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Subject: Comments on General Plan 2040

I attended the meeting tonight at San Mateo Library. Thanks so much for holding it.

I understand why much of the General Plan is high level aspirational and full of platitudes. My comments relate to making things more concrete -- by reference to what other cities do on the Peninsula. I have four examples for you (and I'm sure that there are many more that would make sense):

- * We should be more bike friendly, like, for example, Burlingame.
- * We should have more community events, like, for example, Redwood City.
- * We should have better pedestrian streets and restaurant parklets, like, for example, Los Gatos. (In my view, this has been a gigantic missed opportunity for us.)
- * We should better develop the areas leading up to the movie theater in downtown San Mateo, like, for example, Redwood City.

Because these other cities have done it, we should be able to do it, too! Aspiring to be like other cities in certain regards

should be achievable, and much more concrete in the minds of residents, businesses and planners.

I love San Mateo -- and have been resident her for nearly 40 years. Just my two cents to try to make it better.

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