

# APPENDIX E



## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS & MEETINGS

### SUMMARY

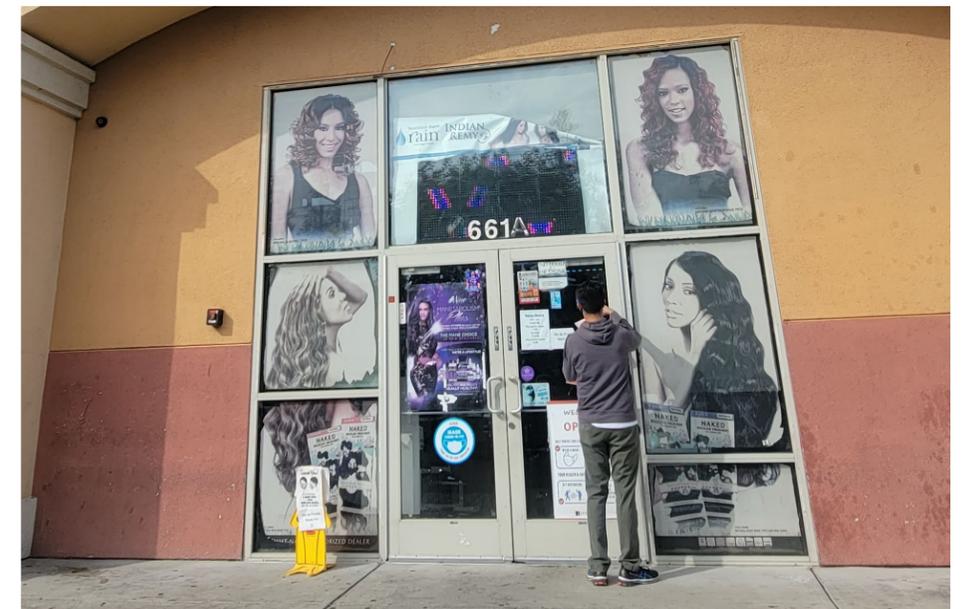
AUG, 2021 TO NOV, 2021

## Community Meetings:

- Schools and School District, Aug 11
- Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association, Aug 12
- South Natomas United, Sep 13
- Youth Workshop, Oct 6
- Virtual Community Workshop, Oct 27

## Community Events:

- Screen on the Green at Gardenland Park - Sep 18
- Youth Soccer Clinic at Ninos Park - Sep 30
- Business Walk, Oct 9
- Tabling at the South Natomas Library, Oct 9
- Dia de los Muerto Festival, Oct 9
- Vaccine Clinic at Stanford Settlement - Nov 4



# COMMUNITY EVENTS - SUMMARY

The project team attended community events to listen to the community, learn from their experiences, and distribute surveys to collect their ideas. In addition to the handwritten surveys, which are included in the survey summary, some feedback that we received included the following:

- Mostly **drive to destinations** along Northgate, even those who are comfortable walking on residential streets near their homes (to parks specifically).
- Concerns about **vehicles speeding**.
- Concerns about **children crossing the street**, even at existing signals because motorists make **free right turns**, and **don't watch for pedestrians**.



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- A group of high school students reported that they would like to **bike more**, but don't currently bike on Northgate, just around their neighborhood on one side of Northgate. With a **bike lane and better crossings**, they could bike to additional destinations.
- Concerns about motorists using the **center left turn lane for passing**.
- Desire for a **crosswalk near Wilson**, for people living on west side of Northgate to access businesses on east side.
- Driving on Northgate, a motorist reported that it is **hard to see the bike lane** and people riding in the bike lane.
- Concerns about the **quality and connectivity of Ninos Parkway**.
- **Challenging to travel** between Ueda Parkway and Ninos Parkway.



# YOUTH WORKSHOP - SUMMARY

The project team hosted a **youth listening session** at Stanford Settlement during the after school program. Approximately **12 middle and high school students** attended and shared their experiences on Northgate Blvd. and their vision for the neighborhood in the future. Some comments included:

- Most are driven and would like to drive or be driven to get around because there is a **stigma around walking, biking, and taking transit.**
- Walking is **boring.**
- **Pride** in their neighborhood, don't see the need for change. Showed interest in making **Gardenland Park cleaner** (needles) and having more activities and **areas to congregate** for youth (Jamba Juice, mini-golf, etc.).



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- Many **don't travel** outside the area on most days.
- Desire for a **crosswalk from Wilson (east side of Northgate) to Smythe Elementary School.**
- Have seen/experienced **crashes** traveling from Cleveland (east side of Northgate) to turn left, south on Northgate (to access the 99 Cent Store).
- Have experienced a **collision** turning from Northgate onto Wilson (directions unknown).
- Desire a **comfortable route to walk** from Smythe to Gardenland Park.
- Some students showed interest in **riding a bike or electric scooter** on Northgate with **better bike lanes**, current bike lanes make cars seem too close and fast.
- Desire for **more lighting**, "scary" walking at night (personal safety).
- Concerned about the **frequent crashes** in front of Smythe.
- Desire for a **crosswalk at Wisconsin/Sotano** (note: new signal will be installed in 2022).

# BUSINESS OWNER AND EMPLOYEE SUMMARY

The project team walked the Boulevard on two occasions to engage with business owners and employees and distribute flyers. Most were welcoming and expressed interest in staying involved in the project. Some comments included:

- Believe that the Northgate Blvd area has recently seen **many new residents** move to the area recently.
- Concerned about **safety and speeding** on Northgate.
- Many do not cross the street on foot, instead they drive across the street if needed.
- Many have witnessed **several collisions** on Northgate Blvd, especially involving turning vehicle at signals and mid-block.
- Some expressed support installing narrower lanes on Northgate Blvd, improving the bicycle lane infrastructure, and increasing the number of street lights, signals, and crosswalks.

