San Joaquin County

August Sustainable Community Plan

Community Workshop #1 Summary – March 31, 2026

Introduction

On March 31, 2026, San Joaquin County hosted the first Community Workshop for the August Sustainable Community Plan at August Elementary School (2101 Sutro Ave, Stockton, CA). The workshop took place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and was attended by 43 community members.



This family-friendly event created a welcoming and inclusive environment for participation, beginning with pizza provided by a local business and offering residents, families, and students opportunities to engage directly with the project team.



The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the planning effort, share initial project goals and existing conditions, and gather input from community members about how they currently travel through August and what improvements they would like to see moving forward.

Project Background and Purpose

The August Sustainable Community Plan is a community-driven planning effort focused on improving safety, connectivity, and access for people walking, biking, and using transit throughout the August neighborhood.

As outlined in project outreach materials, the plan aims to:

- Create safer, more connected neighborhoods
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Enhance access to jobs, schools, and essential services
- Expand sustainable transportation options

Community input is central to this effort, ensuring that the final plan reflects the real needs and priorities of those who live, work, and travel in August.

Meeting Overview

The workshop began with a bilingual presentation (English and Spanish) led by the consultant team from Fehr & Peers, ensuring accessibility for a broad range of attendees.

Following the presentation, the meeting transitioned into an open house format, where participants could:

- Visit interactive board stations
- Review maps and existing conditions
- Provide feedback through sticky notes and comment cards
- Engage directly with project team members



This format allowed for both group learning and one-on-one conversations, supporting meaningful and comfortable participation for all attendees.

Presentation Summary

The presentation introduced the project and set the foundation for community input. Key topics included:

Project Overview

The team explained that the plan is:

- Funded through a Caltrans grant
- Administered by San Joaquin County
- Developed through an ongoing community engagement process



The final outcome will be a comprehensive plan that identifies improvements to better serve the August community.

Project Goals and Objectives

The presentation highlighted four key focus areas:

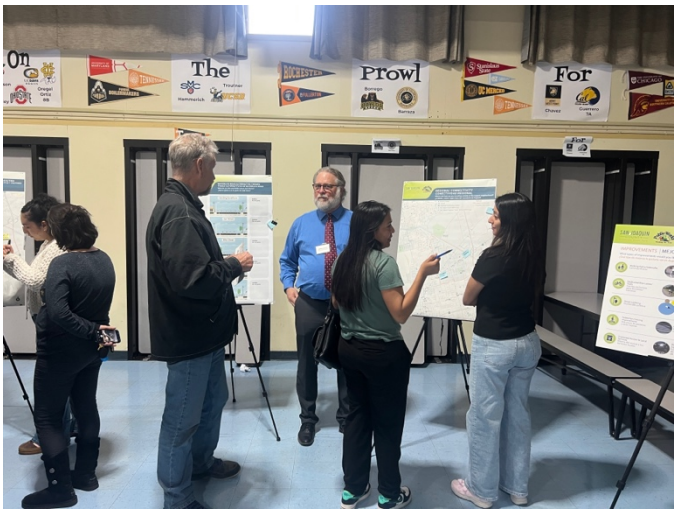
- **Walking:** Improve sidewalks and pedestrian crossings
- **Safety:** Address safety concerns and reduce conflicts
- **Transit:** Upgrade and formalize bus stop locations
- **Biking:** Create connected bikeway networks

These goals are centered on creating Safe Routes to School, improving everyday travel, and connecting residents to key destinations throughout the community.

Existing Conditions and Community Context

Attendees were introduced to current transportation conditions in August, including:

- Gaps in sidewalk infrastructure
- Safety concerns at crossings and along major corridors
- Limited connectivity for bicyclists
- Opportunities to improve transit access



The presentation emphasized that community feedback would help validate and expand upon these findings.

Next Steps

The project team outlined the upcoming phases of the planning process, including:

- Development of concept alternatives
- Continued public engagement
- Draft plan preparation
- Final plan adoption

The County also noted that implementation would depend on future funding, with improvements anticipated over a **5–10-year timeframe**.

Public Engagement Schedule

Calendario de Participación comunitaria

01 Existing Conditions Engagement – March 2026
Condiciones existentes – marzo 2026

02 Confirm Priorities – July 2026
Confirmar prioridades – julio 2026

03 Draft Plan – October 2026
Borrador del Plan – octubre 2026

Station Activities and Board Exhibits

Following the presentation, attendees participated in interactive station activities designed to gather detailed, location-specific feedback.



Station 1: Collision Heatmap

This station displayed crash data throughout the August community, highlighting high-incidence locations. Participants were asked to review the data and identify whether it aligned with their lived experiences.

Station 2: Existing Bike and Pedestrian Facilities

This station focused on current infrastructure, including sidewalks, crossings, and bikeways. Community members provided input on:

- Missing or incomplete facilities
- Areas where infrastructure felt unsafe or uncomfortable
- Opportunities for improvement

Station 3: Facilities Prioritization

Participants were asked to identify and prioritize the types of improvements most important to them, such as:

- Sidewalk completion
- Safer crossings
- Bike lanes

- Transit stop enhancements

Station 4: Waterloo Road Vision

This station explored ideas for one of the community's key corridors. Attendees shared feedback on:

- Safety concerns
- Traffic conditions
- Desired improvements for all users



Station 5: Connectivity

This station focused on how people move through the community and where connections are lacking. Participants identified:

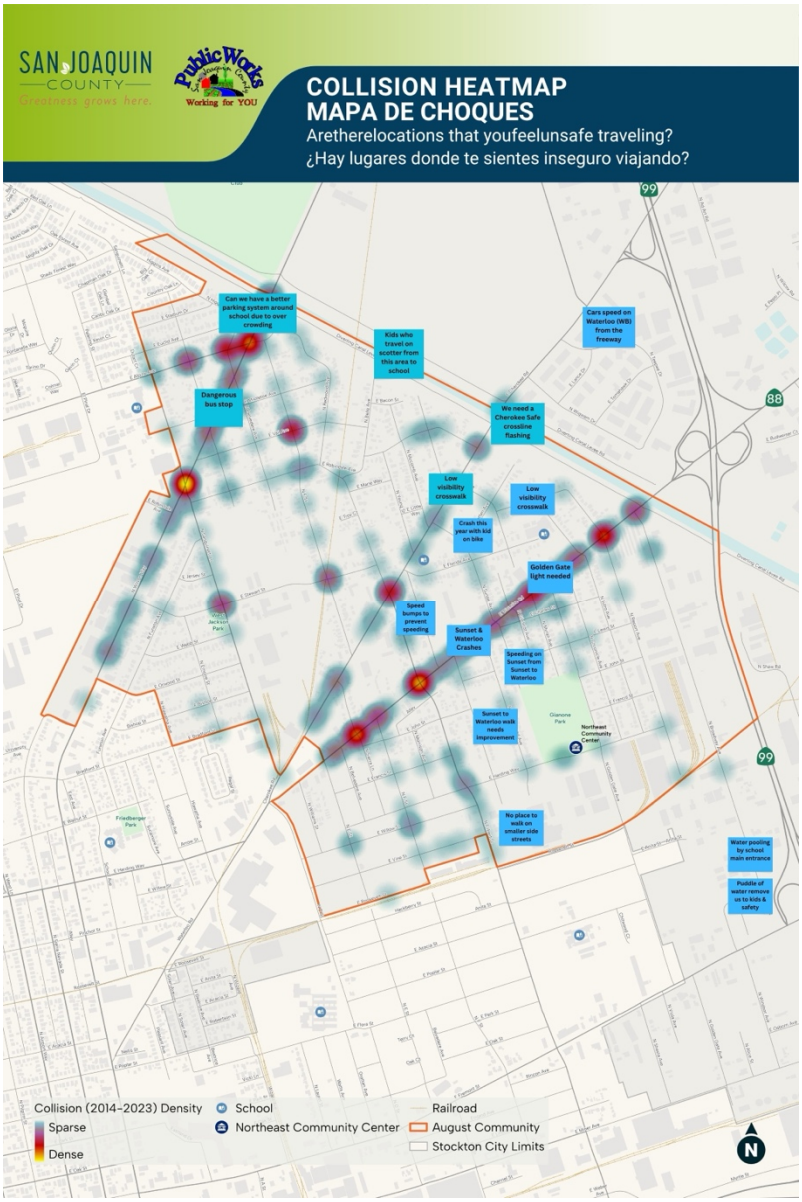
- Important destinations (schools, parks, services)
- Barriers to travel
- Opportunities to improve connectivity between neighborhoods

Comment Cards and Community Feedback

Attendees were invited to submit written feedback through comment cards and sticky notes placed directly on maps and boards.

Community feedback from stations and comment cards:

Station 1: Collision Heatmap

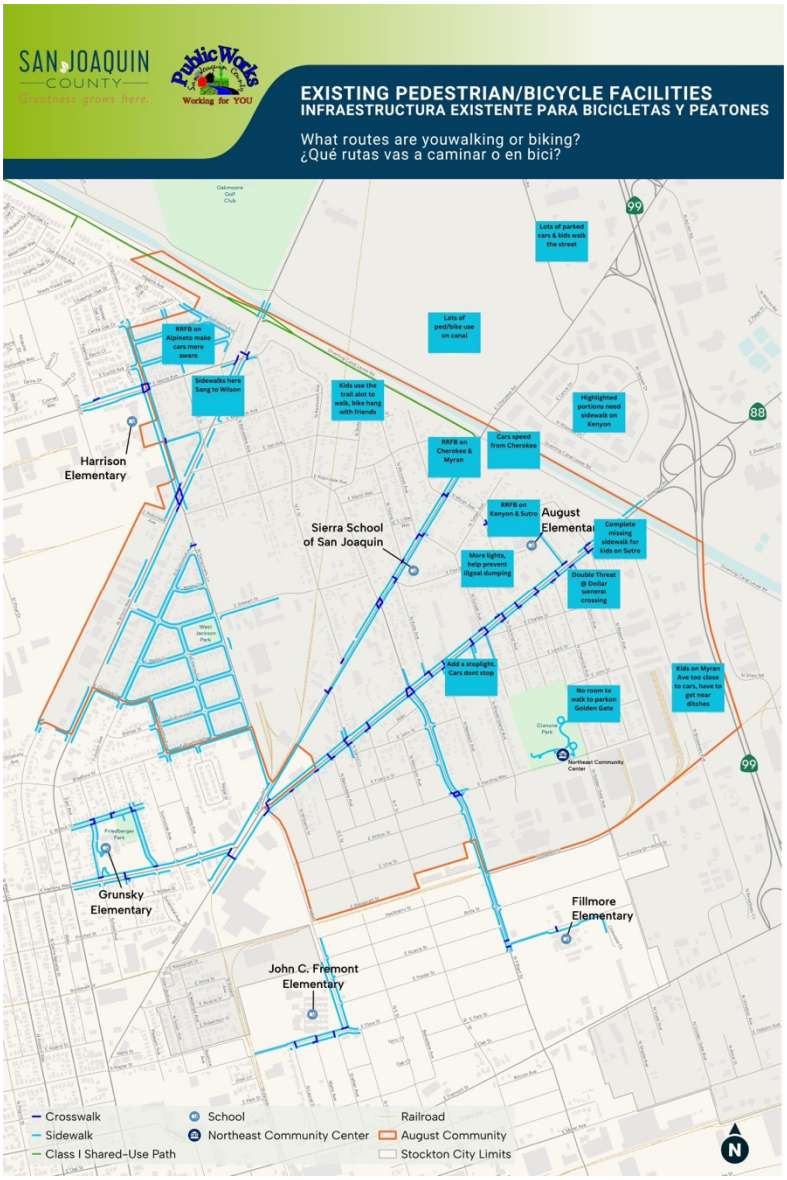


Guiding question: Are there locations that you feel unsafe traveling?

Participant comments:

- Dangerous bus stop
- Can we have a better parking system around school due to overcrowding
- Kids who travel on scooter from this area to school
- We need a Cherokee Safe crossline flashing
- Cars speed on Waterloo (WB) from the freeway
- Low visibility crosswalk [noted at two separate locations]
- Golden Gate light needed
- Sunset & Waterloo crashes
- Speed bumps to prevent speeding
- Speeding on Sunset from Sunset to Waterloo
- Sunset to Waterloo walk needs improvement
- No place to walk on smaller side streets
- Crash this year with kid on bike
- Water pooling by school main entrance
- Puddle of water — remove hazard to kids and safety

Station 2:



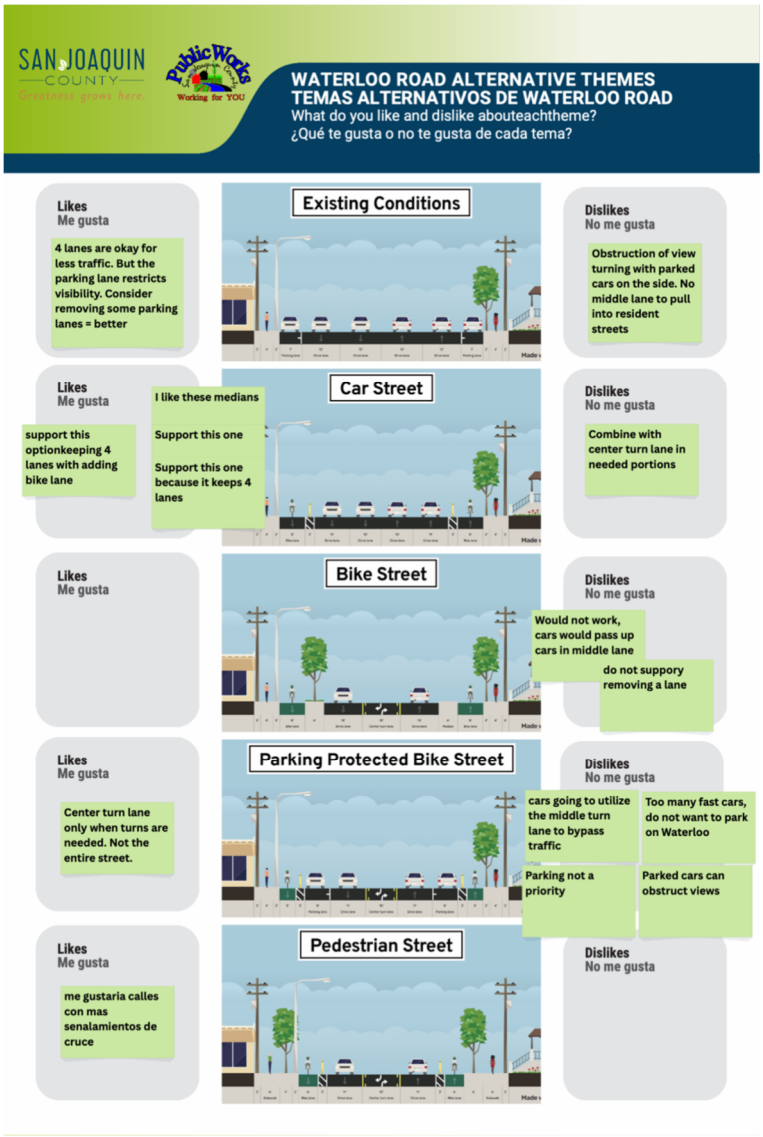
Guiding question: What routes are you walking or biking?

Participant comments:

- Lots of parked cars & kids walk the street
- Lots of ped/bike use on canal
- RRFB on Cherokee & Myran
- Cars speed from Cherokee
- Highlighted portions need sidewalk on Kenyon
- RRFB on Kenyon & Sutro

- Complete missing sidewalk for kids on Sutro
- Double Threat @ Dollar General crossing
- More lights, help prevent illegal dumping
- Kids use the trail a lot to walk, bike, hang with friends
- Sidewalks here — Sang to Wilson
- RRFB on Alpine to make cars more aware
- No room to walk to park on Golden Gate
- Add a stoplight. Cars don't stop
- Kids on Myran Ave too close to cars, have to get near ditches

Station 4:



Guiding question: What do you like and dislike about each theme?

Existing Conditions

Likes:

- 4 lanes are okay for less traffic. But the parking lane restricts visibility. Consider removing some parking lanes = better

Dislikes:

- Obstruction of view turning with parked cars on the side. No middle lane to pull into resident streets

Car Street

Likes:

- I like these medians
- Support this one
- Support this one because it keeps 4 lanes
- Support this option — keeping 4 lanes with adding bike lane

Dislikes:

- Combine with center turn lane in needed portions

Bike Street

Likes:

(None recorded)

Dislikes:

- Would not work — cars would pass up cars in middle lane
- Do not support removing a lane

Parking Protected Bike Street

Likes:

- Center turn lane only when turns are needed, not the entire street

Dislikes:

- Cars going to utilize the middle turn lane to bypass traffic
- Parking not a priority
- Too many fast cars, do not want to park on Waterloo
- Parked cars can obstruct views

Pedestrian Street

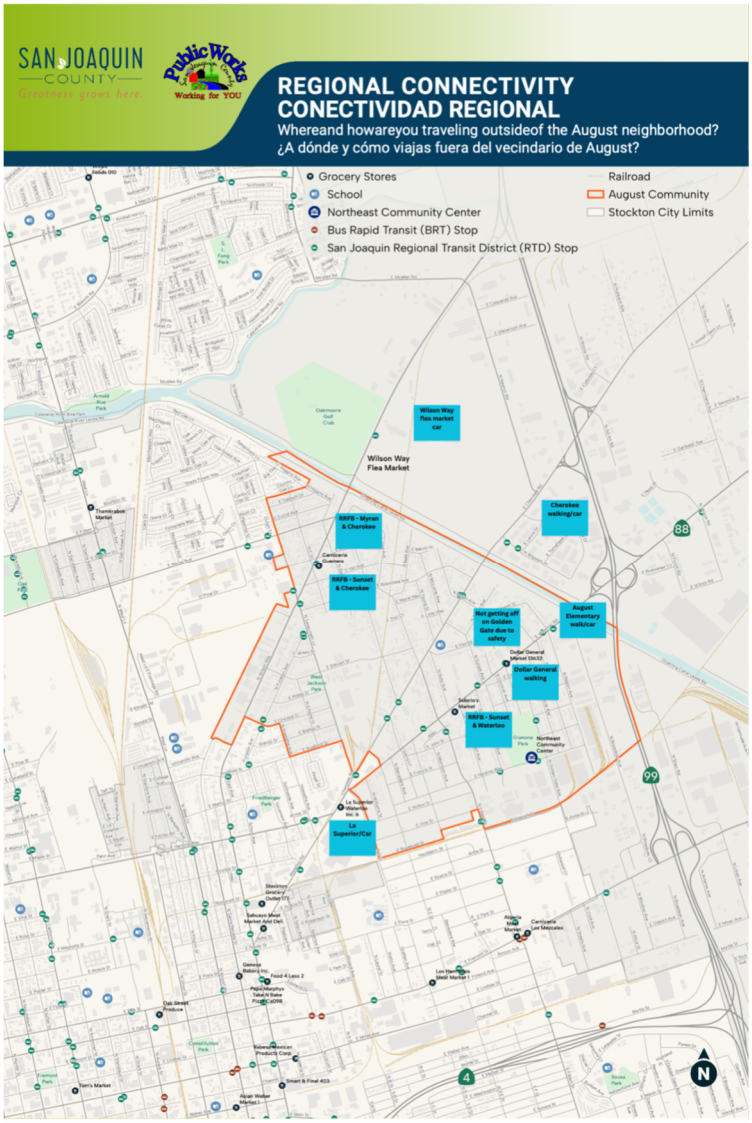
Likes:

- Me gustaria calles con mas senalamientos de cruce (I would like streets with more crossing signs)

Dislikes:

(None recorded)

Station 5:



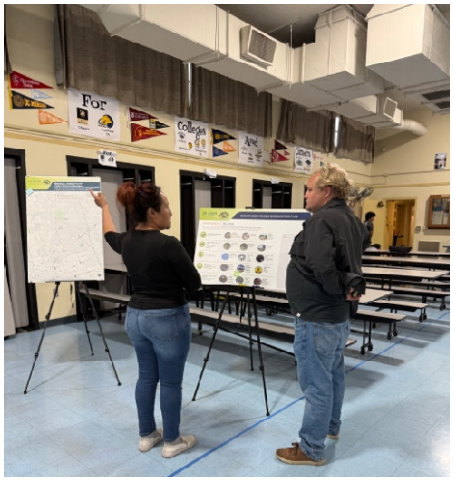
Guiding question: Where and how are you traveling outside of the August neighborhood?

Participant comments:

- Wilson Way flea market — car
- Cherokee — walking/car
- August Elementary — walk/car
- Dollar General — walking
- RRFB - Sunset & Waterloo

- Not getting off on Golden Gate due to safety
- RRFB - Sunset & Cherokee
- RRFB - Myran & Cherokee
- La Superior / car

Comment Cards



Comment Card 1: **Comment:** Everyone on Cherokee Road would like the county to do a restoration project to take out the center lane that was put in. (1) Remove the corner areas that protrude into the roadway. (2) Remove the concrete sidewalks. (3) Do something to remedy the terrible mailboxes they installed.

Comment Card 2: **Comment:** My family and I live at (redacted). I have an 11-year-old and a 3-year-old who will soon also attend August school. Unfortunately, due to the school's transportation policy, my 11-year-old does not qualify to ride the bus and must walk to school first. We don't even have a sidewalk in front of our house that would give me the peace of mind that she got to the main street, Waterloo Rd. Secondly, there is no safe way to cross Waterloo Rd w/ stopped traffic. I would like to push for all safety measures to be installed in the corner of Waterloo and Sunset Ave, and for sidewalks in front of our house.



Comment Card 3: **Comment:** Our child cannot take the bus because we live so close to August Elementary. This is a disaster as there is no safe way to cross Waterloo. We would appreciate a stoplight so kids can cross safely. Maybe even signs when existing roadways display their speed and flashing red lights. Other roadways, such as Waterloo Roadways and Main Ave., have recently been equipped with red light cameras. Removing the minimal distance requirement for a bus pickup would be fair and avoid creating an uncontrolled, dangerous crosswalk that our child doesn't have to cross.

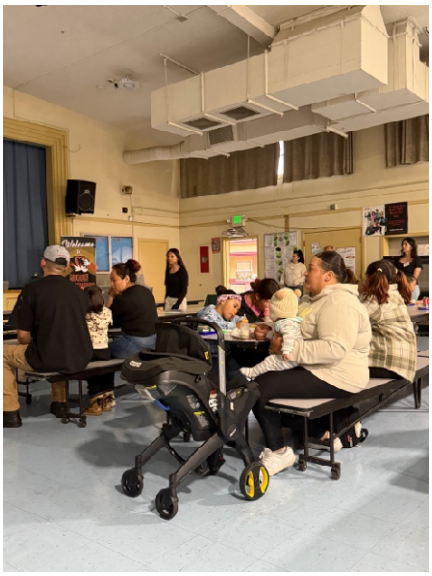
Comment Card 4: **Comment:** Cherokee Road needs a better stop for people to be able to walk safely. Waterloo needs to be safe for kids to walk to school. The gate from school needs to be safe for kids.

Comment Card 5: **Comment:** I think sidewalks.

Comment Card 6: **Comment:** I think sidewalks should be made safer. A kid got run over while crossing to school.

Family-Friendly and Inclusive Environment

The workshop was intentionally designed to be **family-friendly and accessible**, which contributed to strong participation:



- Hosted at a local elementary school familiar to families
- Bilingual presentation and materials
- Informal setting with food to encourage attendance
- Open house format allowing flexibility for participants

This approach helped ensure that a diverse cross-section of the August community could participate and share input.

Next Steps

Feedback collected at Workshop #1 will directly inform:

- Validation of existing conditions
- Identification of priority needs
- Development of conceptual improvement options

The project team will return to the community in future phases to:

- Confirm priorities
- Review draft concepts
- Refine recommendations before plan adoption