



**Safe Routes
to School**

**SALINAS VALLEY
ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

**GONZALES
PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING
VOTER GUIDE**





VOTE NOW FOR SAFER STREETS!

VOTER GUIDE & PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process where Gonzales residents and workers ages 16 years and older can vote on projects to make it safer for kids and families to get to and from school. This Voter Guide will help you get to know the projects on the ballot and how to vote for your favorites!

The Voting Process:

1 CREATING THE BALLOT

The Gonzales Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, made up of residents and community advocates, worked with Safe Routes to School program partners and the City of Gonzales to develop a list of projects for the community to vote on.

2 ELECTION KICKOFF

The Election will kick-off at the Gonzales Car Show on April 20th where the public can learn about the projects, ask questions and cast their vote.

3 VOTING

The public will be able to vote in the participatory budgeting election from **April 18th to May 18th** at ballot drop-off sites and online. Vote online at bit.ly/gonzalespb or pick-up a ballot at one of the drop-off sites (ballot locations are listed to the right).

4 ELECTION RESULTS

The winning projects will be announced publicly in June 2024. Projects funded through the Participatory Budgeting process will begin implementation as soon as the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan is adopted by the end of 2024 by the City Council.

BALLOT LOCATIONS

La Gloria Elementary School

220 Elko St
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

Fairview Middle School

401 4th St
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

Gonzales High School

501 5th St
8:00 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

Gonzales City Hall

147 4th St
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, M-F

Gonzales Branch Library

851 5th St
11:00 am – 7:00 pm, T-Th
10:00 am – 5:00 pm, F-Sa

St Theodore's Catholic Church

116 S Belden St
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, M-F

ELECTION KICKOFF

APRIL 20

1 : 0 0 - 4 : 0 0 PM

Gonzales Car Show at
Downtown Gonzales

VOTE HERE



Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code and vote online.

Vote online: bit.ly/gonzalesvote

Learn more: bit.ly/gonzalespb



VOTING RULES

- + Voting is open to all Gonzales residents or workers aged 16 and older
- + Only one ballot may be cast per person
- + You may choose up to three (3) projects on the ballot
- + Ballots must be submitted by the end-of-day **May 18th, 2024**, to count

HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Up to \$250,000 will be set aside for the City of Gonzales for projects that are identified through the Participatory Budgeting process AND meet eligibility requirements. Projects must improve safe routes to school for students, families, and residents.

HOW IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN?

- + Proposals must meet the eligibility criteria to be included on the Participatory Budgeting ballot.
- + Projects will be prioritized by the Safe Routes to School Steering Committee and voted on by people who live and work in Gonzales.
- + The project with the most votes will be built right away.
- + The Safe Routes to School Plan will include all the project and program recommendations developed through the planning process, but some projects may take longer to implement, especially for larger projects that require grant funding.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Projects are eligible for placement on the participatory budgeting ballot if they meet the following criteria:

- + Projects must improve safe bicycling and/or walking routes to schools.
- + Projects must be capital infrastructure or programs that improve safe and healthy access to schools.
- + Project funding **must be spent within 3 years** of the adoption of the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan.
- + Participatory Budgeting can be used to partially fund a project, but the project must be fully funded through other sources to be included on the ballot.
- + Projects must address needs or concerns raised by the community.

Do you have questions about the Voter Guide, but you can't make it to the Kickoff Event? Give us a call at the numbers below.

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The projects listed in this Voter Guide appear on the Participatory Budgeting Ballot.



PROJECTS

1

Pedestrian Improvements on Rincon Road and 5th Street

Details: Relocate stop bar on the north side of the intersection and install high visibility crosswalks and curb extensions on north and south sides of the intersection.

Benefits: Increase pedestrian safety by improving visibility.

Cost Estimate: \$110,000

Category: Fairview Middle School



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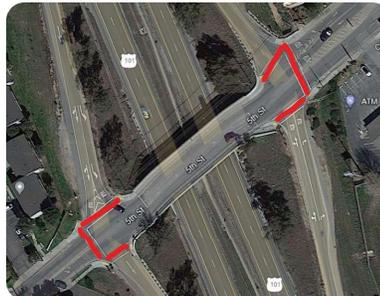
Pedestrian Improvements on 5th Street and Highway 101 on and off ramps

Details: Install high visibility crosswalks on 5th Street and Highway 101 S onramp and North onramp. Conduct intersection improvement study on 5th St at Highway 101 S onramp and North onramp. Study quick-build curb extensions with bollards and install crosswalk signage.

Benefits: Improve pedestrian safety by increasing visibility and studying long term solutions.

Cost Estimate: \$84,000

Category: Gonzales High School



3

Gonzales Slough Trail Extension between 4th Street and 6th Street

Details: Design, permit, and construct a multi-use trail that extends the proposed Gonzales Slough Trail between 4th Street and 6th Street.

Benefits: Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by providing a dedicated and separated space to bike and walk.

Cost Estimate: \$195,000

Category: Gonzales High School





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Pedestrian Improvements and Multi-use Path on Elko Between 4th and 5th Street

Details: Design, permit, and construct a multi-use path on Elko St between 4th and 5th Streets. Install high visibility crosswalks on Elko and 4th St and Elko and 5th St. Add street lighting at Elko and 4th St.

Benefits: Increase pedestrian safety by improving visibility and providing a dedicated space to walk and bike.

Cost Estimate: \$107,000

Category: Fairview Middle School



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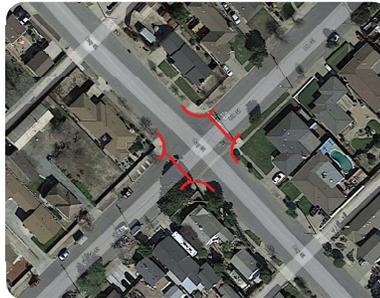
Pedestrian Improvements at Day Street and 8th Street

Details: Install crosswalks at stop-controlled legs, flashing stop-signs, and curb extensions.

Benefits: Improve pedestrian visibility and shorten the pedestrian crossing distance.

Cost Estimate: \$211,000

Category: Gonzales High School



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Pedestrian improvements at Longhorn Drive and Mustang Way

Details: Install flashing stop signs and street lighting on all sides of the intersection.

Benefits: Increase pedestrian safety by improving visibility.

Cost Estimate: \$23,000

Category: Gonzales High School

