



CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

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City of East Palo Alto Celebrates Completion of New Pedestrian Bridge with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

East Palo Alto, CA (November 21, 2025) — The City of East Palo Alto is pleased to announce the successful completion of the New Pedestrian Bridge, called the U.S. 101/University Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing and Interchange Project, and invites the community to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate this milestone. Project partners expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort and emphasized the value of multimodal transportation access for the East Palo Alto community.

“The San Mateo County Transportation Authority is proud to help fund this new pedestrian bridge on University Avenue. This project strengthens safety and access for everyone who walks, bikes or takes transit in East Palo Alto,” said SMCTA Executive Director April Chan. “By investing in connections that support community mobility, we continue to advance a more inclusive and resilient transportation network for our county.”

Project Overview

The project delivered a comprehensive set of improvements including:

- A new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over U.S. 101, north of the existing University Avenue crossing
- A new bike path connecting the bridge to Woodland Avenue and Donohoe Street
- Widened the on and off ramps of the U.S. 101 on University Avenue to improve traffic flow
- Upgraded streetlights, traffic signals, intersections and sidewalks between U.S. 101 and Donohoe Street and Woodland Avenue

Funding and Construction

The project was made possible through a combination of federal, state and local grants, including San Mateo County Transportation Authority Measure A and W, State SB-1, the Federal Highway Administration HPP funds, and funded in part by the County of Santa Clara.

Construction began in late summer 2023 after the City awarded the contract that spring. The city managed the overall project from start to finish, and Caltrans provided oversight.

Community & Mobility Benefits

With the new bridge and roadway improvements now complete, residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists can travel more safely, easily, and efficiently throughout the community. The new improvements also help reduce traffic congestion and strengthen connections between neighborhoods on both sides of the U.S. 101. As work wraps up and the community begins using the bridge, project leaders noted the milestone's importance for safety and neighborhood connectivity.

"This new bridge is more than a pathway, it's a connection between communities. We celebrate a safer, more accessible route that brings the community closer together and supports the mobility, health, and well-being of everyone who calls East Palo Alto home."

-David D Ambuehl, Acting District Director, Caltrans District 4 - Bay Area

Join the Celebration

Join us to mark a major step forward in improving safety, connectivity, and access for our community. City officials, project team members, funders, and community partners will be present to commemorate this achievement. All members of the community are invited to attend, walk the new bridge, and join in the celebration.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Details

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: University Circle parking lot – 1900 University Avenue

"I'm thrilled to celebrate the completion of the new pedestrian bridge across U.S. 101. This long-awaited project gives our community a safe and convenient way to walk or bike across the highway; connecting families to schools, parks, and many other essential neighborhood resources. "

- Martha Barragan, Mayor, East Palo Alto

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