



Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this plan?

Sacramento County is working to improve the safety and mobility needs of the local residents, businesses, students, commuters, visitors, and other users of the North Watt Avenue Corridor. This plan will be developed as part of the new vision to address safety of travelers on the bikeway and sidewalks, safety enhancements at intersections, transit stop amenities, and other improvements. Historically this corridor has featured high traffic volumes, speeds, collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and a lack of complete street and traffic calming features.

What is the goal of the plan?

The goal of the plan is to re-Imagine North Watt Avenue as multimodal, sustainable, and safe corridor where residents can confidently and conveniently access jobs, retail, schools, open spaces, and dwellings while biking, walking, or riding transit. Students and parents will feel more comfortable getting to school without the use of a motor vehicle, and high-capacity transit connects the corridor with regional transportation and key destinations. This effort will be informed in part through engagement the community, including parents, students, school staff, businesses, and other roadway users. Elements of the Plan will include safe and improved bikeways and sidewalks, safety enhancements at intersections, transit stop amenities, improved transit reliability, and other safety and connectivity improvements.

Why is it important?

A successful "Re-Imagining" of the North Watt Avenue Corridor will consider the diversity of the connecting properties, the key role that transit access plays, and the diverse needs of local residents, students, commuters, shoppers, and other users of the corridor. The Re-Imagined corridor improvements will balance mobility, safety, equity considerations and be developed in partnership with the public.

Why now?

Recent County plans, including the Active Transportation Plan and Local Roadway Safety Plan have identified opportunities for improvement along the corridor. As a result, County staff successfully applied for and were awarded grant funding for this Plan.

Who are the stakeholders?

Collaboration will be focused on local schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and residents. There will also be a number of local and regional organizations, including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT), 80-Watt District, McClellan Park, and the community at large. With your help, the County of Sacramento will work to reshape the vision and safety of the North Watt Avenue Corridor.

What are the key issues currently being experienced along the North Watt corridor?

North Watt Corridor lacks appropriate pedestrian and bicycle facilities given the speed and volume of vehicle traffic along the corridor. North Watt was identified in the County Active Transportation Plan for improvements, and the intersection of Watt Avenue and Elkhorn Boulevard was determined to be a priority location in the County Local Roadway Safety Plan.

How can the community provide input?

The public is invited to visit, share, and leave comments on the Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor website. Users can use an interactive mapping tool, similar to Google Maps, to identify places where they believe safety is a concern. This mapping tool is set up to allow you to drop a geo location “Pin” to capture your comments, thoughts, concerns, as well as photos related to the location of your comment. This mapping tool is multilingual, and comments can be provided in over 130 languages. Additional engagement and public input will be collected through a series of community events. These outreach activities will include local community workshops, popup events, public meetings, and presentations. Comments are also welcome to be submitted via the website contact page.

Where can I learn more?

The Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor website is where the public can read about this project, provide input, as well as access information updates. Public involvement is a major component of the planning process.

<https://www.reimaginenorthwatt.com/>

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