



# Transportation Town Hall Summary

## Access

- I have to drive with my chair to campus and infrastructure and signage are not very clear or updated.
- The sidewalks aren't wide enough and they're not paved well.
- The bus system and some of the instructions on how to use it as well as the map could be more accessible.
- Have an informational video for how to get on the bus.
- People would benefit from not only a tangible map but also a digital map making it clear how to access the routes.
- Concern around getting hit by cars when navigating routes.
- More time for wheelchair users to get on the bus.

## Cars

- Auto-reduction: There are so many cars parked on the streets that it makes it really unsafe to be driving and to have bicycles, pedestrians, and skateboarders all sharing the same place.
- There's a lot of parked cars in Isla Vista and that narrows the roadway.
- Accommodating too many cars in Isla Vista.
- A slower speed limit throughout Isla Vista.
- Del Playa to be car-free.
- Concerned driving to Isla Vista with bicyclists.

## Parking

- IVCS D will be doing a separate comprehensive parking study to count the number of spaces in and around Isla Vista, why people need to park, the peak points, and more.
- A big parking lot so that you don't have to find street parking or make the campus parking more affordable.

## Walking

- Wide, walkable sidewalks.
- Raised crosswalks and flashing lights.
- An easier walk to the Food Co-op.
- More class 1 paths.
- I've been advocating for sidewalks but a regular width sidewalk is not going to handle the crowds that I see walking down the middle of the streets. This is dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians.
- When cars are coming out of the driveway of Friendship Manor, people are walking while looking down at their cell phones and not paying attention to the car approaching them. Painted sidewalks, flashing lights, or signage would help.



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## **Biking**

- Protected bike lanes.
- Have more options available for multimodal transportation with bike highways, more secured bike parking.
- With new housing coming in, we need to ensure that there's safe, secure bike parking because every day there are more bikes stolen.
- How interconnections can be made working with MTD to prioritize transit and pushing for more signal prioritization, queue jumps, and bus-only lanes.
- Bike boulevards for children and families who attend Isla Vista Elementary School.
- On El Collegio and Los Carneros, people are riding their bikes on the sidewalk, and running the light on their bicycles through Los Carneros. A Friendship Manor resident got knocked down while standing there waiting for the bus.

## **Electric Scooters**

- The electric scooters are a great, affordable, and accessible transportation option in the community. However, often the scooters are left on the sidewalk or in the road and that's a big problem for accessibility. Having dedicated scooter racks would be really helpful to keep them off the sidewalks and out of the way.

## **Santa Barbara MTD**

- Improving routes within Isla Vista and getting to the rest of SB County.
- Bus connection to Calle Real shopping center.
- The wait at the Calle Real bus stop can be up to two hours because the bus is full.
- Two suggested bus routes in Isla Vista to get buses down the four main north/south roads. Bus line 27 route goes to Abrego and then to the loop so it misses the majority of residents in Isla Vista. Making the bus accessible for people who don't live directly on the 27 route or if you don't live near El Collegio.
- Bus line 24 and other buses don't stop at each bus stop because of capacity.
- Have buses arrive every 10 minutes rather than all the buses coming together at the same hour.
- Want to have access to more direct bus lines from Goleta, Isla Vista, to downtown as well as to Ventura that go later and more frequently.
- The bus should be free for everyone. When you have to pay to use the bus it disincentivizes it.
- Shared a map of Isla Vista with 1,000 foot radius circles from all of the bus stops available. There's 20% of Isla Vista that's not within 1,000 feet of a public transit stop. If these are coming every 45 minutes or an hour and a half, that's not super useful to people as residents in Isla Vista.



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- To have buses at the early hours of the morning. Many UCSB staff use single-occupancy vehicles because the buses don't run when they need to get to work.
- If you live in Isla Vista and have a job north of the 101 it requires multiple buses and with transfers, it takes a lot of commuter time.
- Creating more transportation opportunities across the areas that we don't have transit lines now.

### **Santa Barbara Airbus**

- The departure point for the Santa Barbara Airbus is very challenging to get to. A new stop or a shuttle for people in Isla Vista to get to the Goleta stop. Or have the Airbus pick people up at the UCSB bus loop or somewhere in Isla Vista. That way the people who use the bus don't have to take Lyft or have a friend drive them.

### **General Feedback/Ideas**

- Car sharing program in Isla Vista to reduce congestion and parking issues. Give people opportunities to not need their car while living in Isla Vista.
- More accessible transportation to get groceries.
- Something specific to the community like a shuttle that could take people to Calle Real, the Amtrak station, the airport, and every Saturday morning it could take people to trails. This could save people money on owning a car and eliminate the need to have a car in Isla Vista.
- Students often have cars to be able to get home, it is difficult to travel north without a car. The trains are very slow and it's hard to get up there. Look for long-distance and inexpensive bus transportation to help people be able to get home on the weekends.
- Build a stronger bike culture in Isla Vista. Do more bike rallies, competitions to dress up your bike, and learn about DIY biking. If we can get people not only using the bike but teaching people the love of the bike. Create a culture around bikes in a bigger way, we might get people to keep biking when they leave or when they graduate.
- A 20 Is Plenty Campaign where the speed limit for cars is 20 mph.
- A shuttle or bus to/from Isla Vista timed with the Amtrak trains
- By understanding why we use a bike or bus in a specific environment, people feel more provided for and have more information so they're enthusiastic about using a bike or using the bus.
- Outreach to students and residents about locations in Isla Vista that we tend to go.
- For people to use the bike paths as bike paths, use the sidewalks for pedestrians, and watch out for cars and driveways.