



# SAN RAMON WALKING DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

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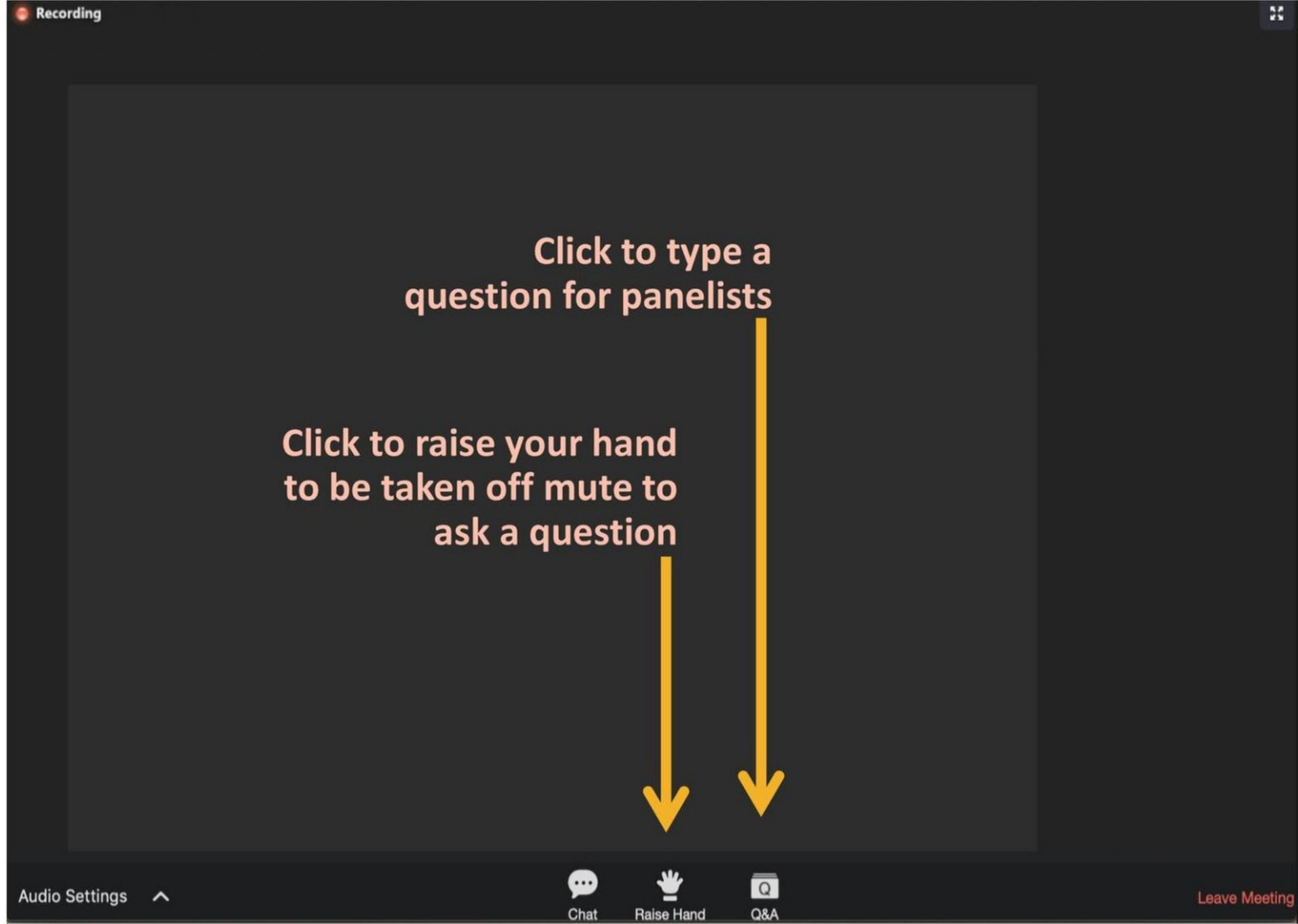


# OVERVIEW

- **Introductions and How to Participate**
- **Project Background and Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Principles of Walkability**
- **Project Conditions and Opportunities**
- **Interactive Survey Questions**
- **Question & Answer**



# HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT IN ZOOM



# GUIDELINES & ETIQUETTE

- Share your ideas on what you see as opportunities and needs for the Walking District
- All ideas and points treat each other with respect – everyone brings unique backgrounds, expertise, and insight to the conversation and all ideas and points of view have value
- Avoid inappropriate language – explain what you need for your interests to be met and for the plan to be a success
- Have fun and participate throughout the presentation during polling questions and through Q&A



# HERE WITH YOU TODAY



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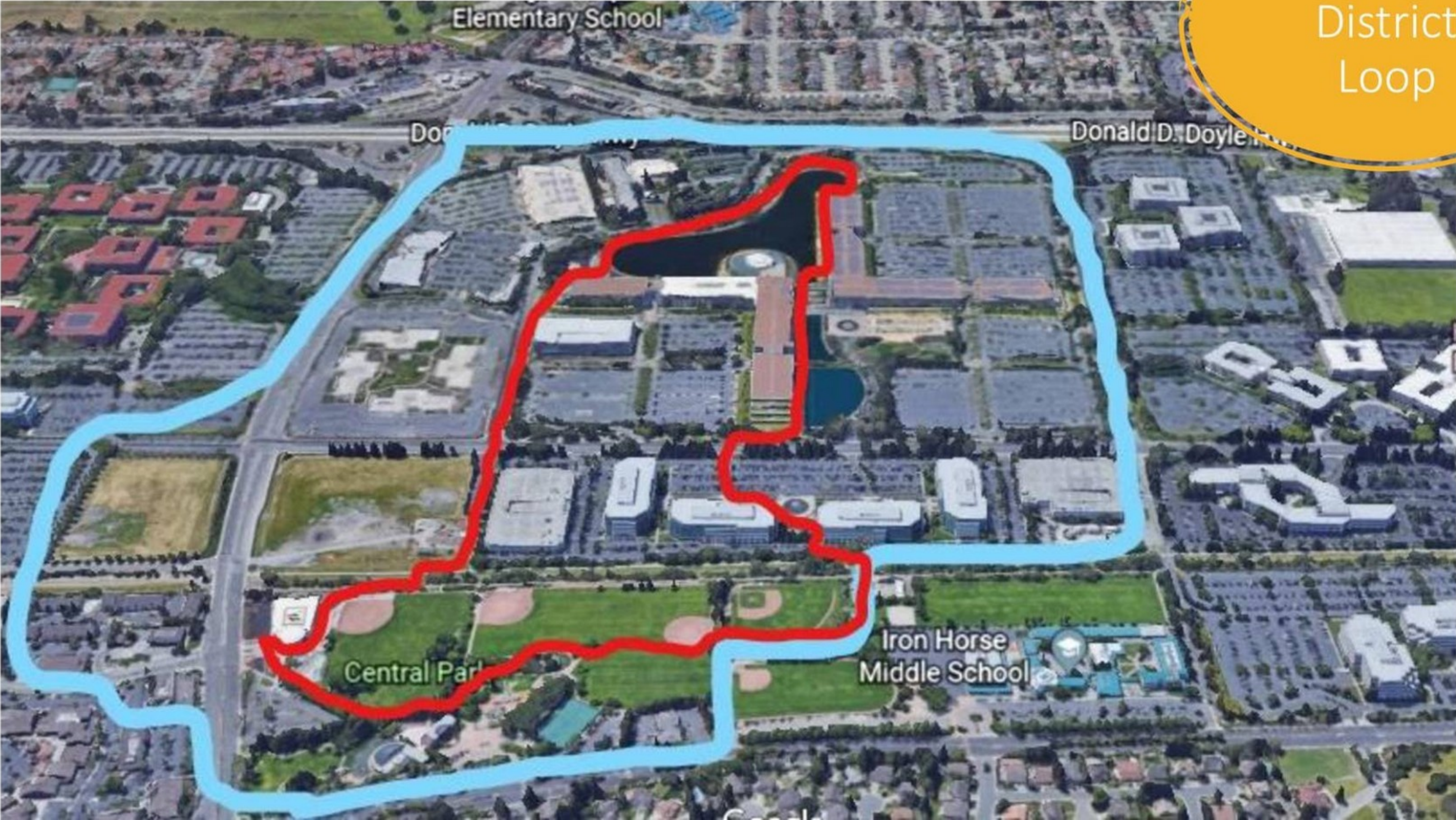
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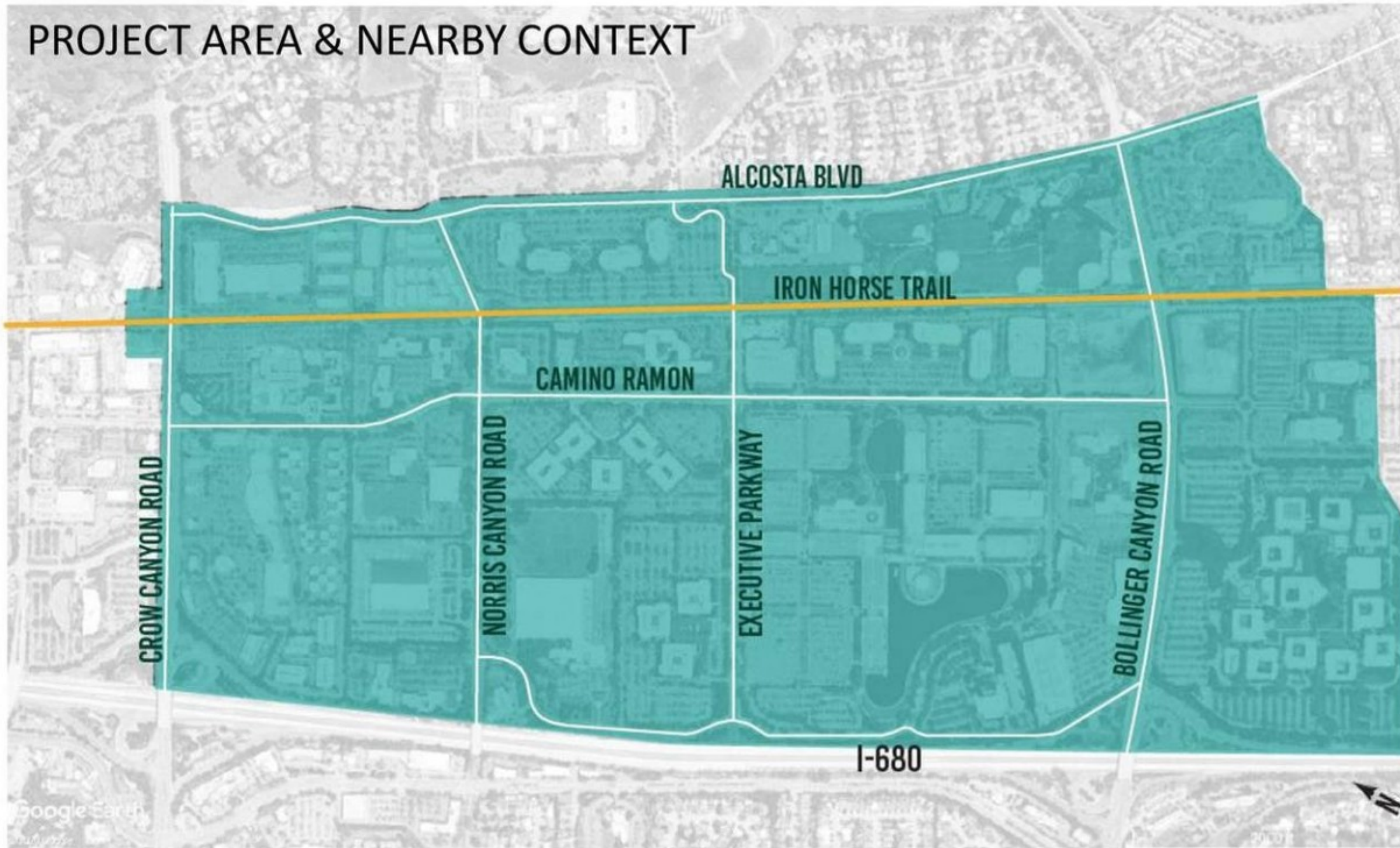
# GRASSROOTS EFFORT

The Walking District Loop



# WHAT IS THE WALKING DISTRICT MASTER

## PROJECT AREA & NEARBY CONTEXT



## WALKING DISTRICT GOALS

- Create a comfortable place for people to walk and bike
- Identify walking and biking loops and routes
- Connect to civic, recreation, and commercial destinations
- Enhance wayfinding
- Provide a long-term vision for pedestrian-oriented access and connectivity



# SURVEY QUESTION

When you think of a walking district what comes to mind?



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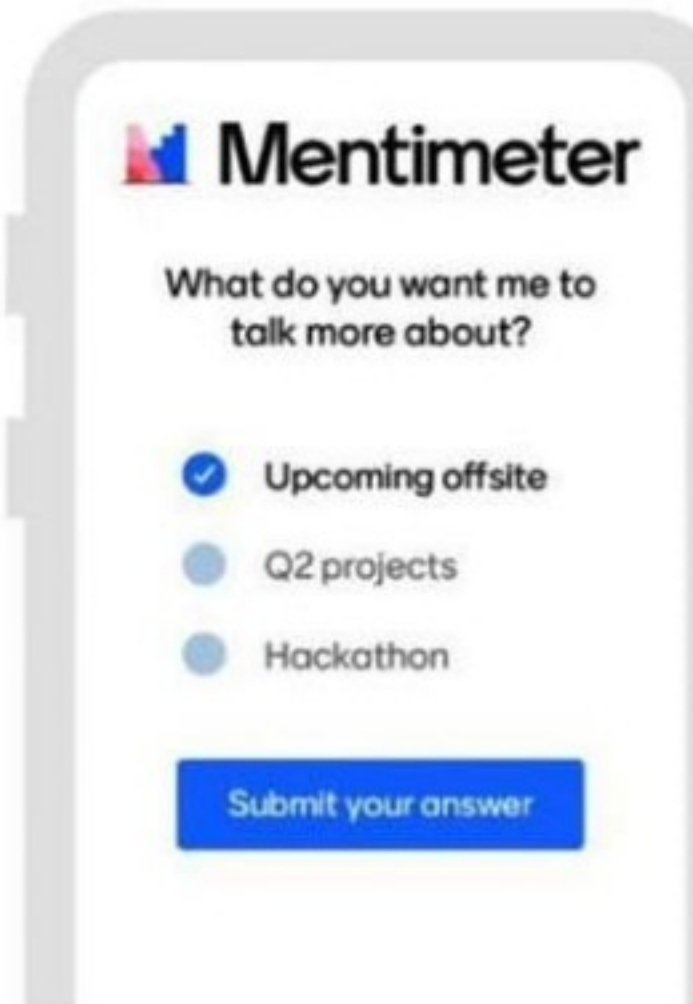
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# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Town square park

An interesting place to spend time

Exercise, social interaction, dogs

Easy way to get some exercise.

relaxing stroll

Accessible

Community

Calm, Beauty, Exercise,

Social

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Art

Safe

Restaurants

Shops, restaurants

Gardens

Stroll past sidewalk shops and bistros

reach services & recreation on foot

Shopping

Iron horse Trail. Improving Shade and more benches. Walking district near City Center.

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Education

walking loops

Teens able to have a place to be

A place to bring visitors to asan Ramon

Safe walking in pleasant surroundings

An interesting place to spend time

Strolling around Small businesses and restaurants

bike free

Connection to Community

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Historical markers

Social aspect, interesting art

No cars

Community. Friendliness. Social. Get easily from one place to another without needing to drive or find new parking. Sculptures, greenery and benches.

Feeling like you are connected

small venues for pop-up art and music installations

Pride in community

Sailing a boat!!!!

Connection to people and places

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Some shade

Benches

Focal Points within Nodes  
Benches  
Special pavers/floors

Cobblestones

Gardens, Flowers, Trees

a carbon-free community that places residents' health and the environment first

beautiful landscaping, tree canopies on pathways

intersect with people

I look at nice walking areas that include many trees, surrounded by water, areas to sit and stare at the San Ramon creek, bird etc. Plant 10,000 trees

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Mature plants

photogenic

Sun dials, other interesting amenities

tree lighting around the lake

Sit and watch

wifi

Picturesque

Sunny and shady areas to sit

Inviting nature back into our city

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Pearl Street - Boulder, Colorado  
Views of Mount Diablo to be included

Cross generational oppor

City center, Lake, Central park, Farmers market, A quite place

Memories

paved on-off ramps from iron horse trail

Lake Annabel, Fountain at BR 3, City Center, Central Park

Car free shopping area like in europe

Live music on the weekends for pleasant sound

Quite place



# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Seating

City Hall

Local Art

Adding interesting learning "kiosks"  
highlighting historical figures in SR history.  
Perhaps sculptures by local artists.

Library

Town Square

Redwood grove at BR3

Shade

Community

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Town Square

Diversity

Fun

Good Exercise

Place to see

City Nexus

Inviting, Inclusive

Lake

Other- Hills in San Ramon

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

Cut through Central Park to City Center

City Center

Friends

Beauty

Company I am with

Formal pathway

Easy to Navigate

No vehicles

Busy, main streets

# When you think of a walking district, what comes to mind?

unsafe

too remote, not close to activities

Unites the city

Proper branding

inclusive to all residents of SR

New downtown

Formal Downtown

Walkable Center of SR

# PROCESS & SCHEDULE



OPPORTUNITIES & DATA COLLECTION

DRAFT ALTERNATIVES

REFINE & DOCUMENT

*JANUARY - MID MARCH*

*MID MARCH - MID MAY*

*MID MAY - JULY*



# OUR PROCESS FOR GAINING INPUT

## Stakeholder Interviews

- Project kick-off and coordination with:
  - Technical Stakeholders:
    - City engineering, transportation, & traffic
    - Contra Costa County
    - East Bay Regional Parks District (IHT)
  - Community Stakeholders
    - Members of the grassroots Walking District Committee
    - Major property owners

## Stakeholder Charrette

- Virtual charrette with:
  - Members of the grassroots Walking District Committee
  - Property owners in the project area

## Public input

- Two virtual webinars
- Project website updates
- Committee Meetings
- Parks & Community Services Meetings
- Planning Commission Meetings
- City Council Meetings

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- Connect to the many “gems” and community destinations in the project area
- Provide wide pathways – consider separating uses
- Provide shade and seating – make it convenient, comfortable, safe and pleasant
- Should be something we are proud of – a place to connect with others in the community and see all kinds of people walking
- IHT overcrossing of Bollinger Canyon Road and Crow Canyon Road are important projects
- Can help businesses be vibrant and thrive as people enjoy the city in a new way
- IHT has many utilities which create challenges for increasing shade – consider maintenance
- Opportunities to layer wayfinding for the Walking District with IHT and with Bishop Ranch
- Opportunities for “moments” and different experiences along pathways ( have fun things to see and do – consider installation art and having something for everyone)



# PRINCIPLES OF WALKABILITY



# TRAVERSABLE

- Allow people to move from place to place without major obstacles (e.g. terrain, non-slip surface, etc.)
- Quality of the path



# DIRECT

- Connects to destinations
- Short distance to walk between destinations
- Short block distances



# SAFE

- Short crosswalks or medians
- Marked crossings
- Separated crossings
- Separation of uses
- Lighting
- Visibility of users



# COMFORTABLE

- Shade
- Seating and site amenities
- Set back from busy roadways
- Slower traffic



# LIVELY & INTERESTING

- Intensity of uses and destinations
- Activated and transparent ground floors
- Mixed-uses
- Programming and activities



# ENTICING

- Wide pathways
- Signage and wayfinding
- Views
- Art
- Interesting architecture



# LAYERING WITH OTHER TRANSPORTATION

## MODES

- Connects with biking and transit
- Encourages users to “park once”



# ENHANCING HEALTH

- Encourages walking for exercise (e.g., loops, separation of users)
- Connection to nature and the outdoors
- Connection to neighbors and community





# POLLING QUESTION

Considering the Principles of Walkability, which principle do you feel is most important for us to get right for the Walking District?

- Traversable (e.g., not steep, good walking surface)
- Direct (short connections to destinations)
- Safe (e.g., lighting, crosswalks)
- Comfortable (e.g., shade, seating, set back from road)
- Lively and Interesting (e.g., concentration of uses, programming)
- Enticing (e.g., wide paths, art, lake views)
- Layering with Other Transportation Strategies (e.g., park once, biking, transit)
- Enhancing Health (e.g., exercise, social connections, nature connection)

# POLLING QUESTION

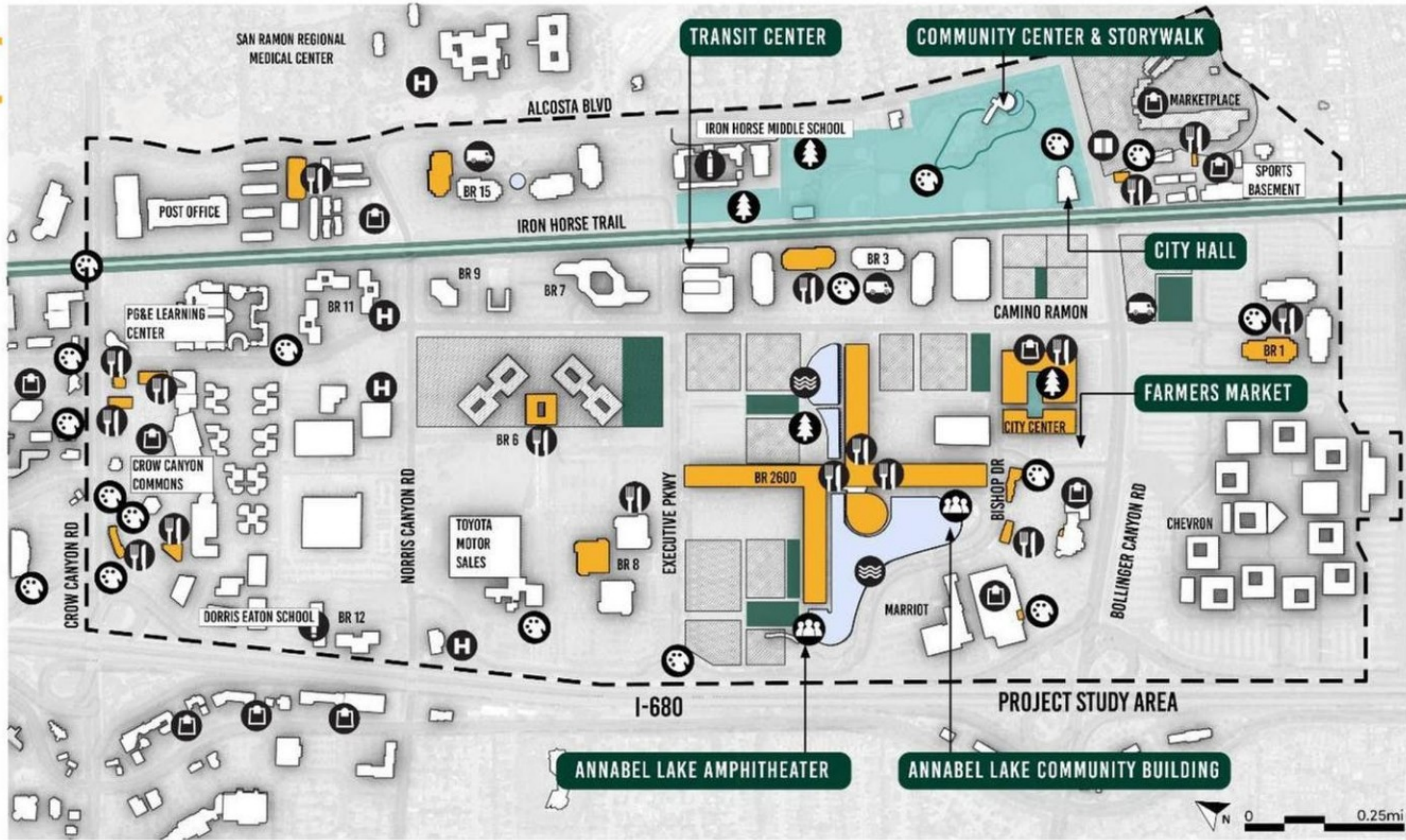
Which of the draft project goals represents your top priority for the Walking District?

- Create a comfortable place for people to walk and bike
- Identify walking and biking loops and routes
- Connect to civic, recreation, and commercial destinations
- Enhance wayfinding
- Provide a long-term vision for pedestrian-oriented access and connectivity
- Other



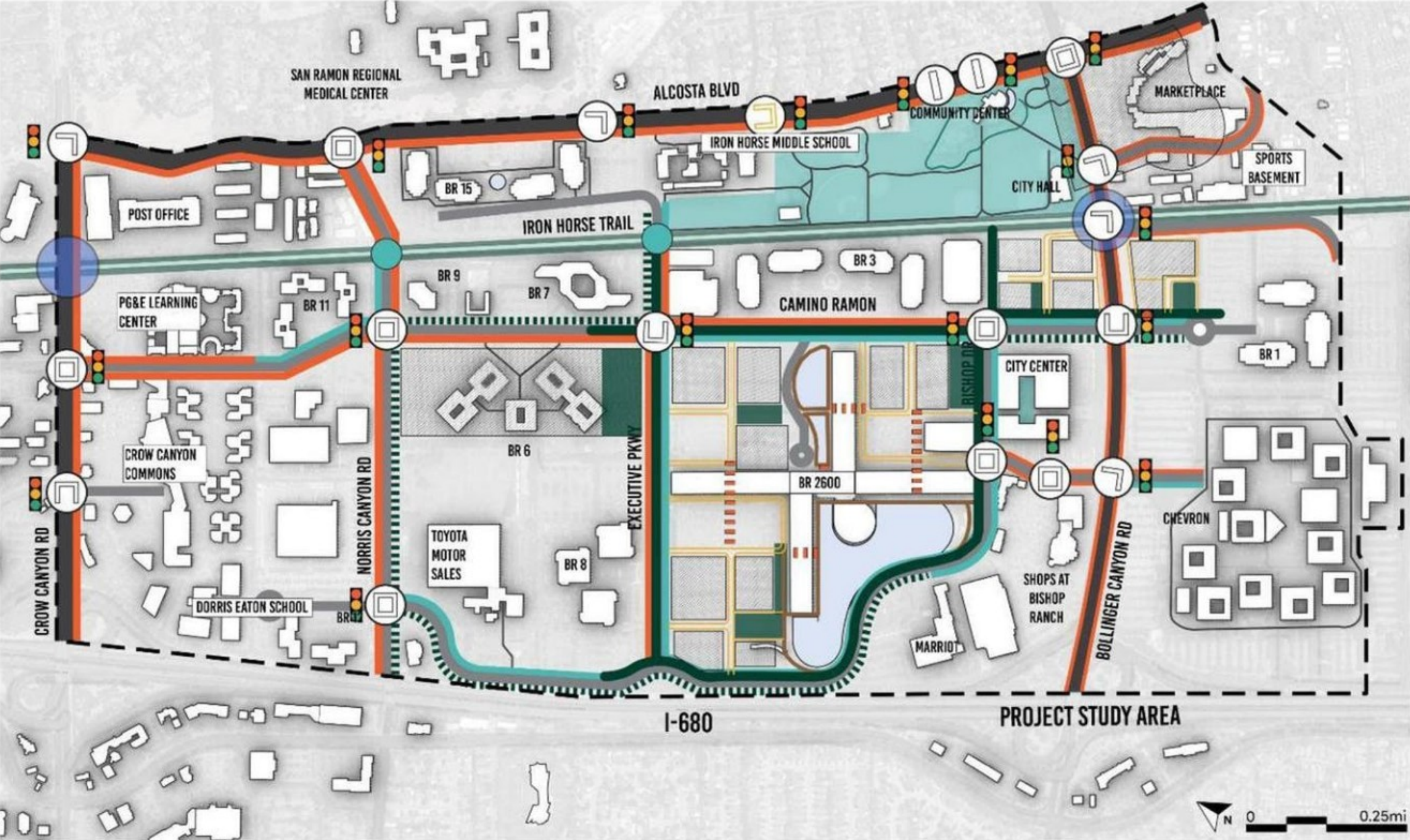
# PROJECT AREA CONDITIONS

# DESTINATIONS & GEMS EXISTING & PROPOSED



- |                        |             |                 |            |                            |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Iron Horse Trail       | Water       | Library         | Commercial | Proposed Community Amenity |
| Activated Ground Floor | Public Park | School          | Restaurant | Proposed Parks             |
| Existing Park          | Public Art  | Health/Hospital | Food Truck | Proposed Development       |

# EXISTING & PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM & GAPS



- |                                    |                         |                                |                             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Iron Horse Trail                   | Gap In Sidewalk         | Crosswalk Type                 | Proposed Parkway            |
| Sidewalk Abuts Street              | Internal Sidewalk       | Existing Paved Access to IHT   | Proposed Building Crossings |
| Sidewalk Separated From Street     | Storywalk Path          | Proposed Overcrossing Projects | Proposed Parks              |
| Alternating Sidewalk Abuts/Setback | Signalized Intersection | Proposed Sidewalks             | Proposed Development        |



# OPPORTUNITIES | BISHOP RANCH CITY CENTER MASTER PLAN



1

PARKWAY

BR2600 NE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD

CAMINO RAMON



2

RESIDENTIAL PATIOS AND GARDENS

PUBLIC PATHWAY



CAMINO RAMON PARKWAY

# BIKE FACILITY CATEGORIES



Class I Bike Path



Class II Bike Lane



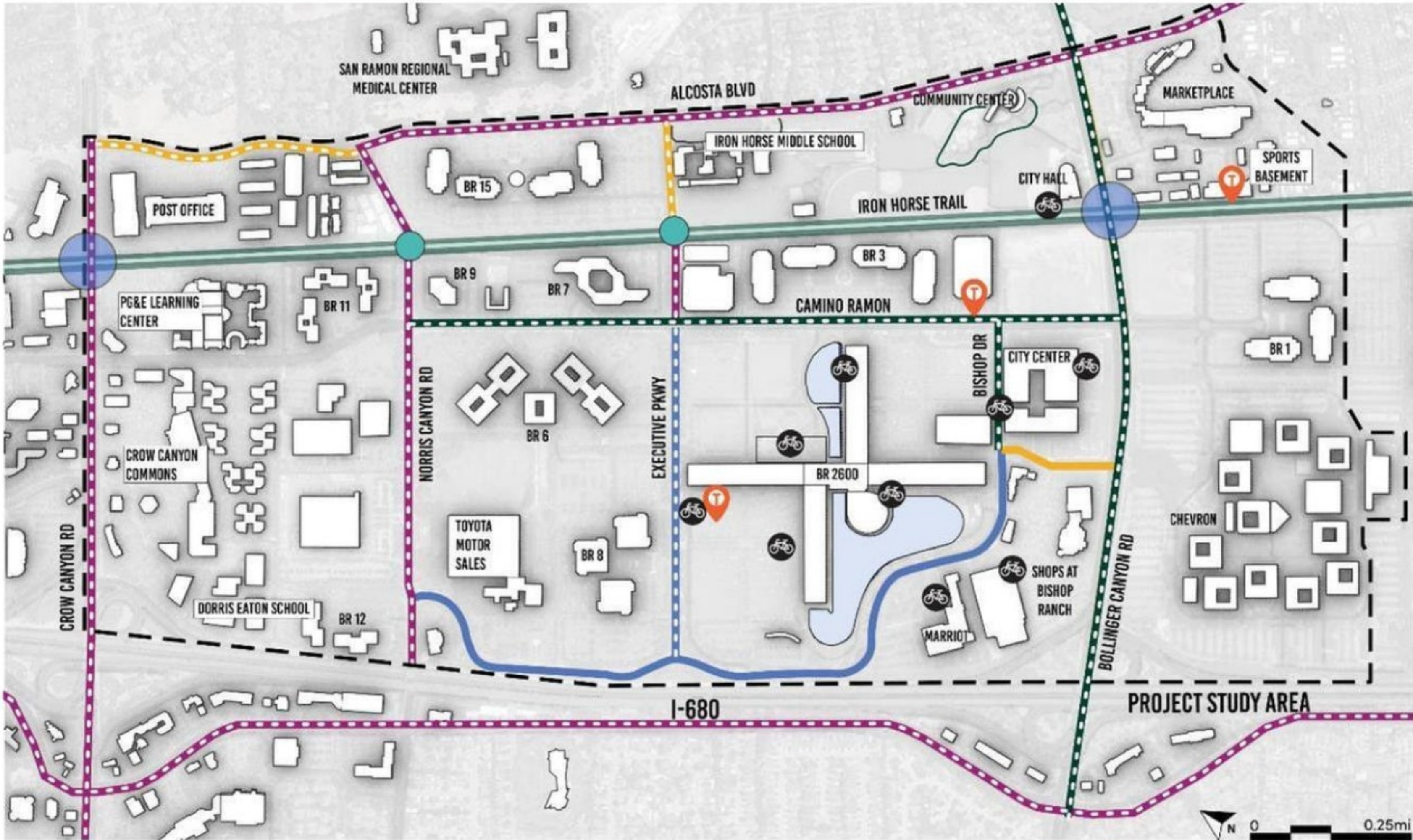
Class III Bike Route














Class IV Cycle Track

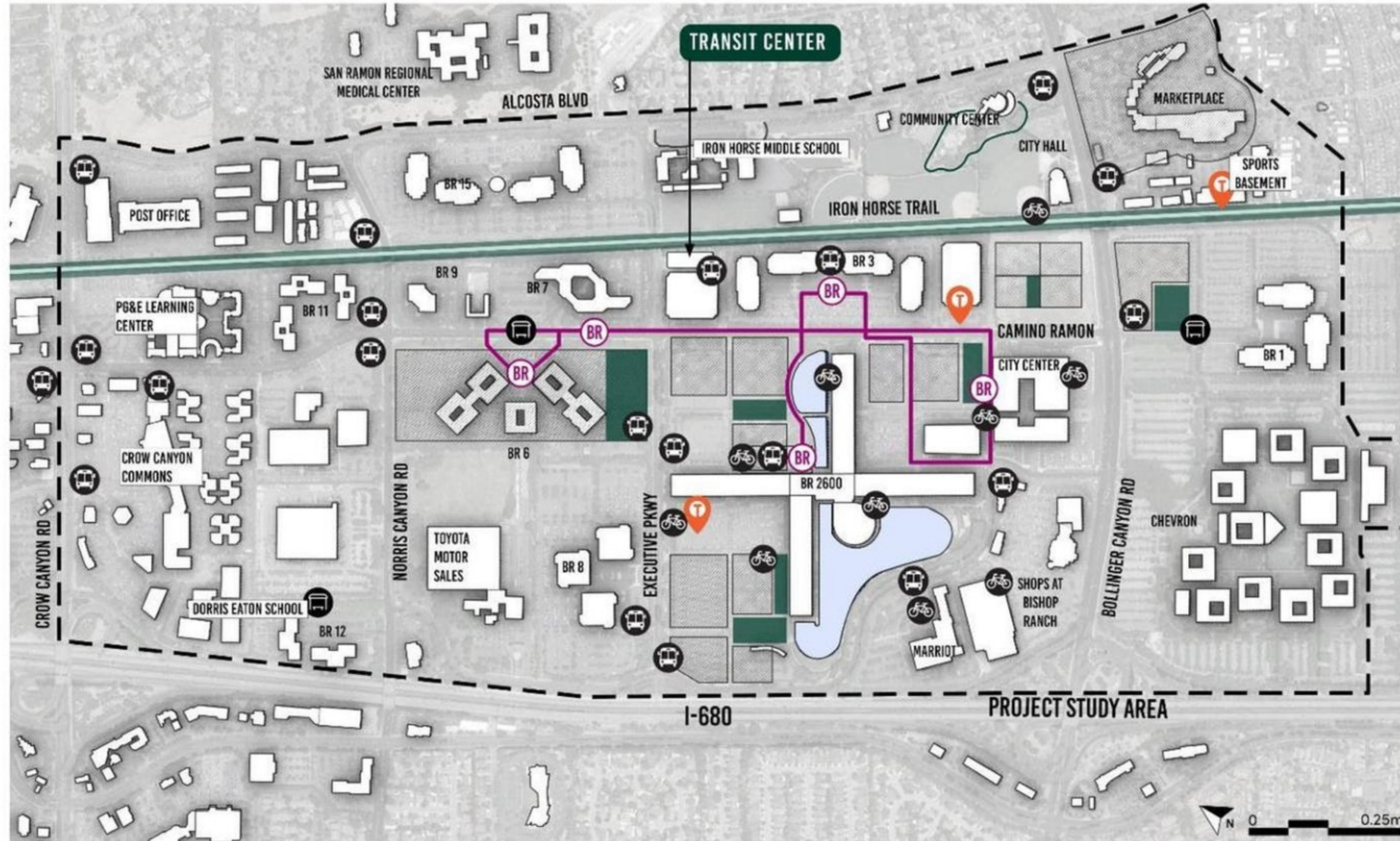


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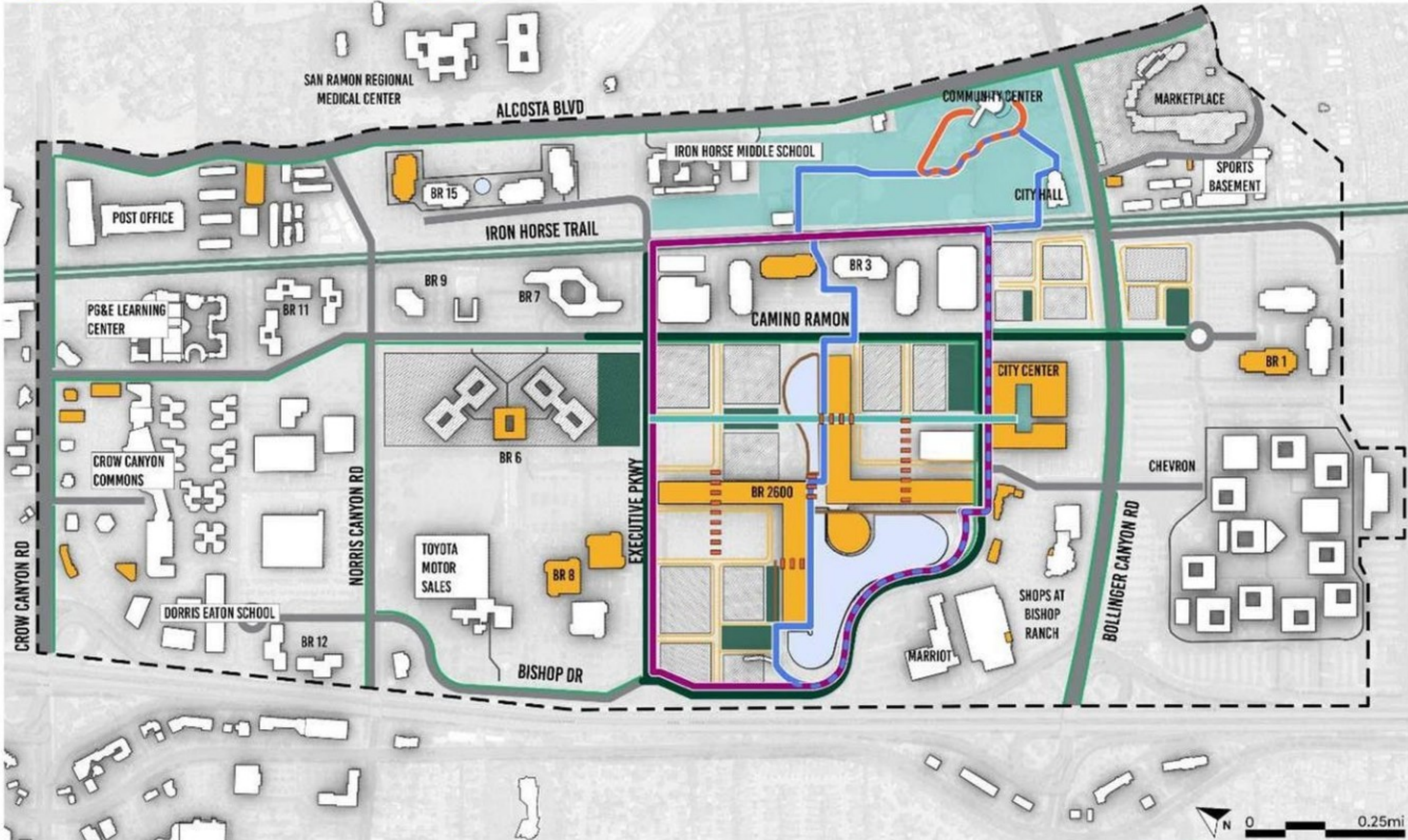
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|  Iron Horse Trail              |  Proposed Class I Multi-Use Path       |  Existing Britebikes Bike Share Hubs |
|  Existing Class II Bike Lane   |  Proposed Class II Bike Lane           |  Existing Paved Access to IHT        |
|  Existing Class III Bike Route |  Proposed Class III Bike Route         |  Proposed Overcrossing Projects      |
|   |  Proposed Class IV Separated Bike Lane |  Proposed Mobility Hubs              |

# TRANSIT EXISTING & PROPOSED



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|  | Iron Horse Trail           |  | Bus Stop                 |  | Proposed Parks        |
|  | Bishop Ranch Shuttle Route |  | Covered Bus Shelter      |  | Proposed Development  |
|   | Bishop Ranch Shuttle Stop  |  | Britebike Bike Share Hub |  | Proposed Mobility Hub |

# Walking Route opportunities



- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
|  Iron Horse Trail       |  Sidewalks Along Streets |  Proposed Building Crossings |  Interior Loop  |
|  Activated Ground Floor |  Proposed Sidewalk       |  Proposed Parks              |  Storywalk Loop |
|  Existing Park          |  Proposed Parkway        |  Proposed Development        |  Lakes Loop     |
|  |   |  North South Connector       |  |



# INTERACTIVE SURVEY QUESTIONS

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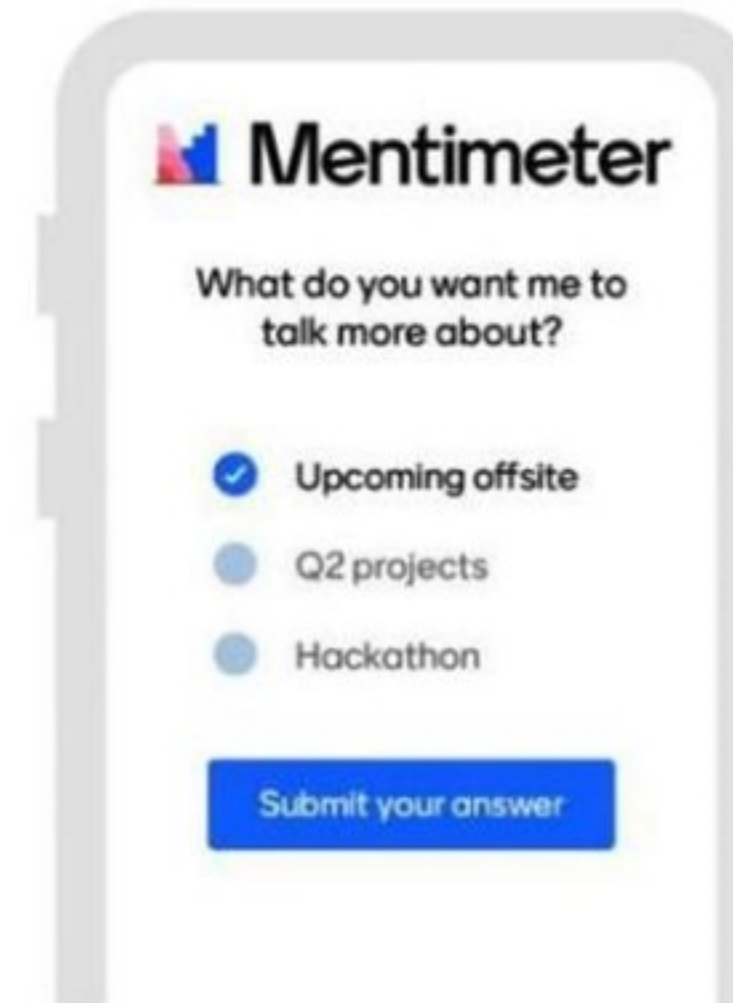
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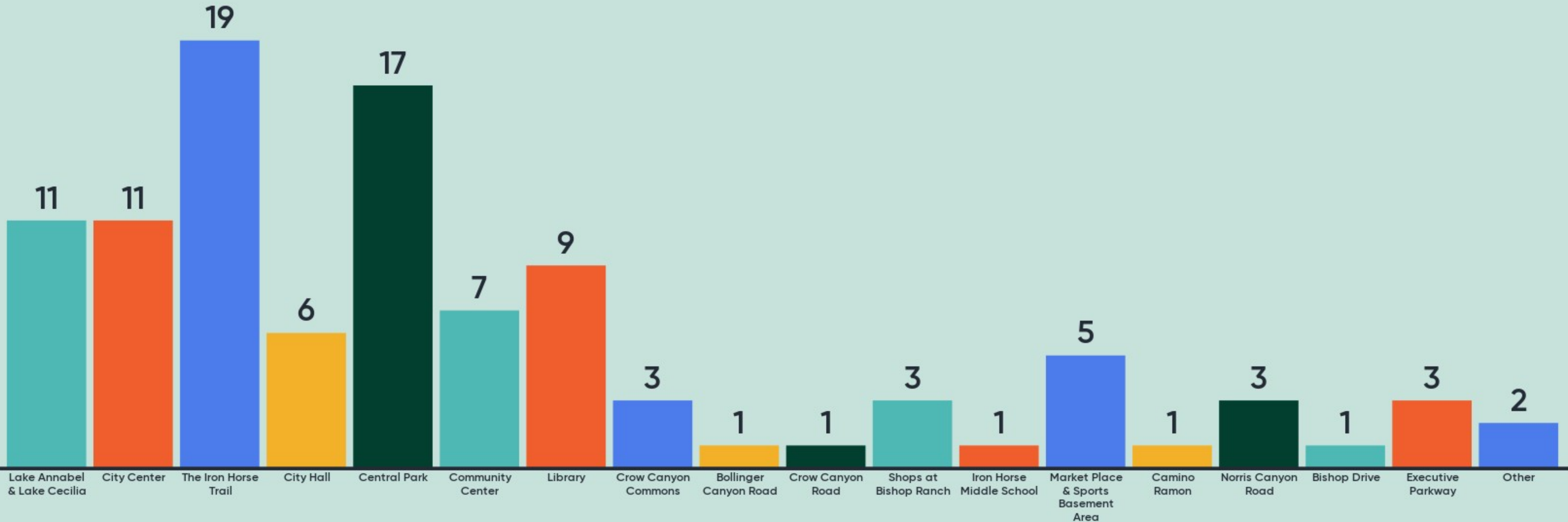
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# What two words would you hope others use to describe the Walking District?

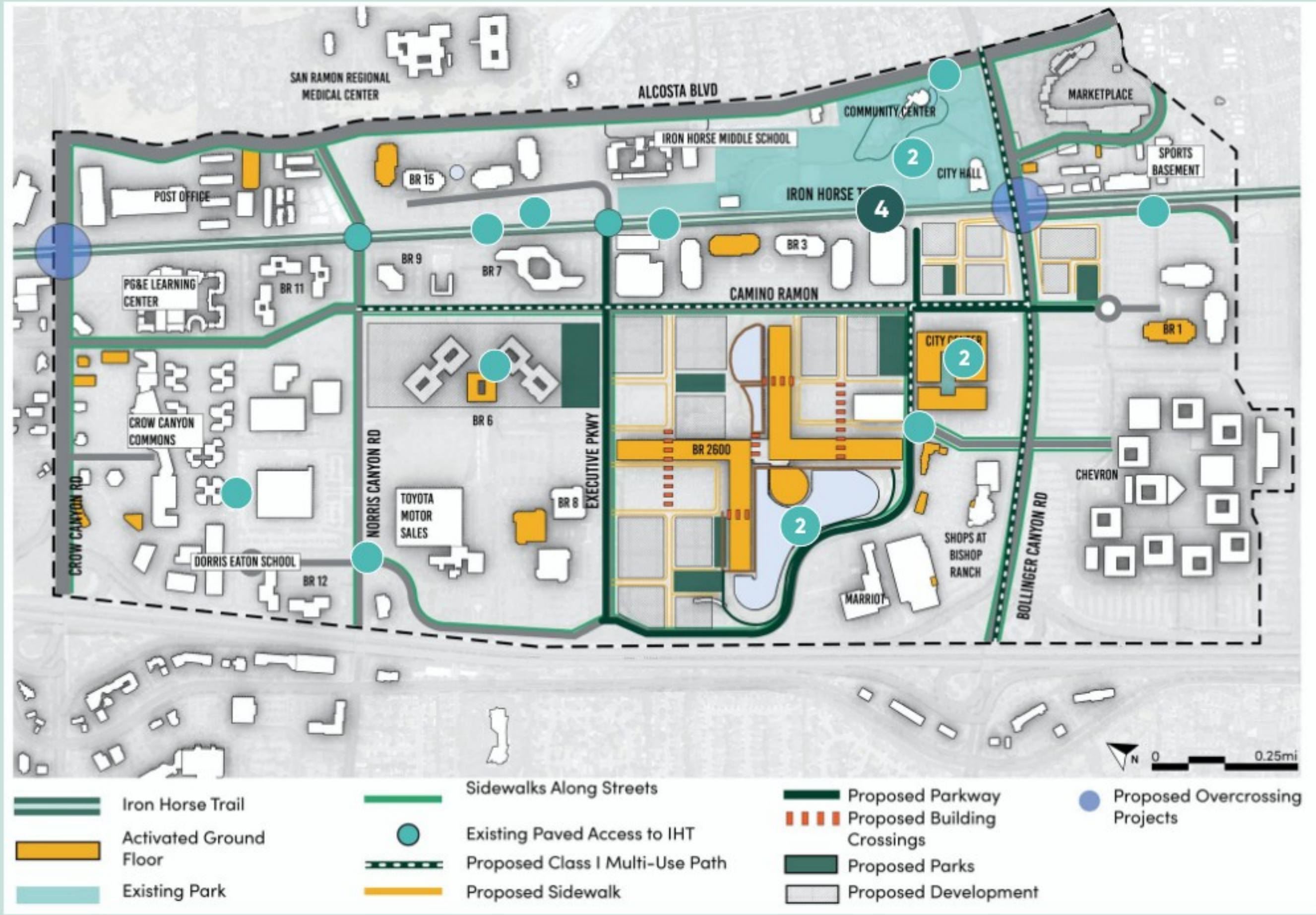


# Where do you (or others) like to walk or bike in the project area? (select all that apply)





# Where do you (or others) MOST like to walk or bike in the project area?



# WHY?

Flat

Shade

Foliage

Not on the roadway

Shade and water fountains.

Sense of Community

Flat, shaded, things are going on

Not too crowded.

Around other people



# WHY?

Combination of residential and commercial

Not crowded.

Away from buildings

Green, pleasant

Clean air

The intimacy of the area

I feel much more comfortable on the Iron Horse Trail because it's away from cars.

Water and separation from traffic

Minimal vehicle traffic; safety;



# WHY?

Close and safe

Not too noisy

Walk and enjoy food and drinks

long uninterrupted stretch

Away from cars

Shade Trees

Flat

Interesting views

Shop, eat, drink, walk, socialize



# WHY?

People watching

Planning for a greener future

Shaded. Away from traffic.  
Restrooms available.

IHT is away from roadway, shaded,  
friendly, and IMPORTANT  
...contiguous with other  
communities.

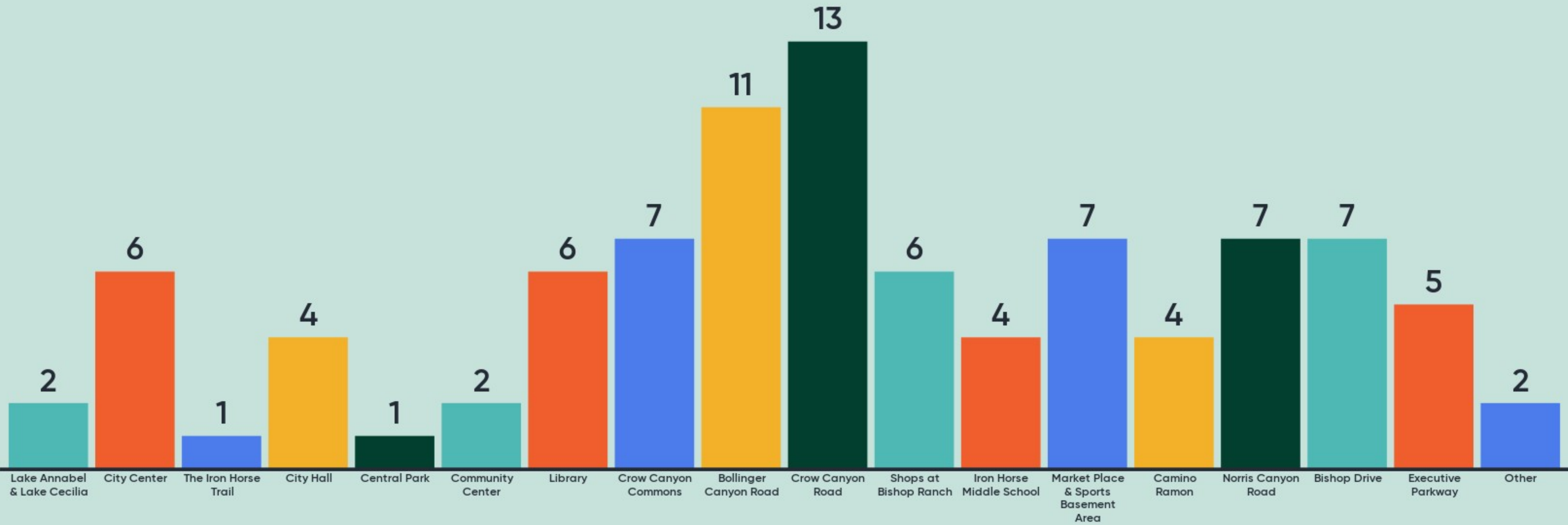
Exercise, to view the lake, to go to  
Farmers Market

Safe

Cafe, restaurants



# Where do you (or others) NOT like to walk or bike in the project area? (select all that apply)



# WHY?

Too much traffic

Too many cars.

Traffic

too much vehicle traffic

To busy, noisy

Too many cars

Boring

Not visually appealing.

Too much traffic



# WHY?

Iron horse trail is too hot

Congestion

Nothing to do there.

Potentially dangerous

Not safe

Traffic, Congestion

Unsafe for pedestrians

Not able to talk with my friends

Traffic and noise





# WHY?

Dodging dog poo

Traffic

Less interesting

Traffic. Not my intention to be active in those areas.

Too congested and not that attractive

Cars, noise, not visibly pleasant

Too many dogs

No shade in summer

Safe

# WHY?

Too close to cars, noise

Congestion

Conflict with cars/bikes

Traffic. Noise. air pollution.

Too exposed

Lighting is not good

Not much to do

Bikes can be a confluct

A destination should be peaceful  
and relaxing

# WHY?

Traffic lights too long or don't change if no traffic

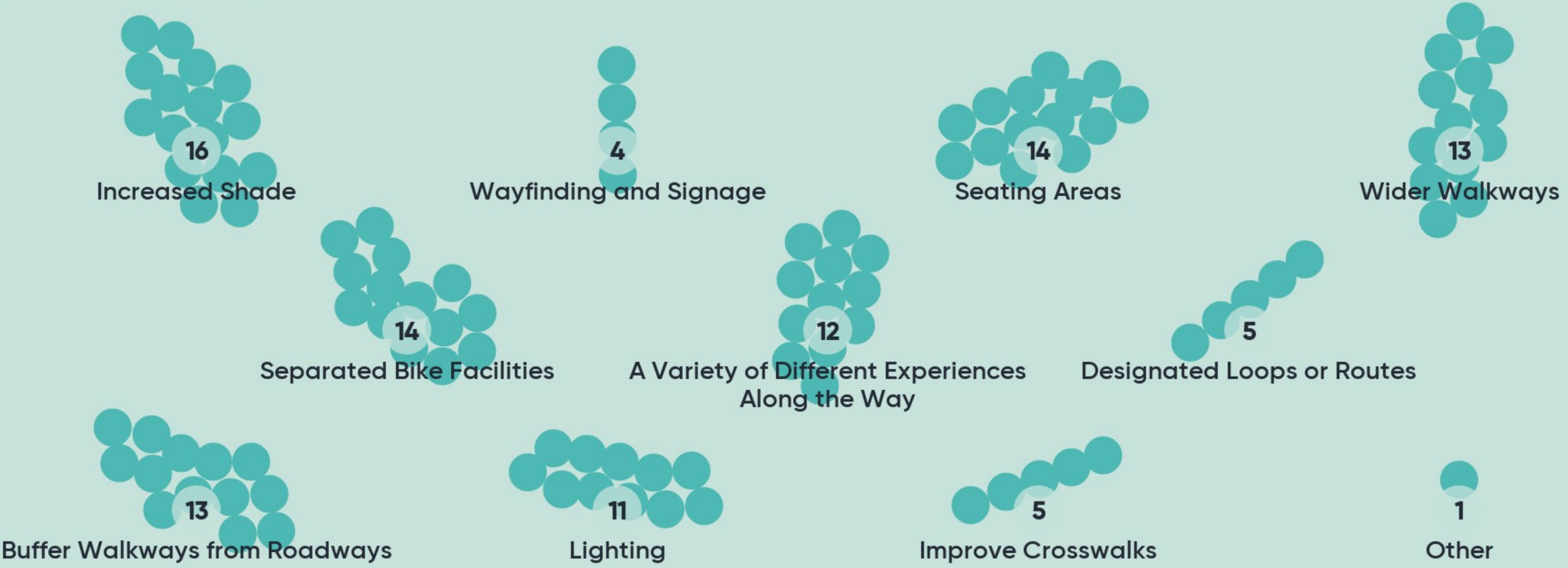
Roads are boring

Hill on Bollinger : (

Safety

Not enough plants

# What improvements do you think are most important to encourage or create a more inviting walking or biking environment?



# Complete this sentence: The Walking District will be successful if.....

it connects the community

Well used

is enticing to the community

There is a city square

accessible to all

Traffic is mitigated

Vibrant and connected

It's not boring

becomes a destination

# Complete this sentence: The Walking District will be successful if.....

folks feel welcome

Residents feel safe and there's plenty of room for multiple users,

provides a variety of attractions

It is as vehicle free and landscaped as possible.

Well connected to points of interest.

Greenery

If we have something for each generation in the city .  
That they find connected with

It is advertised so people know about it!

It's for walking

# Complete this sentence: The Walking District will be successful if.....

The people of San Ramon likes going there.

It retains a lot of the existing natural resources

attracts young and old (and in between)

It's more of a park like environment with lots of plants, flowers and trees

There is art

connections to neighborhoods outside the District

safe and interesting to families

Having things to do

It cuts down of auto traffic.

# Complete this sentence: The Walking District will be successful if.....

It connects our community and is vibrant, well thought out, fun, beautiful, vibrant, and shared.

Integrates walking, features and destinations

attracts and connects neighborhoods outside of walking distance

builds a sense of community

Communicate to residents about seasonal activities

It's safe

It brings the community together!

Be a destination, and that there is plan to keep it renewed. It is not stagnant

It's interesting with a mix of water features (e.g. small waterfall by bench), natural environmental type art, interactive, greenery, positive word of mouth...



# Complete this sentence: The Walking District will be successful if.....

Maybe have a trolley - hop on/off system?

Safe and well shaded and lots of park benches!

If there is lighting for evening stroll, particularly on our beautiful summer evenings. Some like retail... others like to get away from the bustle. If there is something for all types.

is never boring -- variety of things to choose from

sunset and sunrise

Easy to access

It's safe and clean

Doesn't feel entirely commercial

Being able to safely walk with my friends.

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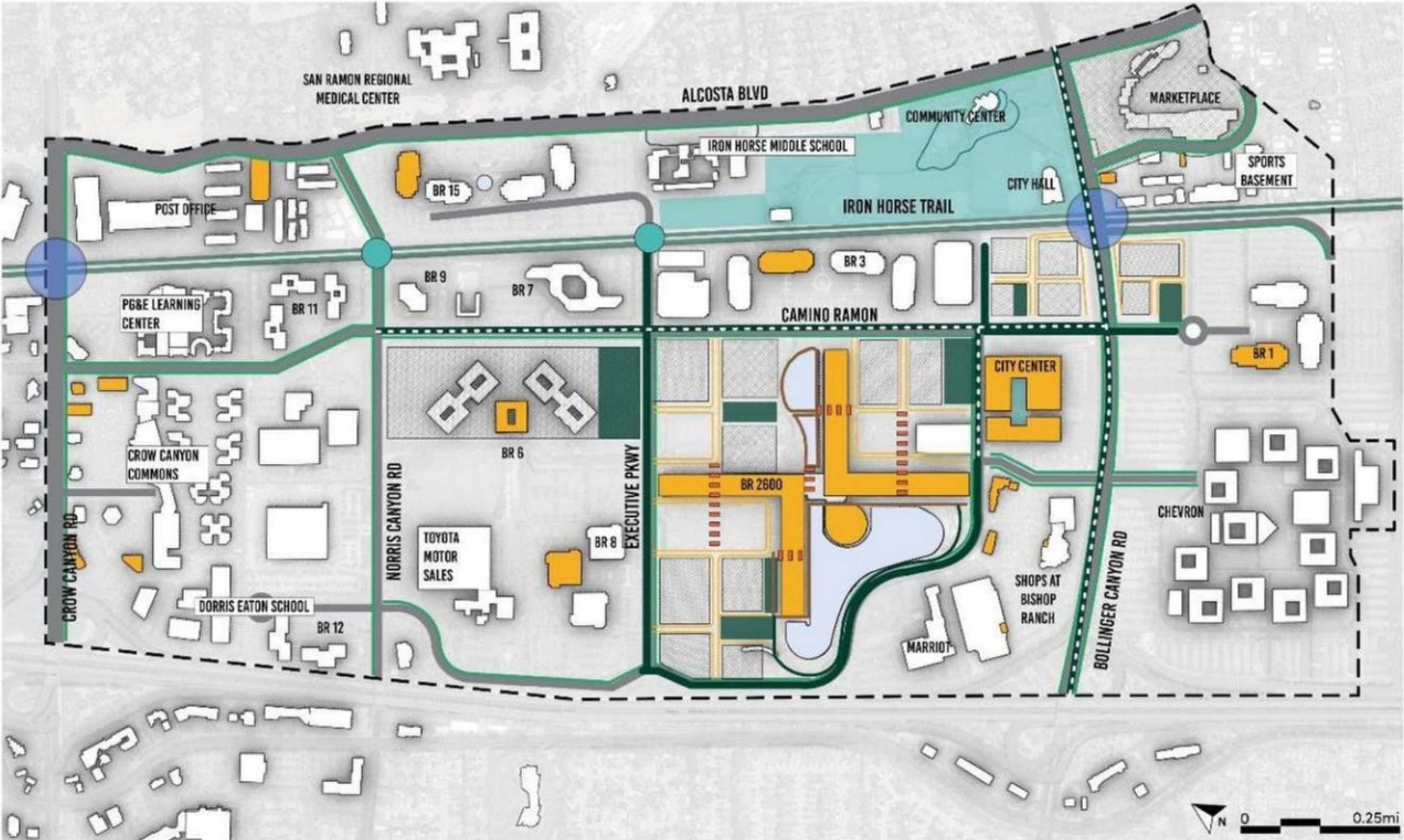
enhances quality of life in San Ramon

Something different each visit

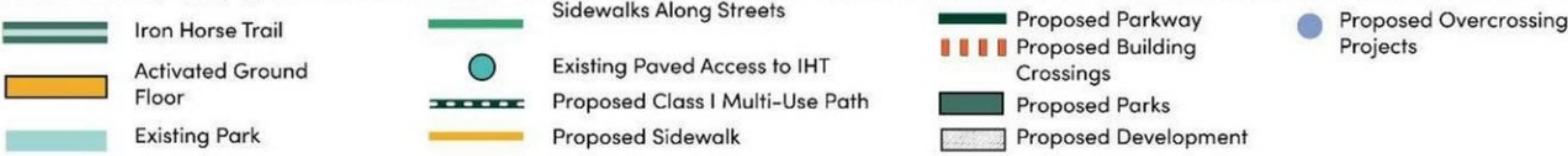
improved quality of life



# PROJECT AREA



# Question & Answer



# NEXT STEPS



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