

Making Engagement Work: Cross Agency Lessons in Active Transportation

State Route 135 Los Alamos
Connected Community Project





Project Partners

- Santa Barbara County Supervisor
- Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
- Los Alamos Valley Planning Committee
- Los Alamos Valley Senior Center
- Los Alamos Valley Men's Club
- Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition

Where It All Began



Identified a need to address **gaps** in the sidewalk and bike lane network and update curb ramps to meet ADA standards.



Recognized that State Route 135 serves as a Main Street through a rural community.

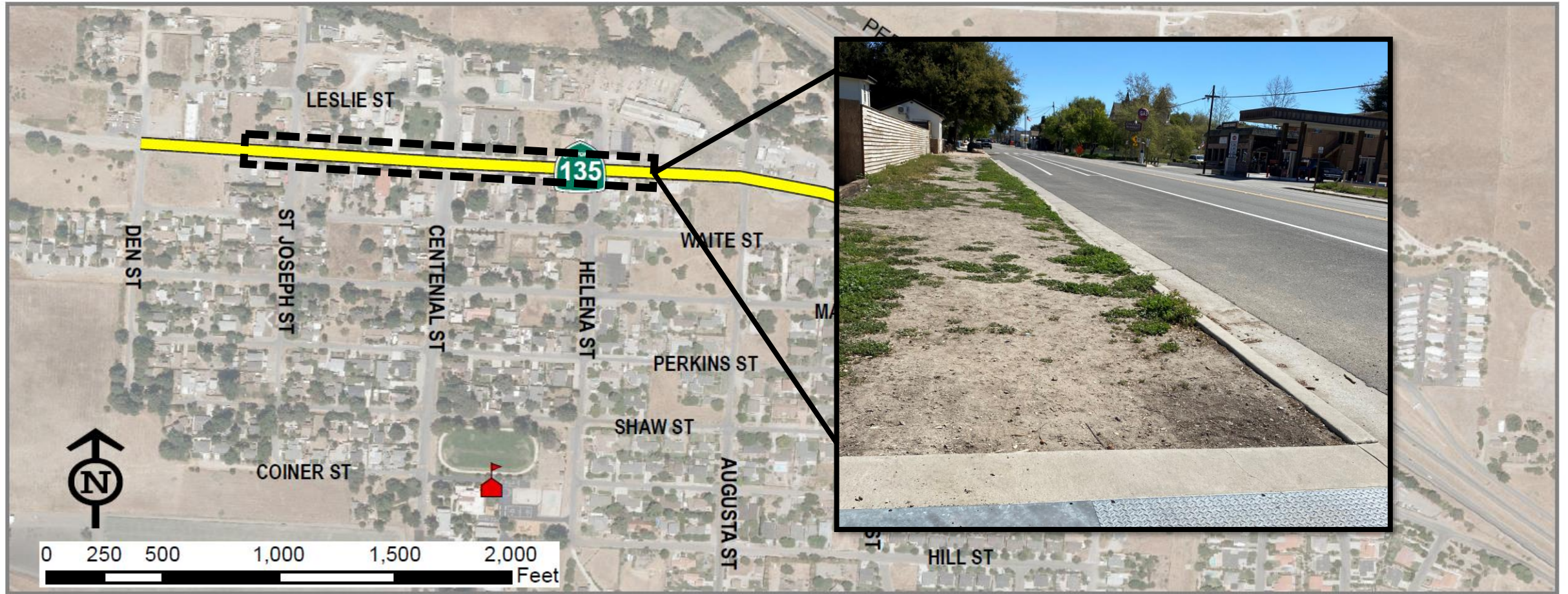


Saw opportunity in the ATP program to address this need.

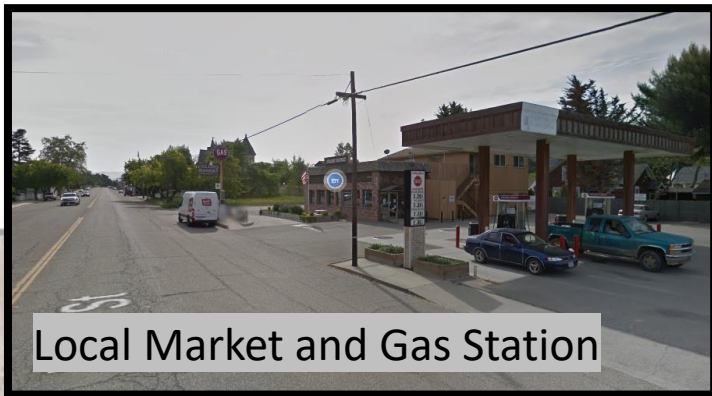
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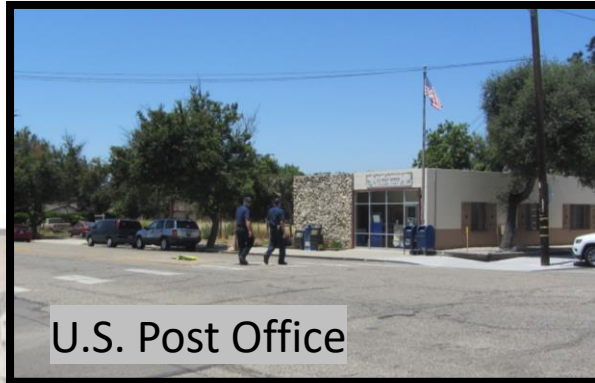
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State Route 135 (Bell Street)



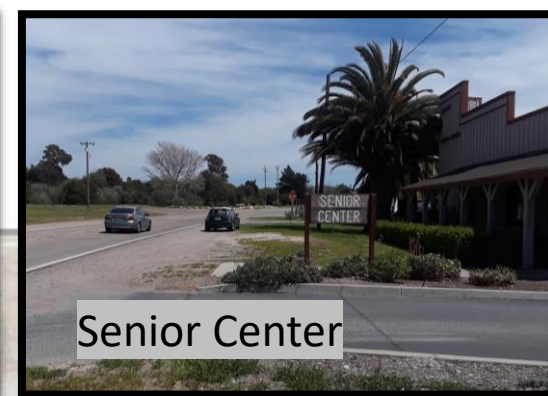
Local Market and Gas Station



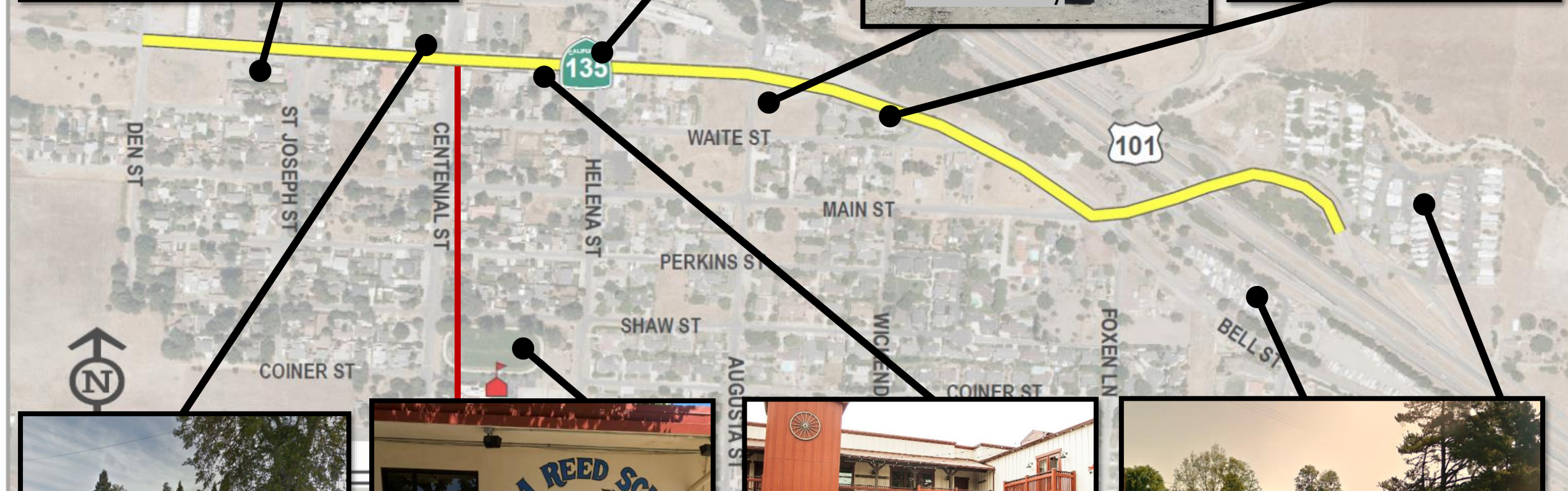
U.S. Post Office



Bread Bakery



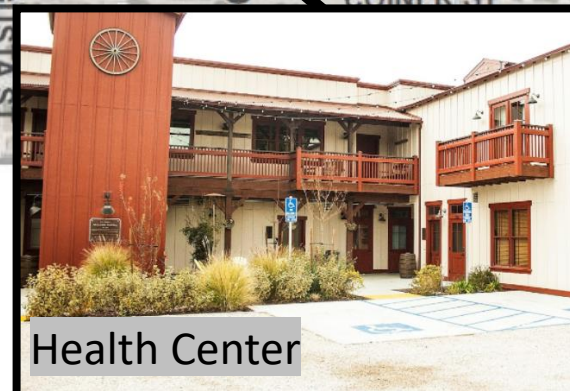
Senior Center



Community Park



Elementary School

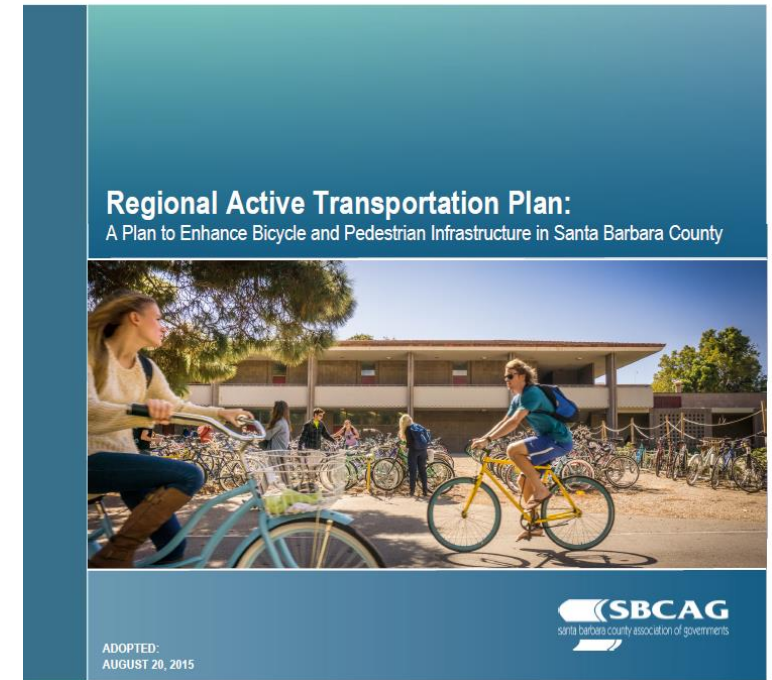
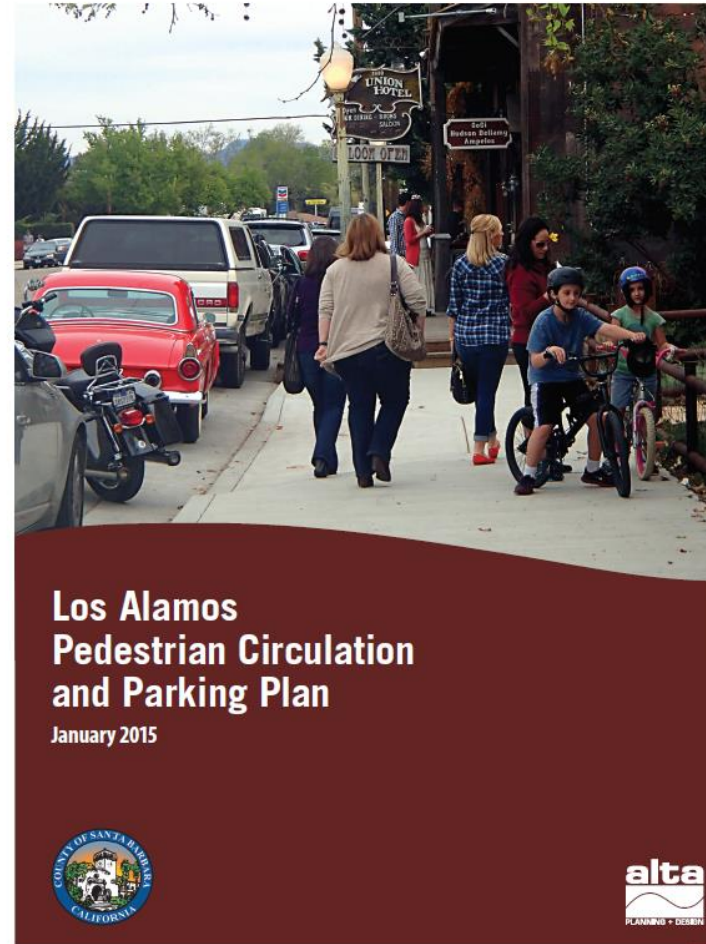
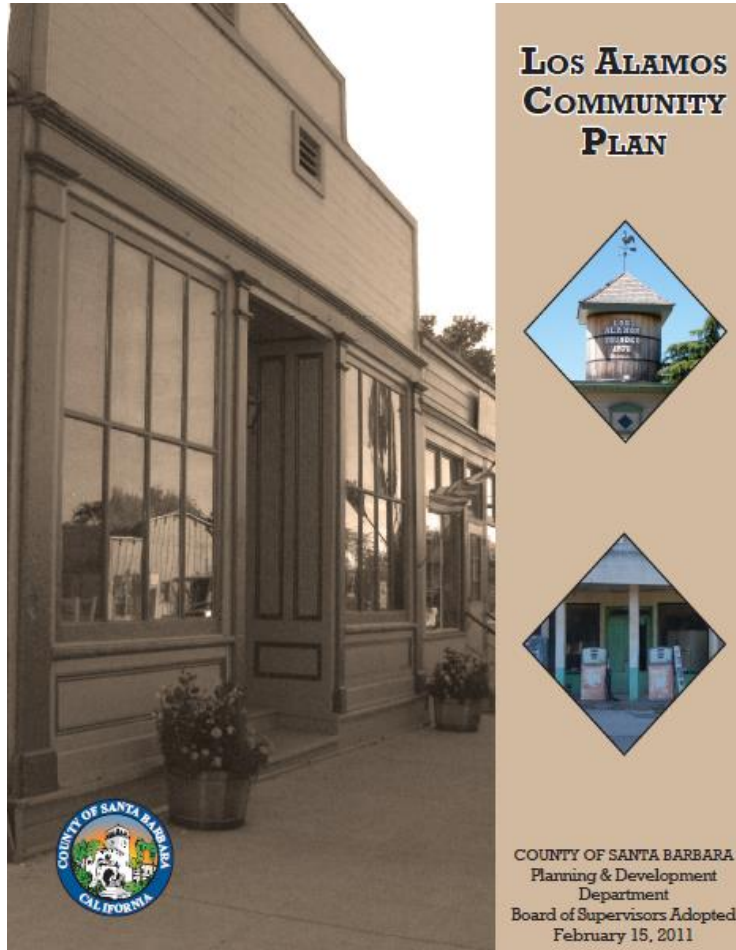


Health Center

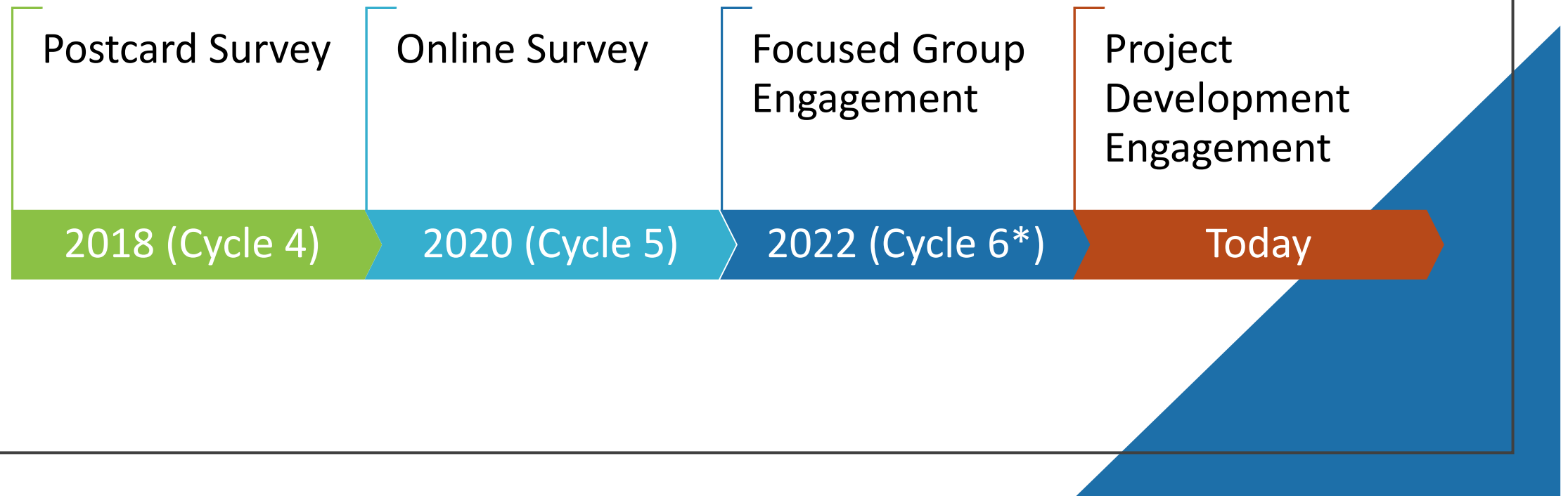


Mobile Home Parks

Planning Efforts



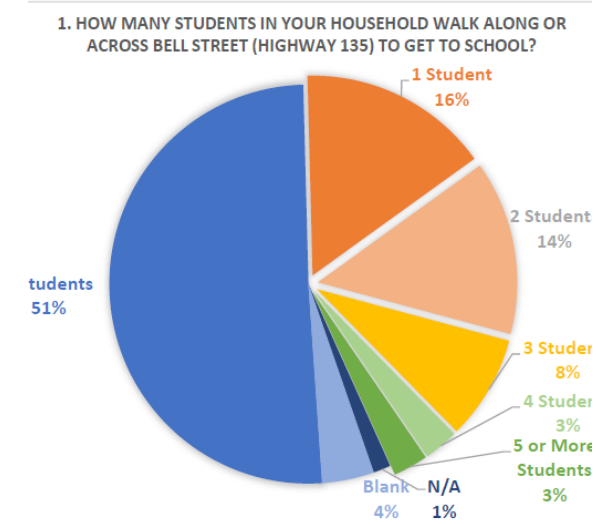
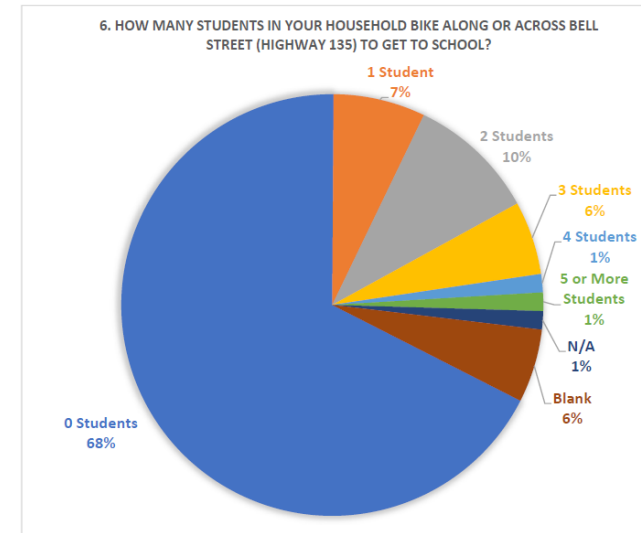
Project Specific Community Engagement



2018 Community Survey

- Postcard survey conducted in 2018
- 800 postcards distributed (English/Spanish)
- 71 responses

Target outcome: Understand existing walking and biking trends and gain feedback on how to encourage active transportation



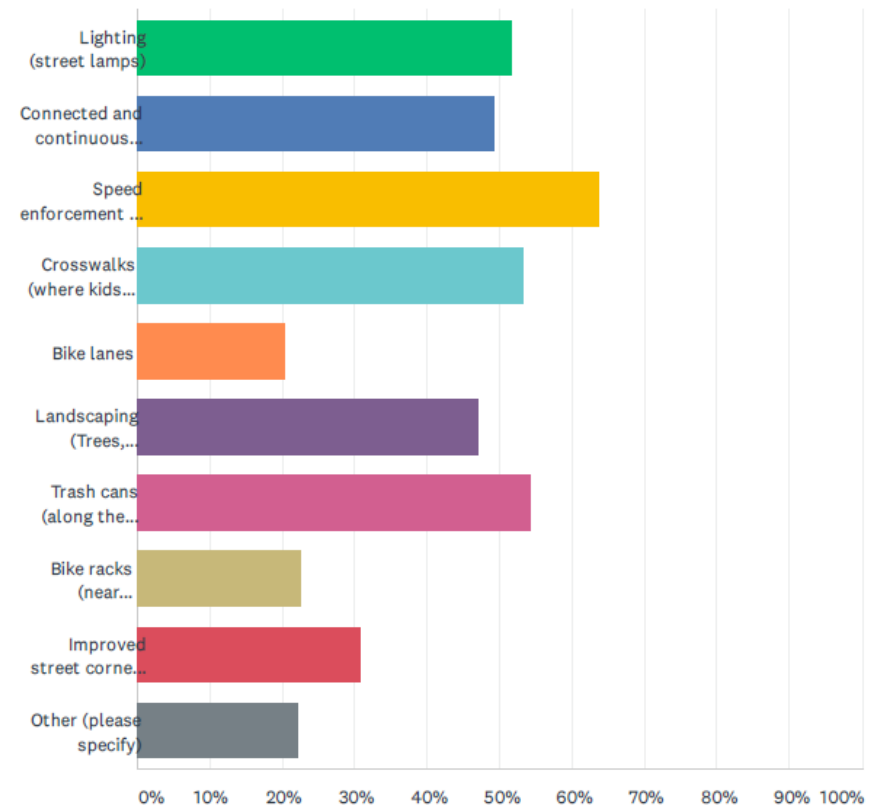
2020 Online Survey

- During COVID-19 Pandemic, only available online.
- Reached over 200 community members
 - Population size: less than 2,000

Los Alamos Active Transportation Survey

Q1 What improvements would make your experience on Bell St bet
Select as many as you'd like.

Answered: 221 Skipped: 2



2022 Focused Engagement

General Population



Tabling at School



County Supervisor
Meet & Greet
Event (Tabling)



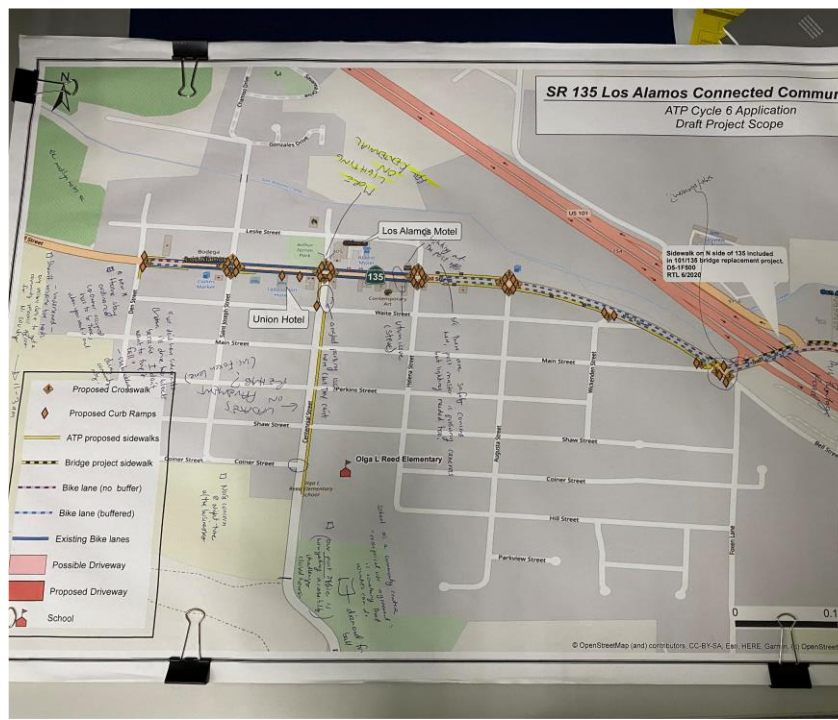
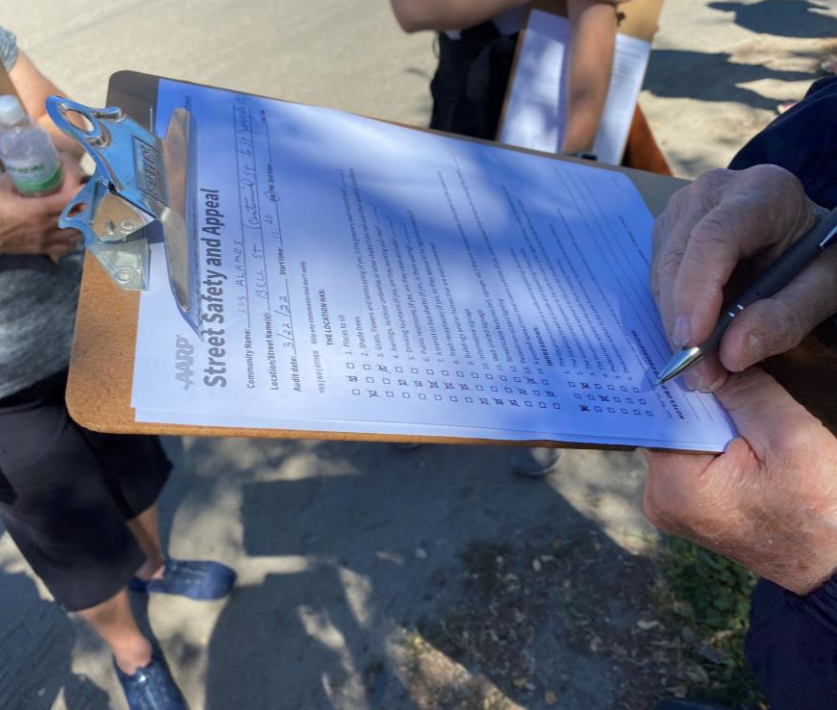
Community Pop-
up at Local Gas
Station



Walk Audit and
Presentation at
Senior Center



Vulnerable Road Users



Outputs of engagement



Supporting seniors and other vulnerable road users



Filling gaps in the sidewalk network



Slowing traffic speed



Preserving Community Character

Lessons Learned and Experienced

Build from larger scale engagement/planning efforts

Partner with key stakeholders to expand your reach

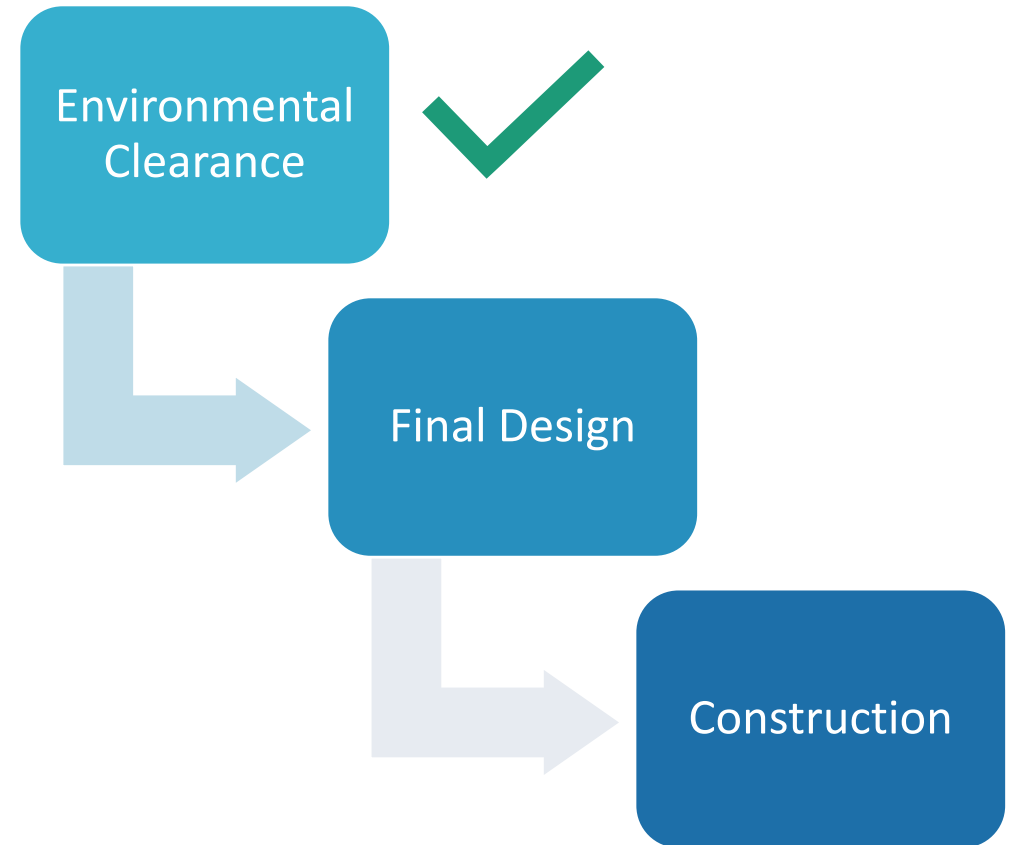
Utilize tools that exist to enhance engagement

If unsuccessful, **always** try again!



Project Partnerships Continue

- Public meetings
 - Environmental review
 - Design aesthetics
- Design coordination / reviews
- Non-infrastructure implementation (coming soon)



Thank you!

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