



Connecting Palo Alto

Fact Sheet

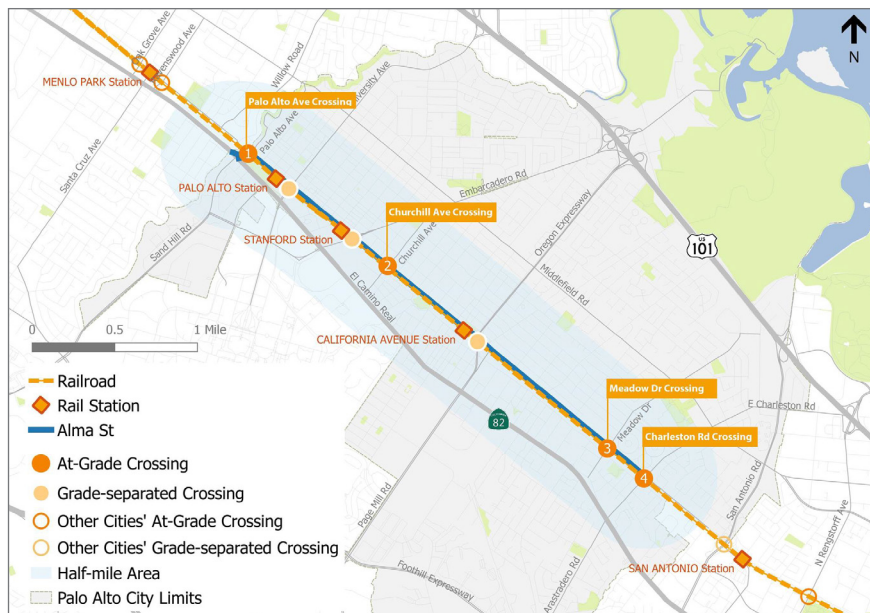
What you need to know!

The City is evaluating potential railroad crossing **grade separation** ideas throughout Palo Alto. Specific ideas related to separating the street from the railroad are being considered at four existing railroad crossings: Palo Alto Avenue, Churchill Avenue, Charleston Road and Meadow Drive. A variety of **options** for a citywide solution are under review including road closures, partially raising or lowering the railroad and the roadway (hybrid or shallow trench), viaducts, trenches, and tunnels.

Ideas will be evaluated with the following **criteria** being considered:

- Improve east-west connectivity across the corridor
- Reduce traffic congestion and delays
- Provide clear and safe routes for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Support continued rail operations
- Finance with feasible funding sources
- Minimize right-of-way acquisition
- Reduce rail noise and vibration along the corridor
- Maintain or improve local access while reducing regional traffic on neighborhood streets
- Minimize visual changes along the corridor
- Minimize disruption and the duration of construction

Feedback on the ideas will be gathered at numerous meetings with the community, City Council, Rail Committee, and a Community Advisory Panel created specifically for this study. The City Council will narrow the Master List of Ideas to Alternatives for Study with a **preferred solution** anticipated to be selected in early 2019.



Hybrid



Shallow Trench



Road Closure



Viaduct



Trench/Tunnel



City-wide Tunnel

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