



City of San Leandro **Age-Friendly Action Plan**

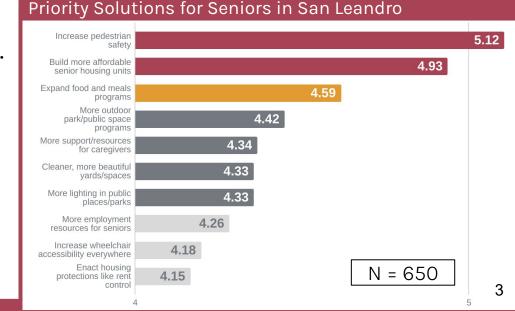
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting April 29, 2025

Senior Pedestrian Safety Planning



Community Needs Assessment

- In 2024, the City's Human Services Department conducted eight focus groups and a community-wide survey to collect information about the priority needs and challenges facing older adults in San Leandro.
- Increasing pedestrian safety was chosen as the top priority.
- Seniors shared that they want level sidewalks, more crosswalks, more time to cross, and more protections against unsafe driving.



1. Plan Sustainability

2. Personal Protection

3. Housing Security

Implementing the structure and systems (e.g., funding, staffing, and partnerships) necessary for the long-term success of the Age-Friendly San Leandro initiative Protecting the physical, psychological, and financial safety of residents of all ages, whether at home, in public or across cyberspace Reducing the physical, psychological, and financial cost of owning, renting and maintaining one's home so all residents can stay in community and age-in-place

 4. Health & Wellness
 5. Transportation
 6. Social Connection

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Ensuring San Leandro seniors have affordable, equitable access to physical and mental health care, especially the basic needs of food, clothing, and hygiene

Providing affordable, reliable transportation that takes into account residents' mobility and cognitive differences and personal destination needs Combating the epidemic of isolation and loneliness through creative, varied opportunities for trust building, social interaction, and shared learning

Senior Pedestrian Safety

- In late 2024, we began collaborating with Nicole Castelino and Erwin Ching in the City's Transportation & Engineering Division to better understand how the City's pedestrian safety programs work.
- We learned that there is a backlog of projects due to limited resources, that the programs operate on a first-come, first-serve basis, and that there is no mechanism to prioritize projects with an age-friendly impact.
- Through the emerging partnership with Nicole and Erwin, we learned about the Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Program. We felt this program could help us identify and assess specific age-friendly pedestrian safety projects for advocacy and training purposes.

Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Program

- The Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) program is a joint project of California Walks (Cal Walks) and UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC).
- The project team partners with local residents and safety advocates to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety in their communities.
- The City's Human Services Department was accepted into the current round of CPBST projects in March 2025. The San Leandro project will focus exclusively on senior pedestrian safety.

CPBST Goals & Activities

- Increase participants' knowledge of pedestrian and bicyclist safety by reviewing and discussing local crash data and safety experiences with community members.
- Identify Safe System strategies to improve safety for all road users by conducting a walking and biking assessment.
- Strengthen rapport between local officials, coalitions, and other partners by planning and outreaching for an interactive activity to develop a community-driven safety action plan.

CPBST Next Steps

- We have formed a CPBST Planning Committee of nineteen members, including representatives from the City and the Senior Commission, from local nonprofits serving seniors and people with disabilities, and from the general public.
- The BPAC is invited to attend the culminating, in-person planning workshop, likely in early June 2025. We will share the date, time, and venue once those details have been confirmed.





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