



Regular Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission

Shweta Maniar - Chair
Craig van Keulen - Vice Chair
Poonam Chabra - Commissioner
Julie Lucido - Commissioner
John Moniz - Commissioner
Harpreet Vittal - Commissioner
Saied Zargar - Commissioner

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
7:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of Morgan Hill Haunt Event Winners

Recommendation:

Acknowledge Event Winners.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. PS Director Report

Recommendation:

Receive report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. Accept October 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Accept October 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

2. Review draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Recommendation:

1. Review draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and
2. Recommend Approval of the Plan to the City Council.

3. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide Work Plan Updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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MORGAN HILL HAUNT





Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation invited the Morgan Hill community to participate in a spooky tradition! Our participants got frighteningly creative in order to earn Halloween Haunt bragging rights.



MORGAN HILL HAUNT 2025



Categories include:

- Most Creative
- Best Use of Effects
- Scariest Décor

6 City commissioners and YAC members served as judges.

25 homes participated in 2025.



MORGAN HILL HAUNT 2025



This year's program was sponsored by Morgan Hill Wine Trolley! As part of their effort, they hosted a family experience on their iconic cable car trolley the week leading into Halloween!

Proceeds from the tours will be donated to Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation.



MORGAN HILL HAUNT 2025



Most Creative:
15475 Calle Enrique



MORGAN HILL HAUNT 2025

Best Use of Effects:
17271 James Lex Lane



MORGAN HILL HAUNT 2025



Scariest Décor:
360 Calle Cerro



Holiday Lights Morgan Hill



Registration is open at www.morganhill.ca.gov/holiday
Deadline is December 9, 2025

Judging takes place December 12-15, 2025

Categories include:

- Most Creative
- Best Use of Effects
- Merry and Bright

Questions? Contact us at recreation@morganhill.ca.gov.

Parks & Recreation Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- Progress on the new Butterfield Park is moving forward, with an expected completion date in April 2025. USA BMX is preparing to submit for their grading permit to begin construction on the BMX site adjacent to the Park.
- There are currently 34 homes participating in the Holiday Lights decorating contest.
- The trial dog park continues without significant issues and an item will be returning to the Commission for review early next year.
- The Youth Action Council successfully hosted the YAC 25-year reunion, with many past YAC members attending.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

December 2025

Every Monday, December 1st:

- [Competitive Basketball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, December 2nd – December 30th:

- [Bingo at the Community & Cultural Center](#)
 - Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM; Early Bird at 5:45 PM; Regular Games at 6:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, December 3rd – December 31st:

- [Adaptive Hang-Out Wednesdays](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, December 3rd - 17th:

- [Co-ed Competitive Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

- Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, December 4th – December 11th:

- [Co-ed Recreational Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month, December 5th & 19th:

- [Senior Center Karaoke in Multipurpose Room](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Senior Center Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th – 7th:

- [San Jose Rush Soccer Tournament](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center
(16500 Condit Rd, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, December 7th:

- [Intro to Pickleball for Adults](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community Park, Outdoor Pickleball Courts
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Pickleball 201](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM or 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community Park, Outdoor Pickleball Courts
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Monday, December 8th:

- [Pickleball: Beginner/Intermediate Class for Adults](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center Gym
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Tuesday, December 9th:

- [Adaptive Adult Hangout \(14+\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, December 13th:

- [Morgan Hill Clean Up: Cochrane/101](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00AM
 - Where: Meet in parking lot next to Hobby Lobby by Cochrane.

Saturday, December 13th:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, December 13th:

- [Magical Holiday at the Magical Bridge Playground](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Playground
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Tuesday, December 16th:

- [Adaptive Holiday Cheer](#)
 - Ages 12 and older
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, December 20th:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Day in December:

- [Senior Center Activities](#)
 - Senior Center Monthly Newsletter lists out every activity, date/time, and room.
 - Time: Varies (Senior Center is open 9AM-3PM)
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Senior Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

January 2026

Every Tuesday, January 6th – January 27th:

- [Bingo at the Community & Cultural Center](#)
 - Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM; Early Bird at 5:45 PM; Regular Games at 6:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, January 7th – January 28th:

- [Adaptive Hang-Out Wednesdays](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, January 10th:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Tuesday, January 13th & 27th:

- [Adaptive Adult Hangout \(14+\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
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(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Friday January 16th:

- [Senior Center Karaoke in Multipurpose Room](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Senior Center Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, January 25th – March 8th:

- [Pickleball 101](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community Park, Outdoor Pickleball Courts
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Pickleball 201](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM or 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community Park, Outdoor Pickleball Courts
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Monday, January 26th – March 9th:

- [Pickleball: Beginner/Intermediate Class for Adults](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center Gym
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Monday, January 26th:

- [Adult Basketball Combo League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Wednesday, January 28th:

- [Co-ed Competitive Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
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Thursday, January 29th:

- [Co-ed Recreational Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, January 31st:

- [Morgan Hill Clean Up: Butterfield Parking/ Parking Lots/ Train Station](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00AM
 - Where: Meet at Courthouse Parking Lot Closest to Caltrain.

Every Day in January:

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MEETING MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Tuesday, October 21, 2025
7:00 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

7:01pm

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Commissioners Lucido and Vittal absent.

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None

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Public Services Director Report

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion van Keulen, Second Chabra, Adopted 5-0

BUSINESS

1. Accept September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Accept September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Motion van Keulen, Second Chabra, Accepted 5-0

2. Volunteer Program Update

Recommendation:

Receive update.

Update provided by Recreation Coordinator, Ashleigh Bittle, and Senior Center Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator.

3. Monterey Corridor Safety and Rehabilitation Project Update

Recommendation:

Receive project update.

Update provided by Associate Engineer, Kristian Wallace.
Public Comment by Doug Muirhead.

4. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Recieve Work Plan Updates.

Work Plan Updates by Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

none

ADJOURNMENT

7:51pm

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 16, 2025

PREPARED BY:

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director

APPROVED BY: Chris Ghione

REVIEW DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Review draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and
2. Recommend Approval of the Plan to the City Council.

REPORT NARRATIVE:

The City of Morgan Hill's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which is a December 2025 Draft document, establishes the strategic roadmap toward eliminating fatal and severe traffic crashes, strengthening the City's Vision Zero commitment to non-negotiable safety by 2040. It builds off of the recently approved Transportation Master Plan and is specifically focused on safety of the City's roadways for all roadway users. The plan is grounded in the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program and utilizes a data-driven Safe System Approach to identify and prioritize systemic safety improvements and targeted investments. A central component of the CSAP is a renewed focus on Safe Routes to School (SRTS), which includes a comprehensive set of program and infrastructure recommendations to improve safety outcomes for vulnerable road users, such as children, older adults, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The draft plan is available online here:

<https://www.morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/56087/Morgan-Hill-Comprehensive-Safety-Action-Plan-v8-20251203-1>

The Commission's review is an essential step in the finalization of the CSAP, with the Commission serving an advisory role related to bicycles and pedestrian uses to the City Council. The plan acknowledges that creating safe spaces for those walking and biking is a high priority, building upon the goals established in the Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Nearly every school within the city is located along or near a street on the designated Safety Needs Network. We request the Commission provide feedback on the complete draft, with specific attention to the recommended Traffic Calming Toolkit and the SRTS projects, ensuring that these recommendations are aligned with and supportive of public access to City parks, open spaces, and trail

networks.

Following this review, staff will consolidate and incorporate feedback from the Commission, the Advisory Committee, and other City input to produce the final draft of the CSAP. The immediate next step is to publish the adoption draft in City Council materials for a tentative adoption hearing in January 2026. Once adopted, the City will translate the plan into action by updating everyday practices, collaborating with partners, and pursuing critical grant funding to implement the priority projects and launch a safety education campaign.



Morgan Hill

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

December 17, 2025 | 7:00-9:00 PM





Agenda

I
Welcome

II
Project Updates

III
Safety Analysis Findings

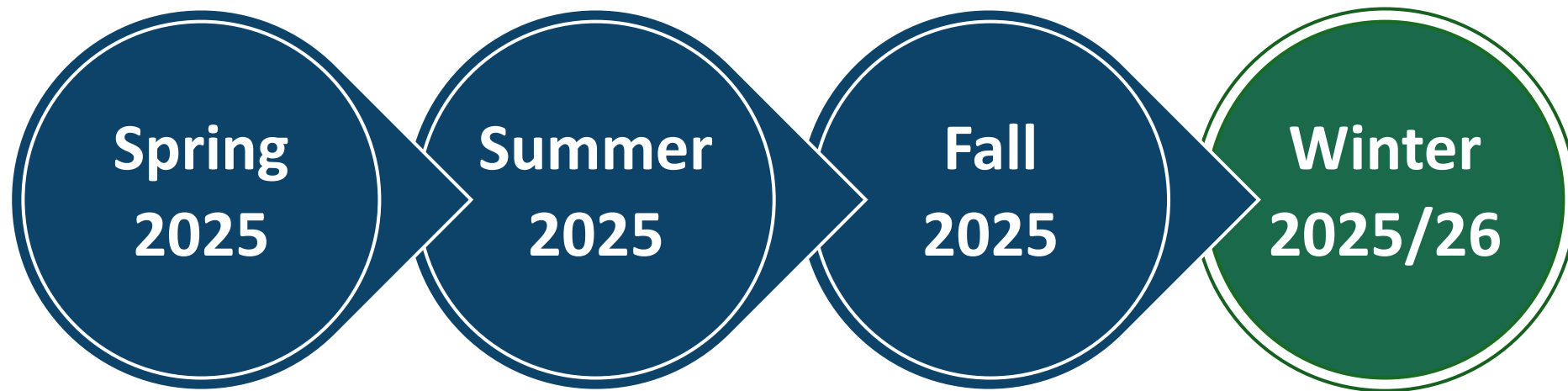
IV
Plan Recommendations

V
Discussion

VI
Next Steps



Project Overview: Timeline



- Engagement
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) needs assessment
- Advisory Committee #1

- Traffic calming toolkit
- SRTS project recommendations
- Advisory Committee #2

- Citywide safety analysis
- Priority safety recommendations
- Draft plan development

- Advisory Committee #3
- Parks & Recreation Commission review
- Finalize and adopt CSAP

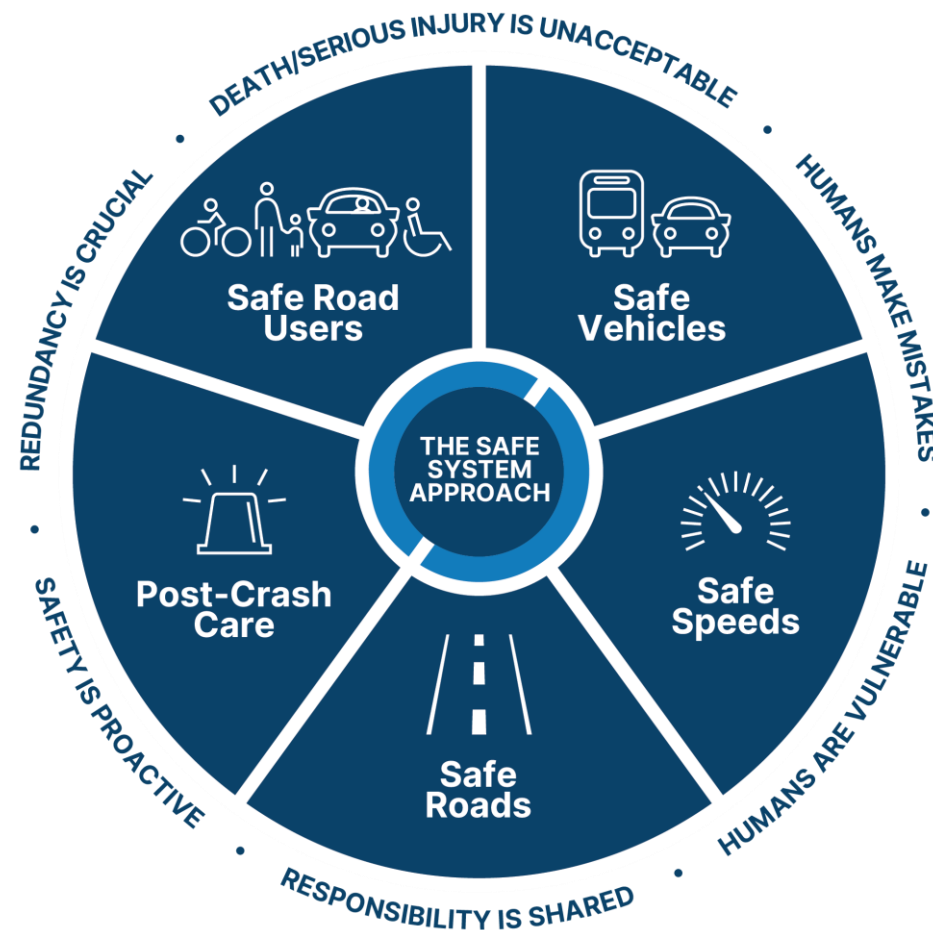


Safety Analysis Findings



Overview of the Safe Systems Approach

- Deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable
- Humans make mistakes
- Humans are vulnerable
- Responsibility is shared
- Safety is proactive
- Redundancy is crucial



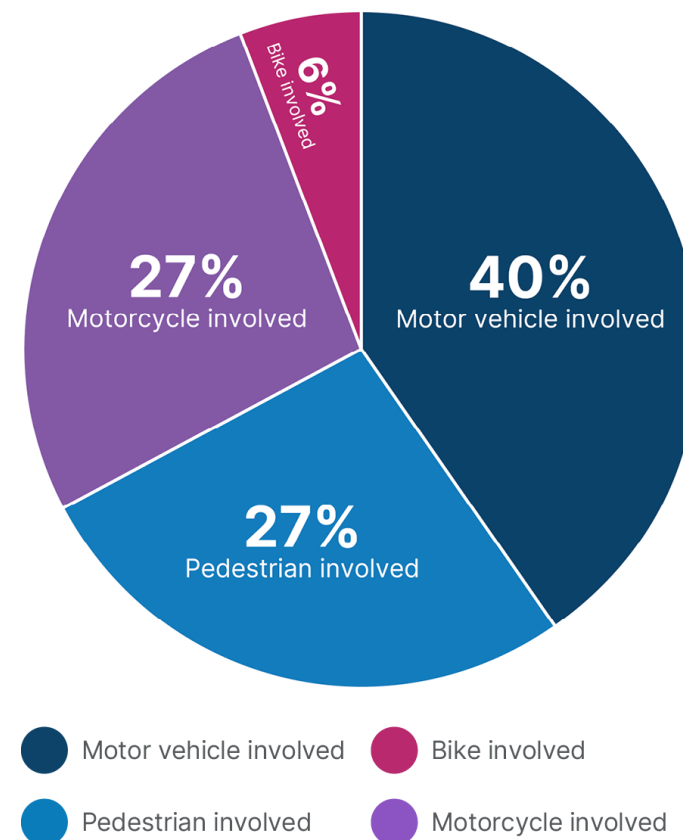


Crashes by the Numbers, 2018-2022

- Total crashes: **608**
- Fatal & severe injury (FSI) crashes: **52 (9%)**
- People killed in crashes: **10**
- People severely injured in crashes: **48**

Key Takeaway

Nearly two-thirds of all FSI injury crashes involve a pedestrian, bicyclist or motorcyclist. Road users who do not travel inside the protection of a vehicle are more vulnerable when crashes occur.



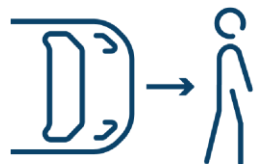


Where & How Do FSI Crashes Happen?

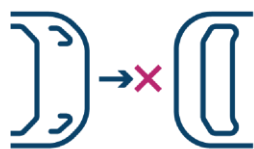
At non-intersection locations:



32%
vehicle-pedestrian



24%
rear-end

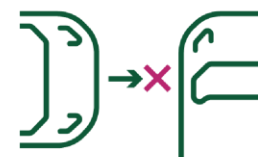


18% hit object
8% broadside
8% head-on
8% overturned
3% sideswipe

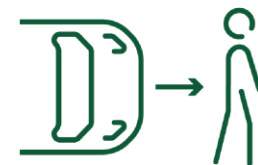
At intersections:



46%
broadside



23%
vehicle-pedestrian



15% sideswipe
8% hit object
8% other

Key Takeaway



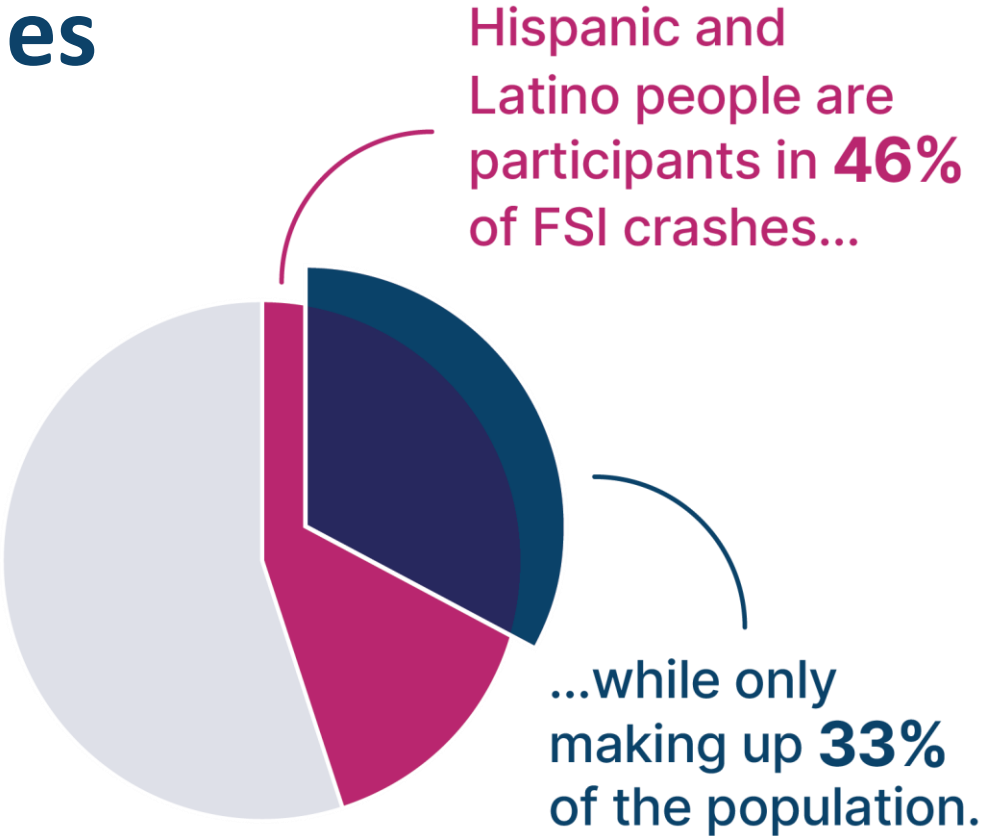
Over 70% of all FSI crashes occurred at midblock locations. Nearly 30% of FSI crashes involve vehicles striking pedestrians while they are crossing the street.



Key Findings from FSI Crashes



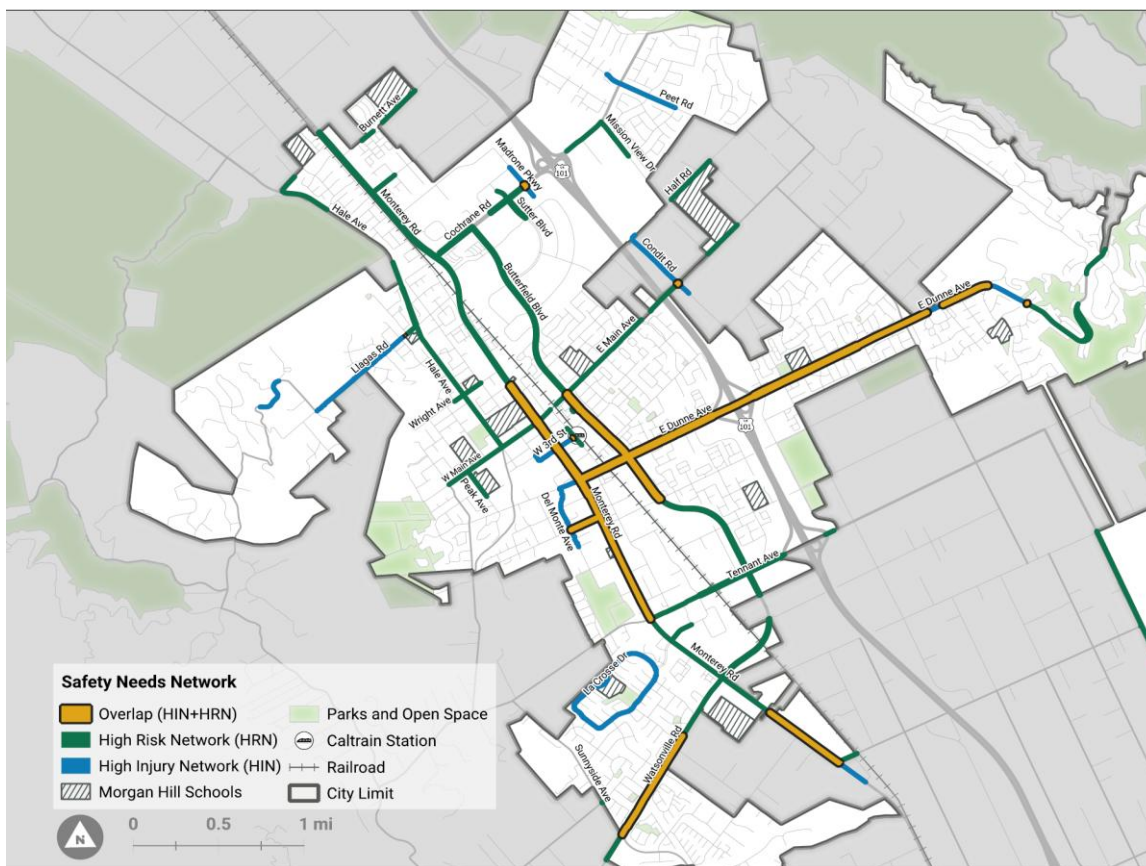
- 13** FSI crashes involving alcohol
25% of all FSIs
- 17** Victims of FSI crashes involving alcohol
29% of all people killed or severely injured in crashes
- 7** Pedestrians harmed in alcohol-involved FSI crashes
47% of all pedestrian FSI victims



- Most crash victims are between 18 and 64 and traveling by vehicle ...
- But most youth and older adult crash victims were walking or bicycling



Mapping the Safety Needs Network



High Injury Network: where frequent & severe crashes have happened in the past

High Risk Network: all locations that have the characteristics associated with frequent & severe crashes

Key Takeaway

57% of crashes (weighted by severity) occurred on Morgan Hill's High Risk Network—even though it makes up only 17% of the city's streets.

Key Takeaway

The segments of the High Injury Network with the most frequent and severe crashes include:

- Butterfield Boulevard between East Main Avenue and San Pedro Avenue
- Monterey Road between El Toro Avenue and East/West Dunne Avenue
- Monterey Road between John Wilson Way and Crowner Avenue



Citywide Recommendations



Priority Safety Recommendations: Policies and Actions

Policy Updates

- Pavement Rehabilitation
- Complete Streets
- Access Management

Operational Strategies

- Speed Feedback Signs
- Crossing Enhancement Toolkit

Guidance Updates

- Street Design
- Construction Detours & Temporary Routes
- City Fleet Purchasing & Retrofits

Behavioral Safety Strategies

- All-Ages Street Safety Campaign
- Enhanced Communications



Priority Corridor Safety Projects



- Butterfield/Watsonville
- Dunne
- Main
- Monterey

Systemic Safety Projects

Countermeasure	Example	Safety Benefits
Hardened centerlines at intersections		• Reduces left-turning crashes • Reduces turning vehicles striking pedestrians
Retroreflective borders on signals		• Improve driver recognition of signals, especially in low light • Reduce angle and red-light-running crashes
Curb extensions at intersections		• Shortens pedestrian crossing distances • Increases visibility • Reduces vehicle turning speeds



Citywide Traffic Calming Toolkit

Ten traffic calming measures

- Overview
- Safety benefits
- Applicability
- Implementation considerations
- Crash reduction expected
- Cost
- Lifespan
- References

Speed Feedback Signs



FIGURE 52 Pole-mounted Radar-Speed Sign
(Source: Tim Magee)

Overview

A speed feedback sign is a speed limit sign with an electronic component that measures approaching vehicle speeds and displays feedback to drivers in real time. Detected speeds of approaching vehicles flash on the sign's screen when a driver is going faster than the speed limit.

Safety Benefits

This treatment increases driver awareness of the speed limit and their own traveling speed. Analysis of speed feedback signs have shown that they are effective at reducing speed at installation locations for different vehicle types across a variety of roadway contexts.

Applicability

Street types: Boulevard, Community Corridor, Main Street, Neighborhood Street, Rural Street

Location: Speed feedback signs should be placed where speeding issues have been identified.

General considerations for implementation

- Feedback signs can be permanent or portable

Expected Crash Reduction

7% reduction in all crashes when implemented at high-crash curve sites | CMF ID 6886

Cost

Design/Construction	\$\$
Maintenance	\$

Expected Lifespan

5-10 years

References

[Dynamic Speed Display/Feedback Signs | NHTSA](#)

[Proven Safety Countermeasures | FHWA](#)

[Countermeasures That Work | NHTSA](#)

[Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System](#)

Questions?
Feedback?



Safe Routes to Schools Recommendations



Safe Routes to School Programs & Actions

Some can be led by city staff.

Some are best led by the district or individual schools.

All will need **school support and participation** to be deployed at a particular campus.



Driver Behavior: High vehicle speeds and unsafe maneuvers in school zones



Safety Knowledge: Knowing how and where to safely walk and roll



Community Culture: Awareness of school travel options and SRTS efforts



Built Environment: Supporting safe street infrastructure



School Site Recommendations

- Eleven public K-12 schools included
- In-person engagement and online interactive surveys gathered community perspectives
- Site assessment and walk audits allowed team to observe school site, surrounding streets, and arrival/dismissal behavior
- High-impact safety interventions recommended for each school, with a focus on slowing speeds and protecting young people walking and bicycling



Questions?
Feedback?



Next Steps

December 2025

- Your feedback requested by 12/24
- City staff will contact schools to offer individual meetings
- Revise CSAP based on City, advisory committee, and P&RC feedback
- 2025 SS4A grant awards announced

January 2026

- Publish adoption draft of CSAP in City Council materials
- City Council adoption hearing, January 28 (tentative)

February 2026

- Safety education campaign launch event (TBD)

March 2026 and onward

- Prepare for 2026 SS4A funding and other grant opportunities
- Develop next capital budget for Morgan Hill

From: [D. Muirhead](#)
To: [Chris Ghione](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commission Dec 16 #2 Safety Action Plan
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 9:21:08 AM

Hello Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commission,
Some thoughts for your December 16 2025 meeting
#2 Morgan Hill Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Morgan Hill Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
December 2025 Draft

Executive Summary: I am supportive but skeptical.
Is this not a "significant" document, which then
would be given a minimum of 10 days for review
(or does that only apply to City Council)?

The Safety Plan Introduction notes that in 2016, Morgan Hill
joined the League of California Cities and resolved to eliminate
traffic deaths. The City adopted the Vision Zero Policy in 2018.

The Plan claims that "Well-crafted policies establish clear
expectations, allocate resources, and embed safety into everyday
decision-making".

The current mantra is "Traffic deaths and serious injuries are
preventable" supported by the six principles of the Safe System
Approach. The Plan claims that "The City of Morgan Hill and
its residents are committed to reaching zero deaths and eliminating
serious injuries on our streets by 2040".

Given that City allocation of resources are a grant-funded random
walk and a significant portion of our residents rejected active
transportation improvements in Downtown with November 2022 Measure,
I am skeptical that resident support and City resources exist to
accomplish the 2040 goal.

In the decade since 2016, the City has never provided status updates
on the 30+ Action Goals for Vision Zero. Anecdotally, it appears
that only a few of those Action Goals In Engineering and Enforcement
have received attention.

Nor has the City provided status updates on the Bikeways, Trails,
Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2017) projects and corresponding
staff development. Under Priority Corridor Safety Projects, the Plan
claims that "Morgan Hill intends to research peer city experiences,
test new designs and materials while collecting before-and-after
data, and work with the community".

While City Council Staff Reports often list the above planning documents

under Guiding Documents, they never identify specific items in those documents relevant to the Agenda Item content.

As Plan Next Steps, "Evaluation and regular reporting are necessary to track progress toward the City's Vision Zero commitment to end traffic deaths and serious injuries. Morgan Hill city staff will conduct an annual review of the latest fatality and serious injury data, along with any other relevant or emerging safety trends".

Now we have the Transportation Master Plan (2024) and selected enhancements in the Safety Action Plan (2025), focusing primarily on Safe Routes to Schools.

As Plan Next Steps, "In early 2026, the City intends to launch an ongoing all ages safety campaign to engage residents, schools, and community partners in building and sustaining a citywide culture of care and shared responsibility".

The Plan notes that "the High Injury Network ... does not predict where future crashes might occur. ... The project team identified unique combinations of street characteristics (crashes that did not result in injuries were set aside.) ... Each combination represents a "tier" of locations associated with a different level of future crash risk."

The most important need would be local control over lowering speed limits as opposed to current 85% rule.

Missing from the plan are

- 1) any mechanism to report near-misses
- 2) pedestrian crossing count-down timers
- 3) pedestrian crossing signals based on detection
- 4) video detection of pedestrians and bicyclists
- 5) assessment of effectiveness of projects
- 6) network-connected signalized intersections

I personally like Speed Feedback Signs and Walk Audits. And the County Library repeatedly offer free bike repairs and recently partnered with Public Health to offer helmet fitting give-aways.

I am seeing drivers ignore red HAWK and yellow flashing RRFB.

Are "retroreflective borders" on the signal heads? I have seen them help when back-lit by rising and setting sun.

Upgrade signalized intersections to include retroreflective borders using MUTCD-compliant reflective sheeting

Under Safe Routes To School, Site-specific additional measures,

Stop sign warrant studies: what is a warrant study?

Enhanced Communications needs to be both current and written for a non-engineering audience. The City claims that updates on work underway appear in The Scoop. The Scoop contains lots of obsolete historical information and inaccurate status.

Recent examples were the Madrone Channel repaving overruns and the Flood Control trail and road/bridge closure overruns and changes. I suggested an Index ordered by most recent update and removal of old historical content that does not provide planning information for our residents.

Prior to Covid, when I regularly attended VTA BPAC and monthly Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar meetings, I passed on information on Guidance (see Priority Corridor Safety Projects above)

- Update street design guidance: APBP Aging in Place: Designing Communities to Support Mobility November 2019
- Revise guidance on construction detours and temporary routes: for people walking, bicycling, and using mobility devices. Oakland DOT pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus facilities in construction zones January 2017
- Establish fleet purchasing standards and retrofit guidance: larger front and side windows (European "bug eyes") on City trucks and fire engines

I look forward to yearly check-ins with the Park/Rec Commission and with our residents. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill

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Parks & Recreation Commission

FY 2025-26 Work Plan – Approved by City Council 8.20.25

Project	City Council Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)
1. Motivate the next generation to get more active in Parks and Recreation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Manager (Minimal)	1. Review program opportunities for new youth programming. (Maniar/Vittal/Chabra) 2. Work with City staff to review opportunities to more formally include youth (YAC and other youth) in park planning. (Vittal/Lucido)
2. Support bicycle and trails development efforts	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal)	Work to coordinate with community members on bicycle and trails issues with volunteer Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Group. (Zargar)
3. Support the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge ongoing operations	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Supervisor and Coordinator (Moderate)	Support and enhance the ongoing volunteer and ambassador efforts at the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground, including a youth volunteer program. (Vittal/Maniar/Chabra)
4. Support City in grant opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Moderate) Mngt Analyst (Moderate)	Support City staff in identifying and evaluating grant opportunities and associated projects. (Maniar/Zargar/Chabra)
5. Increase volunteer Adopt a Park Program participation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal)	Support efforts to identify volunteers for tree establishment watering. (Zargar/Moniz)

Project	City Council Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)
6. Support City park planning efforts	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Significant)	1. Commence Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. (All) 2. Evaluate future opportunities for parkland acquisition and development. (van Keulen) 3. Research opportunities for the creation of additional dog parks in existing or new park spaces. (Moniz) 4. Review options for the future of the Community Park Pond. (All) 5. Review and provide recommendations to the City Council on adding restrooms to existing parks, including Diana, Nordstrom and Paradise. (van Keulen/Moniz)
7. Support the Annual Open Streets Event	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Moderate)	Support the planning and implementation of the annual Open Streets Event in coordination with health and wellness community resource fair. (Moniz/Vittal/Chabra/Lucido)
8. Explore Park and Outdoor Recreation Activation Opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal) Recreation Manager (Minimal) Recreation Coordinator (Moderate)	1. Explore the opportunity to develop and implement an "Art in the Park" event, program or improvement. (Moniz/Chabra) 2. Review the opportunity to implement free fitness opportunities in parks in partnership with local fitness advocates. (Zargar) 3. Review the potential to organize social events with DJs and encourage families to picnic at the park for a chance for communal gatherings with sports and activities. (Zargar/Chabra) 4. Review opportunity to implement outdoor education workshop sessions for seniors. (Chabra)
9. Support Community Organizations related to Parks and Recreation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal)	Identify and implement recognition opportunities for non-profit organizations. (Vittal/Chabra)

Staff Resources Required: **0-50 hours = Minimal** **51-100 hours = Moderate** **100+ hours = Significant**