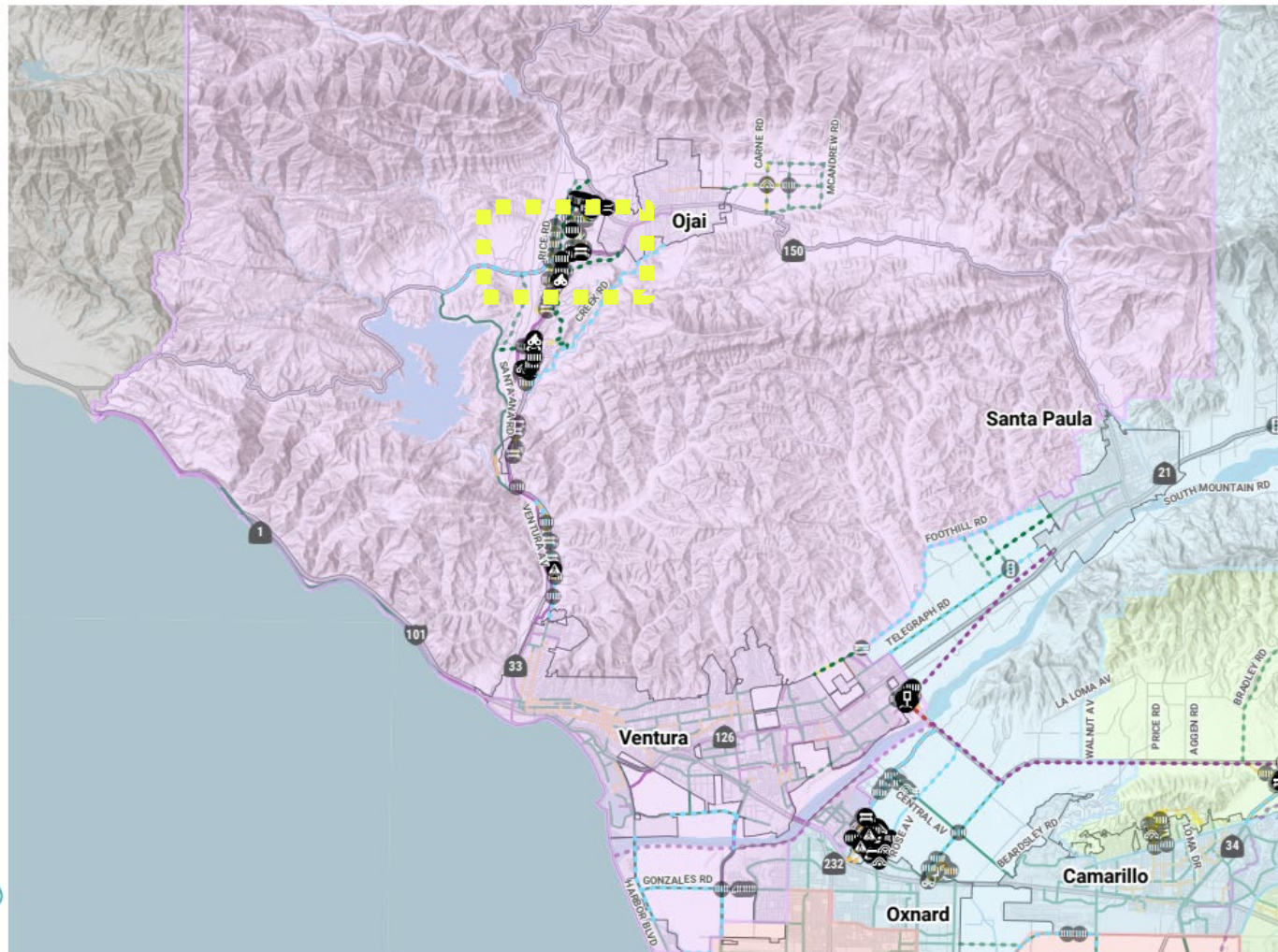
- Shared-Use Path (Class I)
- Bike Lane (Class II)
- Buffered Bike Lane (Class IIB)
- Bike Route (Class III)
- Separated Bikeway (Class IV)

#### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

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# District 1- El Roblar Drive

What did we learn?

- “Please complete the sidewalks here”
- High pedestrian activity
- On the High Injury Network
- Incomplete sidewalks



El Roblar Dr

Lomita Ave

## SRTS

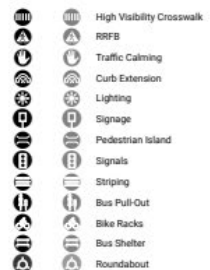
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El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Bike racks (N)	County	79
Victoria Ave	Gonzales Rd	County Boundary	Class IIb	Non-County	75
El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Wayfinding signage (N)	County	75
El Roblar Dr	Alvarado St		High-visibility crosswalk (N,S)	County	75
El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Bike racks (S)	County	72

## FLM

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El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Wayfinding signage (N)	County	75
El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Bike racks (S)	County	72
El Roblar Dr	Lomita Ave		Wayfinding signage (S)	County	70
Loma Dr	State Route 33		Bike racks	Non-County	63

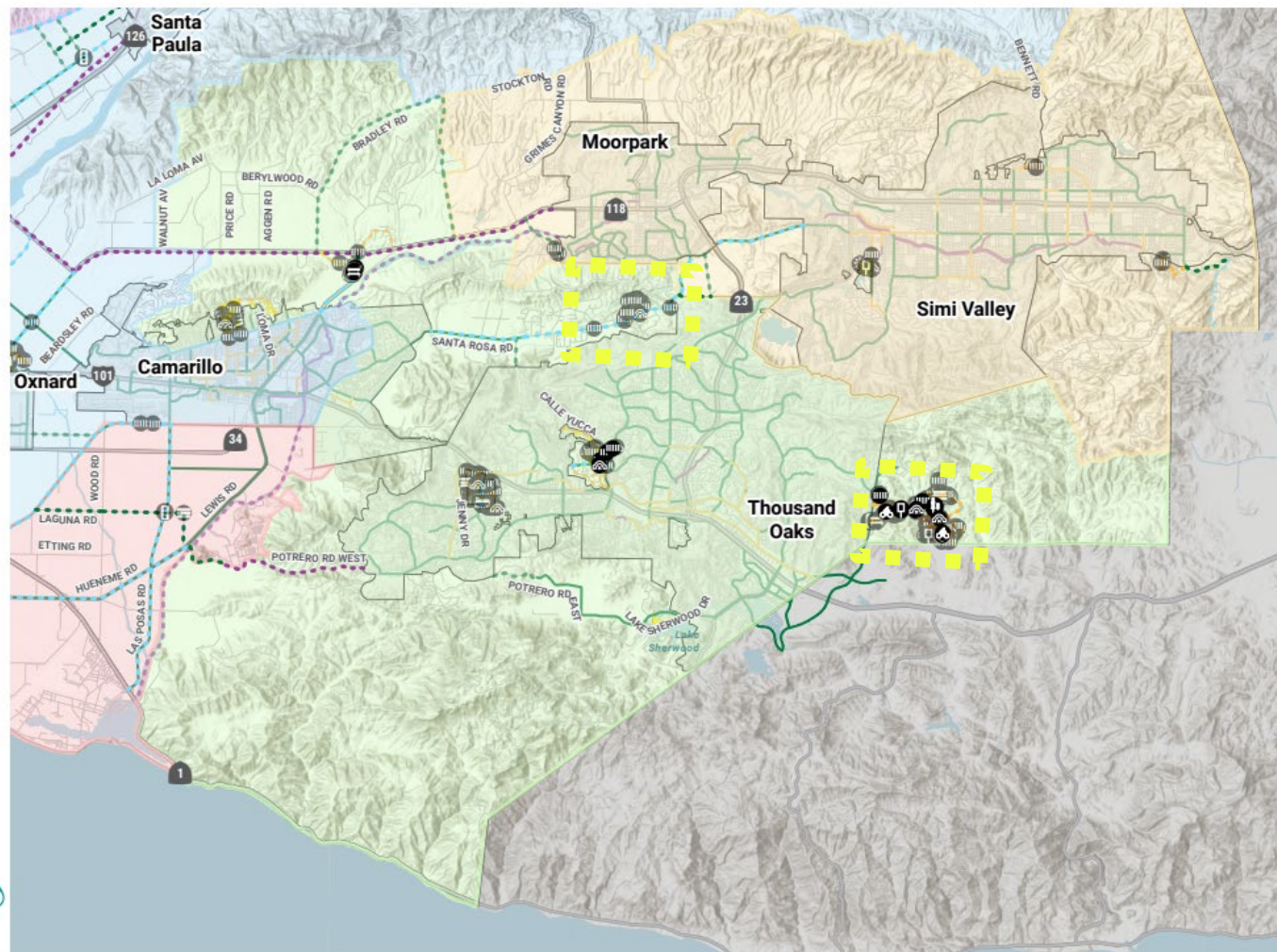
OVERALL  
PRIORITIZATION  
DISTRICT 2

### Pedestrian Recommendations

 Recommended Sidewalks

-     Shared-Use Path (Class I)
-     Bike Lane (Class II)
-     Buffered Bike Lane (Class IIB)
-     Bike Route (Class III)
-     Separated Bikeway (Class IV)

 District 1  
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# District 2- Kanan Road

What did we learn?

- “Look into making the curb safety demonstration project at Oak Park high school a permanent safety feature”
- Existing bike lanes along most of Kanan Road
- Connects to the Medea Creek Trail





Oak Park Library

Kanan Rd

Bus Stop

Deerhill Rd

Medea Creek Trail

# District 2- Santa Rosa Rd

What did we learn?

- “Next to the elementary school is one of the most dangerous parts of the road”
- High level of traffic stress
- Santa Rosa Technology Magnet was included in 2018 SRTS Plan



Vista Grande

Santa Rosa Rd

Santa Rosa  
Technology  
Magnet School

# SRTS

Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Recommendation Type	Jurisdiction	Score
Santa Rosa Rd	Las Posas Rd	Moorpark Rd	Class IIb	County	75
Kanan Rd	County Boundary	Oak Hills Rd	Class IIb	County	70
Camino Flores	Paseo del Robledo	Camino Dos Rios	Sidewalk on both sides	County	67
Deerhill Rd	Kanan Rd	Doubletree Rd	Class III	Country	65
Kanan Rd	Golden Eagle Dr		High-visibility crosswalks (N,W)	County	65

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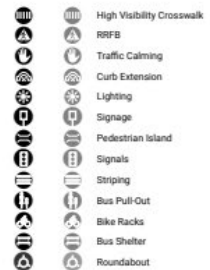
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Rice St	State Route 34		Bus shelter (E)	Non-County	65
Rice St	State Route 34		Bus shelter (W)	Non-County	62
Rockfield St	Hawthorne Dr		Bike racks (E)	County	58
Kanan Rd	Conifer St		Bike racks (N)	County	58
Kanan Rd	Churchwood Dr		Wayfinding signage	County	58

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## OVERALL PRIORITIZATION DISTRICT 3

### PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Pedestrian Recommendations



#### Bike Recommendations

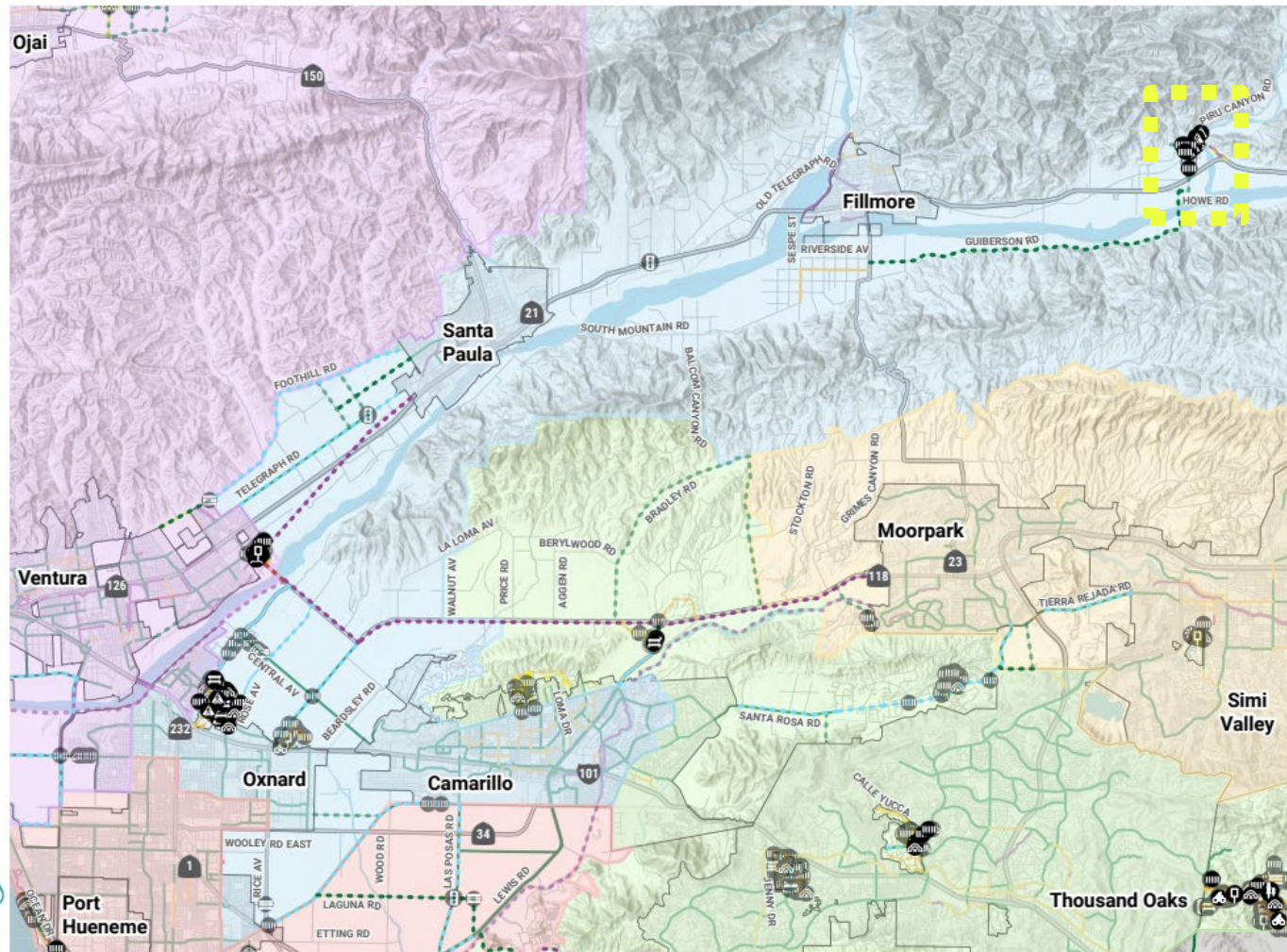


### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES



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# District 3- Main St

## What did we learn?

- There are a small network of Class I paths in Piru but they do not connect to each other
- Piru Elementary School was included in the 2018 SRTS Plan.
- High level of traffic stress on Main Street





Main St

Orchard St

Shared-Use Path

# SRTS

Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Recommendation Type	Jurisdiction	Score
Telegraph Rd	County Boundary	County Boundary	Class IIb	County	83
Alvarado St	Collins St	Helsam Ave	Sidewalk on both sides	County	78
Rose Ave	Central Ave	State Route 118	Class IIb	County	73
Cortez St	Corsicana Dr	South boundary of Rio Plaza Elementary	Sidewalk on E side	County	72
Helsam Ave/ George St	Alvarado St	Simon Way	Sidewalk (S, E)	County	70

# FLM

Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Recommendation Type	Jurisdiction	Score
Simon Way	State Route 232		Bus shelter	Non-County	65
Simon Way	State Route 232		Wayfinding signage	Non-County	65
Simon Way	State Route 232		Bike racks	Non-County	65
Balboa St	Walnut Dr		Bus shelter	County	57
Alvarado St	Collins St		Bus shelter	County	57

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OVERALL  
PRIORITIZATION  
DISTRICT 4

PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS

Pedestrian Recommendations

- High Visibility Crosswalk
- RRFB
- Traffic Calming
- Curb Extension
- Lighting
- Signage
- Pedestrian Island
- Signals
- Striping
- Bus Pull-Out
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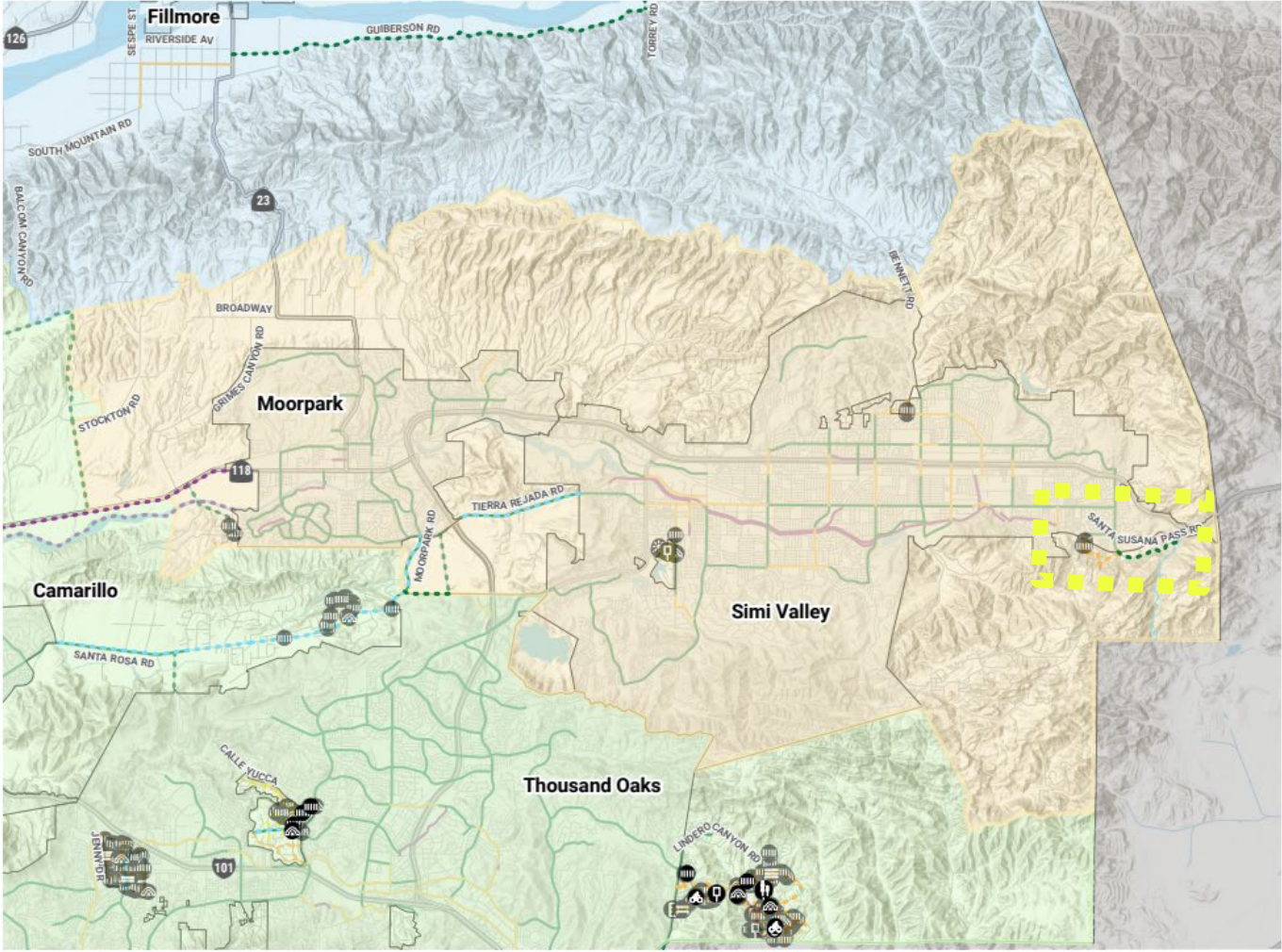
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- Buffered Bike Lane (Class IIB)
- Bike Route (Class III)
- Separated Bikeway (Class IV)

DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES

- District 1
- District 2
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- District 5

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# District 4- Katherine Road

What did we learn?

- “Pedestrians often cross Katherine Road to get to Knolls Park”
- Drivers use Katherine Road as an alternative to State Route 118
- Minimal existing pedestrian or bicycle infrastructure





Knolls Elementary School

Katherine Rd

Knolls Park

Oak Knolls Rd

Sylvan Dr

# SRTS

Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Recommendation Type	Jurisdiction	Score
Katherine Rd	County boundary	County boundary	Class III	County	55
Santa Susana Pass Rd	Katherine Rd	Box Canyon Rd	Class III	County	55
Felix Ave	Township Ave	Walnut Ave	Class III	County	50
Flood St	Lemon Dr	Felix Ave	Class III	County	50
Katherine Rd	Oak Knolls Rd		High-visibility crosswalk (S,W)	County	44

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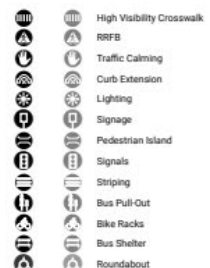
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Carmel Dr	Capri Dr		Wayfinding signage	County	34

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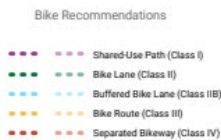
## OVERALL PRIORITIZATION DISTRICT 5

### PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Pedestrian Recommendations



#### Recommended Sidewalks

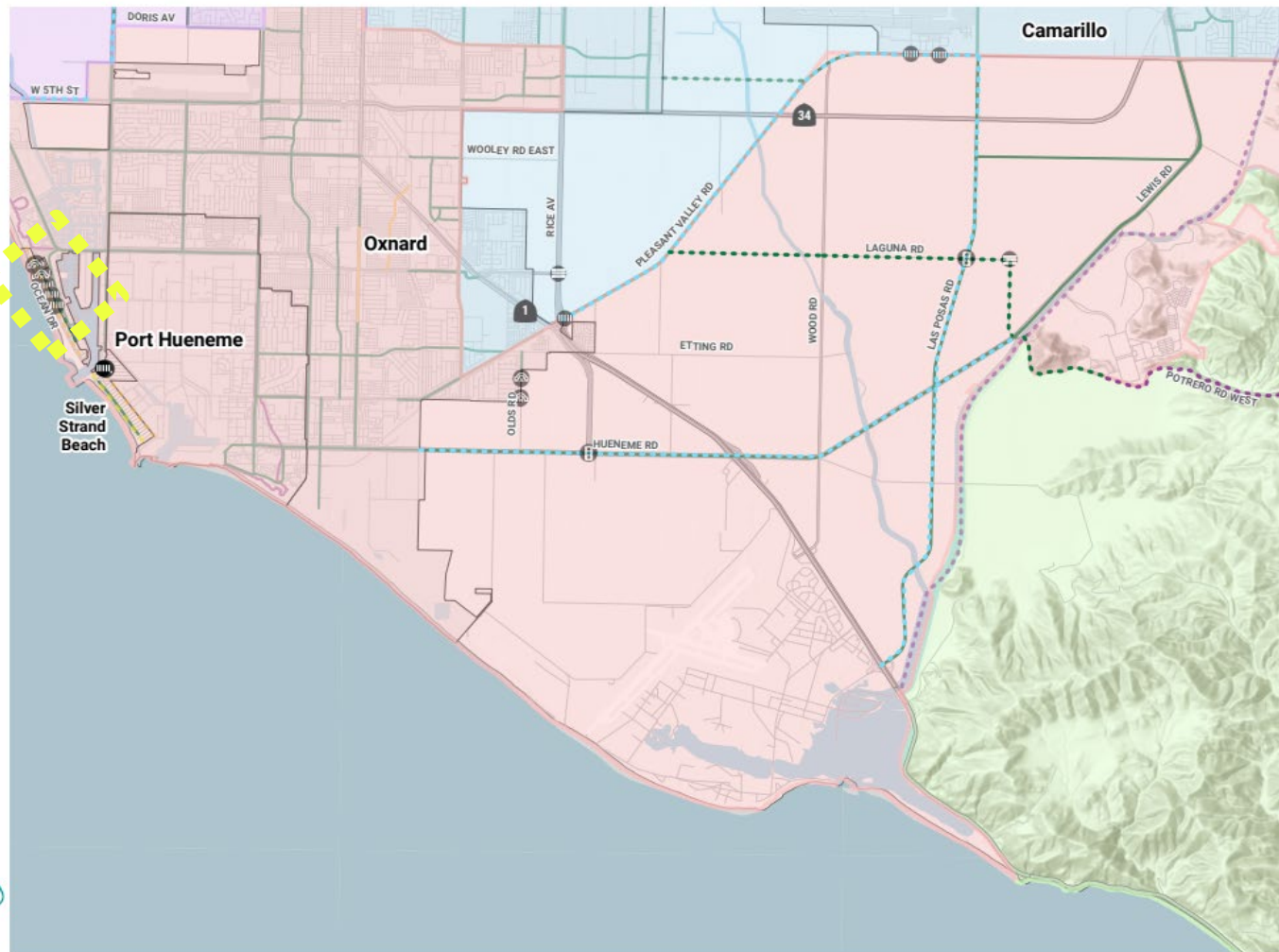


### DESTINATIONS + BOUNDARIES



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# District 5-Sunset Lane

What did we learn?

- “My family and I bike around the Hollywood beach neighborhood. The crosswalks are very dangerous”
- Two midblock crossings with no stop control
- Cars can pick up speed on Sunset Lane



Channel Islands Blvd

Hollywood Beach Elementary

Ocean Dr

Sunset Ln

# SRTS

Recommendation Street	Start Street	End Street	Recommendation Type	Jurisdiction	Score
Pleasant Valley Rd	State Route 1	Las Posas Rd	Class IIb	County	65
Las Posas Rd	Pleasant Valley Rd	State Route 1	Class IIb	County	65
Ocean Dr	End of Street	County Boundary	Class III	County	54
Los Altos St	Ocean Dr		Curb extensions	County	52
Sunset Ln	Channel Islands Blvd	Harbor Blvd	Class II	County	51
Los Altos St	Sunset Ln		Curb extensions	County/City	49
Channel Islands Blvd	Ocean Dr		High-visibility crosswalk (all)	County	47
Olds Rd	Walden St		High-visibility crosswalk (W)	County/City	47
La Brea St	Ocean Dr		High-visibility crosswalk (N,E)	County	47
Los Altos St	Ocean Dr		High-visibility crosswalk (all)	County	47

# NEXT STEPS & QUESTIONS

# Next Steps

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- **Complete the Final Plan**
  - Review the Plan on the Project Website:  
[atplan.vcpublishpublicworks.org](http://atplan.vcpublishpublicworks.org)
- **Final Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors**

# How to use the Plan

## Ojai Valley West

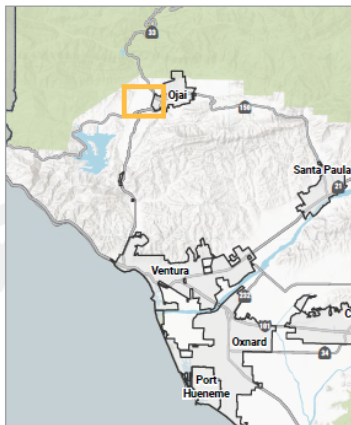
### Active Transportation Recommendations

#### WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Community members and Community Advisory Committee members stated that La Luna Avenue, Tico Road, El Roblar Drive, and Lomita Avenue are important corridors that need active transportation improvements. Comments noted that on corridors like Tico Road and La Luna Avenue, there is not enough room for bicyclists and pedestrians to use the roadway.

Out of the 10 active transportation counts taken throughout unincorporated Ventura County, the intersection of El Roblar Drive and Lomita Avenue had the highest number of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Portions of Ventura Avenue and El Roblar Drive are on the high injury network, and La Luna Avenue and Lomita Avenue both have a level 4 of traffic stress



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## 18. Meiners Oaks Elementary\*

#### WHAT DID WE LEARN?

##### WALK AUDIT FINDINGS

- / The main drop-off location is on South Lomita Avenue.
- / The school has a separate parking lot for its bus drop off and parent/guardian drop-off areas.
- / Most traffic to the school arrives from southbound traffic on South Lomita Avenue.
- / The loading zone is off street, but the school does experience heavy congestion.
- / A crosswalk is located at the school's parking lot exit. The crosswalk's location combined with a large walking population means some parents/guardians must wait a long time before exiting the school's parking lot.
- / During observations, most drivers

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

##### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ojai Unified School District

##### SCHOOL ADDRESS

400 South Lomita Ave., Ojai, CA 93023

##### GRADES: K-6

##### 2018 ENROLLMENT: 270

#### WHAT DO WE RECOMMEND?

Sidewalks in this neighborhood will provide a space for pedestrians to walk that is separated from motor vehicles.

High-visibility crosswalks at the intersections in this neighborhood will alert drivers that there may be pedestrians in the area.

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# Questions?



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