San Jose Safe Pathways to Diridon Light Rail Station

PROJECT STATUS:
Project has been open for bid since December 2014 with construction expected after February 2015.

SPONSOR: City of San Jose, VTA

LOCATION: San Jose

AWARD: $675,000

The Sunol/Midtown area around the Diridon Light Rail Transit Station has long been deficient of bicycle infrastructure. Limited bicycle parking is available at the station and no way finding signage exists to direct bikers from the nearby Los Gatos Creek Trail. Safe Routes to Transit will help fund bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the Midtown area, which will include upgrading bus stops, filling sidewalk gaps, enhancing crosswalks, upgrading curb ramps, creating delineated bicycle lanes, and adding way finding signage. At the station, funds will also be used to install bicycle racks and lockers and to convert existing streetlights to LEDs. These improvements will increase and encourage biking and walking to transit.

Pictures document existing conditions.
“Sometimes I’ll hop onto the sidewalk if I have to. I know it’s illegal because I’m an adult. I mean it’s my life versus a ticket. The police should instead chase down the guy that almost ran me over. What would be nice is if we had a bike lane on the edge and then a curb for cars to park on. Then I wouldn’t have to worry about this tonnage coming at me. Is he going to give me space or run me over?”

-Yolanda, KARMA Bikes