

Local Health Department Strides in Built Environment Work: What Roles can Public Health Play?

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First - we need training

- Research
- Vocabulary
- Compile library of resources
- Attend training, training, training
- Assess “lay of the land” locally
- Learn, learn, learn

Meet our Partners; Become a Partner

- Levels of partnerships
 - Public Health – workgroup
 - Department
 - Other county departments
 - Cities (Planners, public works, transportation)
 - Stakeholders
 - County-wide – Solano Transportation Authority; Planning directors meetings
 - Regional - MTC

Get Involved – Seat at the Table

- Identify local projects upon which you can have an impact
- Prioritize and select one or two

What do we bring to the table?

- Data on health issues; health disparities;
- Passion for health issues
- Community organization and mobilization skills
- Support for innovative engineering solutions, traffic calming, injury prevention
- Support from a “new” voice for livable community design

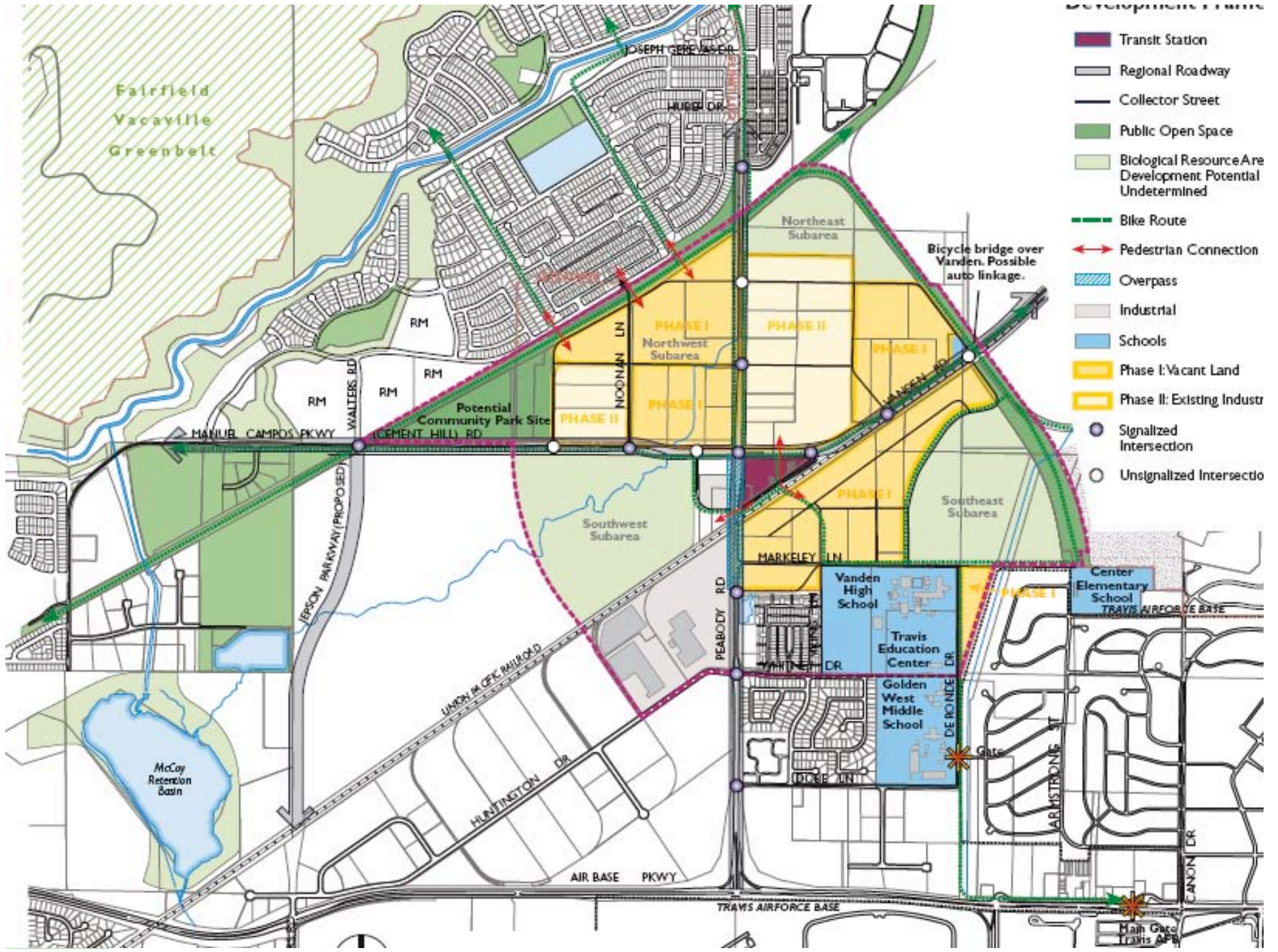
Participate in Planning Process; Review and Comment on Plans

- City of Fairfield Area Specific Plan for Train Station
 - Participate in community process
 - Review plans
 - Work with planning and transportation depts
 - Testify to Planning Commission
 - Testify to City Council



Illustrative Plan

- Community Park
- Open Space - Cons
- Linear Park / Buffer
- Neighborhood Park
- Small Lot Single Fam
- Townhouses
- Apts/Condo w/ Surf
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- Commercial Center
- Signalized Intersecti
- Train Station
- Existing School Bult
- Collector Street



Let's talk specifics

- TOD around Train Station
- What did review find?
 - Intersection width
 - Pedestrian crossing on overpass
 - Sidewalk width in residential areas
 - Public Plaza
 - Multi-modal connectivity to other areas in plan
 - Add Health, HIA to EIR

Participate in Planning (cont)

- Solano County General Plan
- What about our own buildings? Start close to home!
 - Work with Resource Management, Architect's office to provide input on our own building design
 - Formalize relationship with Resource Mgmt. for routing of plans to/through PH once submitted to them (HIA's, EIR's)

Serve as a Convenor

- Partnership with Board of Supervisors
- Assist on their goals ie. childhood obesity
- Participate in planning and summits; add components (ie. walk audits)
- Convene a planning group to look at a Solano Built Environment Symposium

So many roles, so little time!

- The challenge is not to find a PH role in regards to land use and built environment, but to choose wisely among the many roles and projects to identify those areas in which PH input will make a significant difference.