

City of Albany



TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: JUSTIN FRIED, TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO STAFF MEMORANDUM ON ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN – ANALYSIS OF SOLANO AVENUE BICYCLE
FACILITY CONCEPT

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2025

DISCUSSION

Subsequent to the posting of the staff memorandum on the ATP Analysis of the Solano Avenue Bicycle Facility Concept, additional feedback from the Albany Fire Department was received and is being provided to the Commission for tonight's discussion.

Fire Department communicated that they would like the main emphasis to be a functional lane width in both directions for their crews when working on an incident. They referenced work that was done on Solano lane widths when preparing the [parklet program guidelines](#) in 2022, which require maintaining a minimum of 15 feet of clear width in either direction between the centerline and the parklet footprint. This allows for a 'reasonably safe' work environment for AFD crews when parked in one of the lanes of travel. Data presented in the May 5th Council meeting discussion [staff report](#) indicated an average of 1.7 calls per week on Solano between Masonic and Tulare (271 calls over a 3 year period), with an average of over 30 minutes on scene for medical calls and over 21 minutes on scene for other calls. If one of the lanes is only 11 feet, AFD would most likely block one lane completely and part of the other when responding to a call on Solano Avenue, enough so the other lane is essentially blocked for any large vehicles. Due to this, AFD requests that the design maintains 15 feet of width in each direction to allow for the safest work environment for Fire personnel while on emergency incidents multiple times a week.

A 15-foot westbound travel lane would require 4 additional feet than is shown in the concept presented. If this came from the width shown for the uphill bikeway and buffer, something along the lines of a 5-foot bikeway and 2-foot buffer would remain. At first look, this could still meet minimum guidance, but future design work would need to further review AFD concerns and evaluate options to address them.