



**Safe Routes  
to School**

**SALINAS VALLEY  
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

**SOLEDAD  
PARTICIPATORY  
BUDGETING  
VOTER GUIDE**





# VOTE NOW FOR SAFER STREETS!

## VOTER GUIDE & PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process where Soledad residents and workers ages 14 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 Soledad Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, made up of residents, students and community advocates, worked with Safe Routes to School program partners and the City of Soledad to develop a list of projects for the community to vote on.

#### 2 Election Kickoff

The Election will kick-off at the Soledad Farmers Market on May 18th 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 **May 18th to May 25th** at ballot drop-off sites and online. Vote online at [bit.ly/soledadpb](http://bit.ly/soledadpb) 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 July 2023. Projects funded through the Participatory Budgeting process will begin implementation as soon as the Salinas Valley Safe Routes to School Plan is adopted in Spring 2023 by the City Council.

## BALLOT LOCATIONS

**Rose Ferrero Elementary School**  
400 Entrada Dr  
7:45 am – 4:30 pm, M-F

**Main Street Middle School**  
441 Main Street  
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

**Frank Ledesma Elementary School**  
973 Vista De Soledad  
7:45 am – 4:30 pm, M-F

**Jack Franscioni Elementary School**  
779 Orchard Ln  
7:30 am – 4:30 pm, M-F

**Gabilan Elementary School**  
330 Walker Dr  
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

**San Vicente Elementary School**  
1300 Metz Rd  
7:30 am – 4:30 pm, M-F

**Soledad High School**  
425 Gabilan Dr  
7:30 am – 4:00 pm, M-F

**Pinnacles High School**  
690 Main St  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm, M-F

**Soledad Branch Library**  
401 Gabilan Dr  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm, T-W  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Th  
10:00 – 5:00 pm, F-Sa

**Soledad Community Center**  
560 Walker Dr  
6:00 am – 9:00 pm, M-F  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Sa

**Soledad City Hall**  
248 Main St  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm, M-F

VOTE HERE



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

**Vote online:** [bit.ly/soledadvote](http://bit.ly/soledadvote)

**Learn more:** [bit.ly/soledadpb](http://bit.ly/soledadpb)

## ELECTION KICKOFF

MAY 18

4:00 - 8:00 PM

**Soledad Farmers Market**  
**Soledad Street and Front Street**



## VOTING RULES

- + Voting is open to all Soledad residents or workers aged 14 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 25th, 2023, to count

## HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

**Up to \$250,000** will be set aside for the City of Soledad 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 Soledad.
- + 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 have a high benefit to cost ratio to be determined by the subcommittee.
- + Projects must address needs or concerns raised by the community.

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

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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PROJECTS

1

**Bike Lane Green Conflict Striping and Feasibility Study on Metz Road**

**Detail:** Paint the bike lane green in conflict zones at school loading zones and parking lots on Metz Road between Orchard Lane and East Street. This project includes a bike lane feasibility study for moving the bike lane to be next to the curb.

**Benefits:** Increases safety for bicyclists traveling along Metz Road.

**Cost Estimate:** \$122,000

**Category:** City-wide



2

**“No U-Turn” Signage and Intersection Improvement Study on Metz Road**

**Detail:** Install “No U-Turn” signage on Metz Rd. at Belle St. This project includes an intersection improvement study at Orchard Lane and Metz Road.

**Benefits:** Increases pedestrian safety by prohibiting U-turns at Belle St.

**Cost Estimate:** \$31,700

**Category:** San Vicente Elementary School



3

**Pedestrian Improvements at Orchard Lane and Gabilan Drive**

**Detail:** Install flashing stop signs and stop bar striping at all four legs of the intersection at Orchard Lane and Gabilan Drive. Install ADA-compliant\* curb ramps and high visibility crosswalks. This project includes an intersection improvement study at this location. \*Americans with Disabilities Act

**Benefits:** Increase pedestrian safety by improving visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$63,000

**Category:** Jack Franscioni School





**PROJECTS**

**4**

**Pedestrian Improvements at Vista de Soledad and Gabilan Drive**

**Detail:** Install curb extensions and flashing stop signs at Vista de Soledad and Gabilan Drive. Install “Do Not Enter” signage at school driveway exit and designate one parking lot exit as “Right Turn Only” to improve traffic flow out of the school parking lot.

**Benefits:** Improve safety for pedestrians and traffic flow at school entrance.

**Cost Estimate:** \$107,700

**Category:** Frank Ledesma Elementary School



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**Pedestrian Improvements at Benito Street and Gabilan Street**

**Detail:** Install stop bar striping, ADA-compliant\* curb ramps, and school crossing pavement markings approaching the midblock crosswalk at Benito Street and Gabilan Street.  
*\*Americans with Disabilities Act*

**Benefits:** Striping and curb extensions improve pedestrian visibility and shorten the pedestrian crossing distance.

**Cost Estimate:** \$11,000

**Category:** Soledad High School





PROJECTS

6

Intersection Improvements at Main Street and Gabilan Drive

**Detail:** Install curb extensions on the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection, stripe white curb for loading zone for school drop-off/pick-up and station crossing guards at this intersection. This project includes an intersection improvement study at this location.

**Benefits:** Increase pedestrian safety by improving visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$135,250

**Category:** Pinnacles High School



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Intersection Improvements at Main Street and Monterey Street

**Detail:** Install curb extensions and high visibility crosswalks at all corners of the intersection at Main Street and Monterey Street.

**Benefits:** Improve pedestrian safety by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$220,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School



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Intersection Improvements at Main Street and Ticino Street

**Detail:** Install curb extensions on three of four corners and stop bar striping at the north and east leg of the intersection.

**Benefits:** Improve pedestrian safety by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$154,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School





PROJECTS

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**Intersection Improvements at Main Street and North Street**

**Detail:** Install curb extensions on all corners of the intersection and flashing stop signs on the north and east legs of the intersection.

**Benefits:** Improve safety pedestrians by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$203,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School



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**Intersection Improvements at Orchard Lane and San Antonio Street**

**Detail:** Install ADA-compliant\* curb ramps on all corners of the intersection, stop bar striping at all legs of the intersection, and a high visibility crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection.

*\*Americans with Disabilities Act*

**Benefits:** Improve pedestrian safety by increasing visibility and accessibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$32,000

**Category:** Jack Francioni School



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**Traffic Circle at Orchard Lane and San Gabriel**

**Detail:** Install a traffic circle at Orchard Lane and San Gabriel.

**Benefits:** Improve safety and traffic flow.

**Cost Estimate:** \$195,000

**Category:** Jack Francioni School





PROJECTS

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**Pedestrian Improvements on Orchard Lane**

**Detail:** Install high visibility crosswalks on Orchard Lane at Aromas Place, Cadena Drive, and Cambria Drive. Move the loading zone to the west side of the school and formalize parking at the dirt lot.

**Benefits:** Improve safety for people walking along Orchard Lane.

**Cost Estimate:** \$23,600

**Category:** San Vicente Elementary School



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**Pedestrian Improvements on Market Street**

**Detail:** Install high visibility crosswalks on Market Street and Soledad Street, flashing stop signs at Main Street, and rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Encinal Street.

**Benefits:** Improve safety and visibility of pedestrians walking on Market Street.

**Cost Estimate:** \$134,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School



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**Intersection Improvements at Market Street and Benito Street**

**Detail:** Install curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, and flashing stop signs at all legs of the intersection.

**Benefits:** Improve safety of pedestrians by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$222,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School





PROJECTS

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**Intersection Improvements at Market Street and West Street**

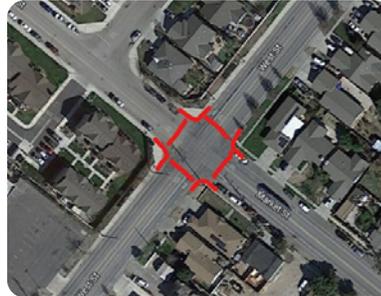
**Detail:** Install ADA-compliant\* curb ramps and high visibility crosswalks at all legs of the intersection.

*\*Americans with Disabilities Act*

**Benefits:** Improve safety of pedestrians by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$38,000

**Category:** Main Street Middle School



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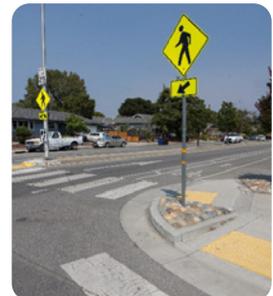
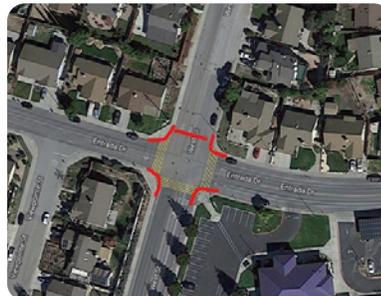
**Intersection Improvements at West Street and Entrada Drive**

**Detail:** Install curb extensions on all corners of the intersection and high visibility crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection.

**Benefits:** Improve safety of pedestrians by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$204,000

**Category:** Rose Ferrera Elementary School



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**Pedestrian Refuge at West Street and Anderson Street**

**Detail:** Install a pedestrian refuge island and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the south crosswalk.

**Benefits:** Improve safety of pedestrians by increasing visibility and comfort.

**Cost Estimate:** \$160,000

**Category:** Soledad High School





PROJECTS

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**Pedestrian Improvements at West Street and Anderson Street**

**Detail:** Install school crossing signage at all legs of the intersection and curb extensions on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection.

**Benefits:** Improve safety for pedestrians by increasing visibility.

**Cost Estimate:** \$103,400

**Category:** Soledad High School

