San Joaquin County Department of Public Works - August Sustainable Community Plan

August Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat & Community Resource Fair Pop-Up Summary

Introduction

As part of San Joaquin County Department of Public Works' community engagement effort for the August Sustainable Community Plan, the project team hosted a pop-up table at the Trunk-or-Treat & Community Resource Fair at August Elementary School, located at 2101 Sutro Ave, Stockton. The event was held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Trunk-or-Treat brought together students, families, and local community resource providers in a festive, familiar school setting. Project team members, dressed in traffic cone hats and safety vests, greeted families, handed out treats and stickers, distributed bilingual takeaway cards, and invited community members to share feedback through interactive display boards.

As the project team develops the Draft Plan, the event offered an important opportunity to return to the community, share where the Plan is in the process, and remind residents that their input continues to shape the improvements identified for August. Over 100 community members stopped by the table.

Project Overview

The August Sustainable Community Plan will establish a vision for improving access to safe and sustainable transportation options throughout the August neighborhood. Potential improvements may include new sidewalks, improved bus stops, safe routes to school, and other multimodal improvements.



Project team members engaging students and families at the August Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat

August is a well-established community that currently lacks safe options for walking, biking, and transit. As the community grows and more children walk to school, identifying and prioritizing safe routes to schools and parks can improve mobility, health, and educational outcomes. The Plan will pinpoint specific projects for funding and implementation to realize August residents' visions and goals.

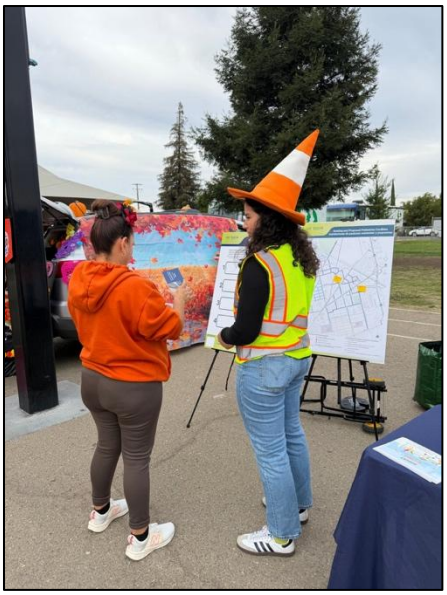
The project team is currently preparing the Draft Plan, which builds on what community members have shared throughout the planning process, including feedback from community workshops, pop-up events, and the project website. Continued engagement during this stage helps confirm that the Plan reflects the priorities of the people who live, work, and go to school in August.



Pop-Up Table Engagement

Community members who visited the August Sustainable Community Plan pop-up table were invited to learn about the Plan's current stage and share input through interactive engagement materials. The table included bilingual takeaway cards with a QR code linking to the project website, plus Halloween treats and stickers for children and families.

The table featured two bilingual (English and Spanish) display boards to collect feedback. A priority ranking board invited participants to rank the roadway improvements that matter most to them. A map of existing and proposed pedestrian facilities invited location-based comments using sticky notes.



Project team member sharing information on the August Sustainable Community Plan with a community member (top and bottom)

Display Boards

Below are the two display boards featured at the pop-up event for the August Sustainable Community Plan:

Board 1: What Matters Most to You?
This board asked community members which roadway improvements are most important to them or would have the greatest impact on their daily lives. Participants ranked their top priorities in the numbered spaces on the board.

Board 2: Existing and Proposed Pedestrian Facilities
This board displayed existing and proposed pedestrian facilities across the August community, including crosswalks, sidewalks, shared-use paths, planned improvements, parks, railroads, and Stockton city limits. Community members used sticky notes to share comments, concerns, and ideas about specific locations.

Community Feedback

Board 1 Feedback: Roadway Improvement Priority Ranking

Four community members took part in the ranking activity, each ranking their top 8 priorities, from most to least important.

Lighting was the most consistent priority, ranked #3 by all four participants. Improved pedestrian crossings, low stress bikeways, on-street parking, and bike racks each received one top-priority vote, so no single option emerged as the clear top choice. Improved pedestrian crossings, low stress bikeways, and wide sidewalks also appeared on all four boards.

Notably, no participant ranked lighting, wide sidewalks, public art, lower speed limits, improved bus stops, underground utilities, roundabouts, or benches as their single highest priority; however, wide sidewalks were ranked #2 by two participants and public art by one, suggesting these are still valued. These priorities echo what the team heard at Community Workshop #2, where lighting, improved pedestrian crossings, and wide sidewalks were the most common top choices.

Participant #	Rank 1 (Top choice)	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5	Rank 6	Rank 7	Rank 8 (Least important)
1	Improved pedestrian crossings	Wide sidewalks	Lighting	Low stress bikeways	Bike racks	Underground overhead utilities	Improved bus stops	Public art
2	Parking	Improved pedestrian crossings	Lighting	Low stress bikeways	Lower speed limit	Wide sidewalks	Bike racks	Underground overhead utilities
3	Low stress bikeways	Public art	Lighting	Improved pedestrian crossings	Improved bus stops	Roundabouts	Wide sidewalks	Parking
4	Bike racks	Wide sidewalks	Lighting	Parking	Lower speed limit	Low stress bikeways	Improved pedestrian crossings	Benches

Board 2 Feedback: Pedestrian Facilities Map Comments

Community members left three sticky note comments on the pedestrian facilities map, all about walking safety and pedestrian access:

- **Prioritize improvements around the school:** placed on the school site along N Sanguinetti Lane.
- **Sidewalks needed in the area:** placed on the neighborhood streets between E Robindale Avenue and E Stewart Street. An additional participant agreed with this comment.
- **Waterloo needs pedestrian improvements:** placed on Waterloo Road, near the Garden Acres and August Friendship Bridge Connection.



Existing and Proposed Pedestrian Facilities Map

Stakeholder Booth Outreach

In addition to hosting the pop-up table, project team members visited other community resource booths to introduce partner organizations to the current stage of the August Sustainable Community Plan. Team members shared that the Draft Plan is now in development, provided bilingual takeaway cards, and encouraged organizations to help spread the word to the families they serve.



Project team members sharing information on the August Sustainable Community Plan with a community stakeholder

The team met with representatives from Be Anything Museum, BIS 209 (Buenrostro Insurance Services), BMO, California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), the California State Assembly office, Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County, Choice Healthcare Services, the City of Stockton Office of Violence Prevention, Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin, Cool Dads of 209, El Concilio, Family Promise of San Joaquin County, Golden Valley Health Centers, Health Plan of San Joaquin, Míocar, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services, and The Table Community Foundation.

Next Steps

Feedback collected at the Trunk-or-Treat will be reviewed alongside input from previous engagement activities and considered as the project team develops the Draft Plan. Community voices remain central to the Plan, and the project team will continue to share updates and invite feedback as the Draft Plan moves forward. Community members can stay informed and share input through the project website at fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/august-sustainable-community-plan.



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