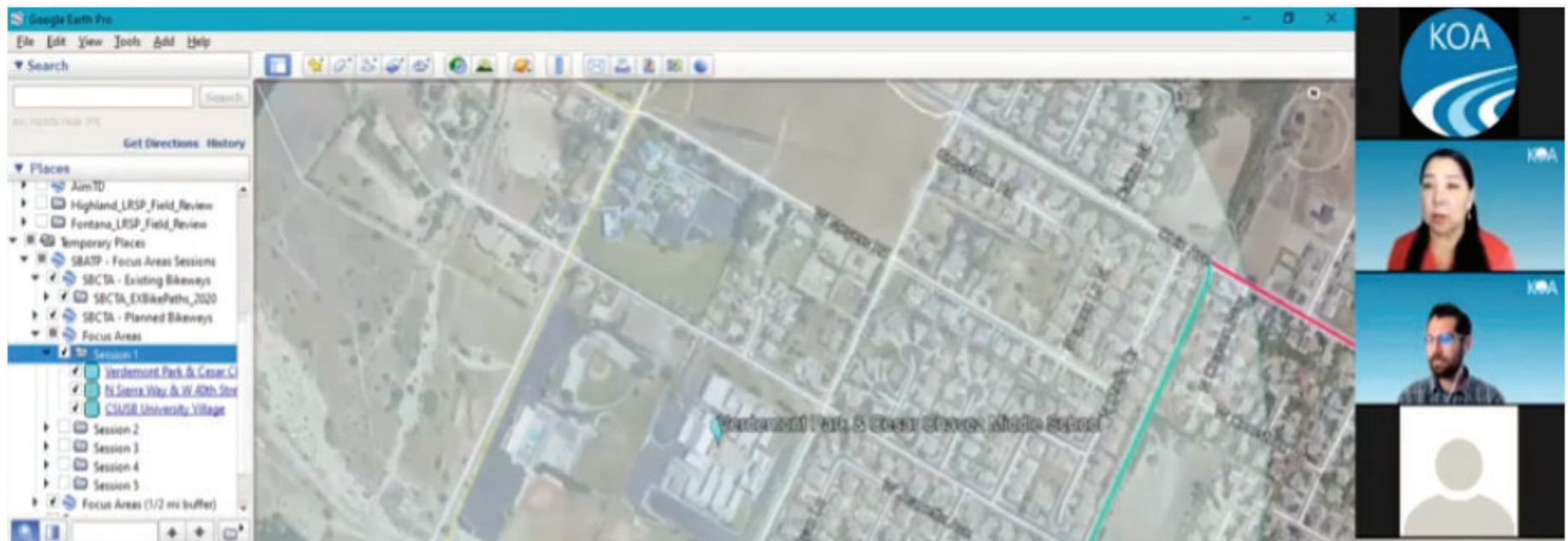




# **Virtual Focus Area Session Summaries**



# VIRTUAL FOCUS AREA SESSION SUMMARIES



The City of San Bernardino organized Virtual Workshops to gather input from community members for the San Bernardino Active Transportation Plan. The workshops were held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal to hear community residents key concerns and collect feedback on bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity in identified locations in the City of San Bernardino and 2) better understand the community's needs for active transportation improvements in these areas. The selection of the focus areas for this project were informed by the County's Pedestrian Points of Interest Plan, city staff input, and connections to proposed bikeway networks.



## San Bernardino Active Transportation Plan

Virtual Walk Audits via Zoom

The Focus Area Sessions were located in following areas:

#### **FOCUS AREA SESSION #1**

- Verdemont Park & Cesar Chavez Middle School
- CSUSB University Village
- North Sierra Way & West 40th Street

#### **FOCUS AREA SESSION #2**

- Arrowview Middle School
- Perris Hill Park & E Highland Avenue

#### **FOCUS AREA SESSION #3**

- Locations rescheduled into Session #4 and Session #5

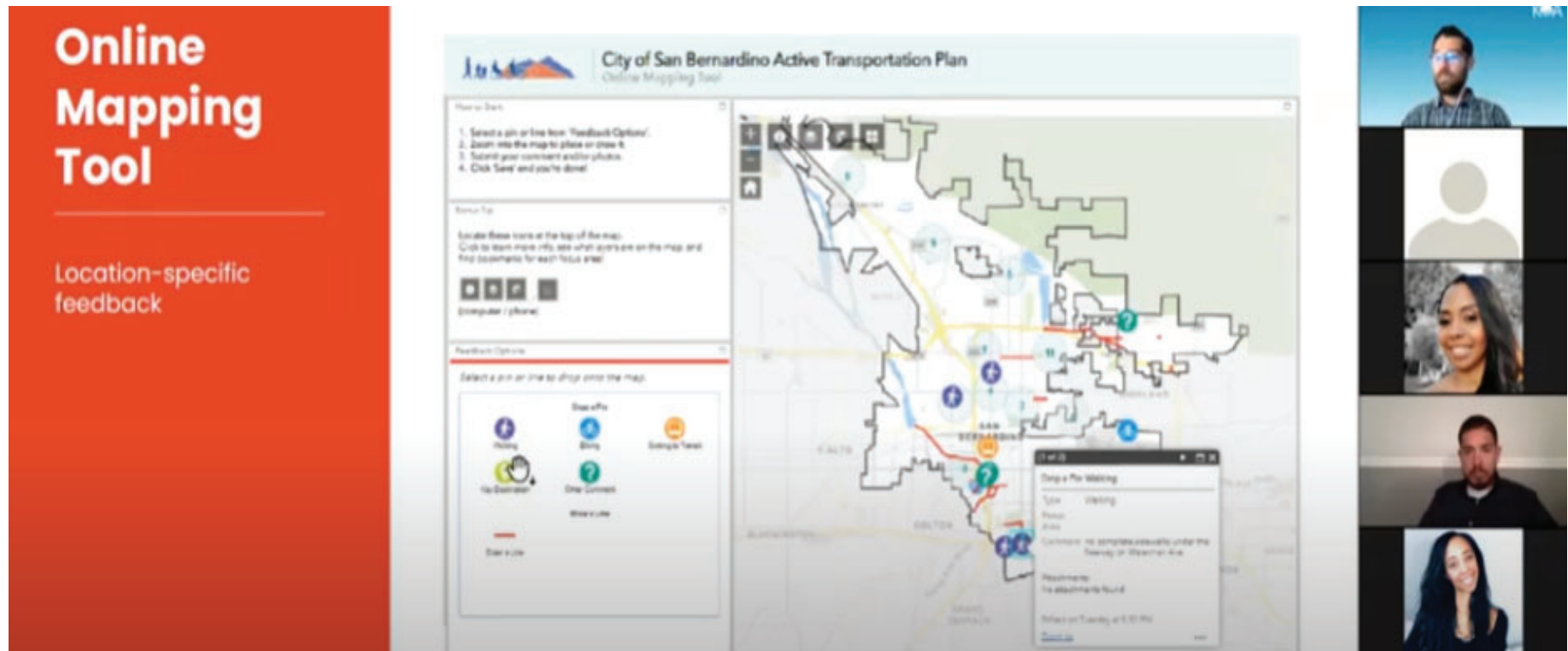
#### **FOCUS AREA SESSION #4**

- Waterman Avenue Shopping Center & Neal Roberts Elementary
- Indian Springs High School
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary

#### **FOCUS AREA SESSION #5**

- San Bernardino Valley College
- Inland Career Education Center
- Lytle Creek Park
- Encanto Park
- Hospitality Lane Area & Santa Ana River Trail Access Point

## VIRTUAL WALK AUDIT: FOCUS AREA SESSION #1



Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 9 total attendees: 4 community members, 3 project staff, 2 City staff

The first Focus Area Session focused on the following three areas:

- **Verdemont Park & Cesar Chavez Middle School:** Adjacent to each other, Cesar Chavez Middle School and Verdemont Park are nestled in a residential area just north of the CA-215. Other local schools and destinations in the area include North Verdemont Elementary School, Palm Elementary School, and Guhin Park.
- **CSUSB University Village:** Cal State University San Bernardino is one San Bernardino's notable anchor institutions in the northwestern part of the city. This area is home to many students and young professionals in the San Bernardino area.
- **North Sierra Way & West 40th Street:** North Sierra Way and West 40th Street is an intersection located in a commercial area which connects various shopping centers in the Arrowhead neighborhood.

## Summary of Comments

Community members provided input on many different topics. These include:

- Speed issues and lack of robust pedestrian infrastructure.
- Improvements that should allow access to pedestrian infrastructure to increase walking and biking.
- Perceived personal safety issues in this area
- Existing pedestrian infrastructure and connections to trailheads need improvements in order to increase connectivity

## Community Quotes

Participants made comments that ranged from general observations to specific suggestions. Here are a few notable quotes:

"On Belmont, from Palm Avenue all the way to Little League Drive, there should be a **bicycle lane**. There are a lot of children in the area that have to walk to Cesar Chavez or the elementary school nearby."

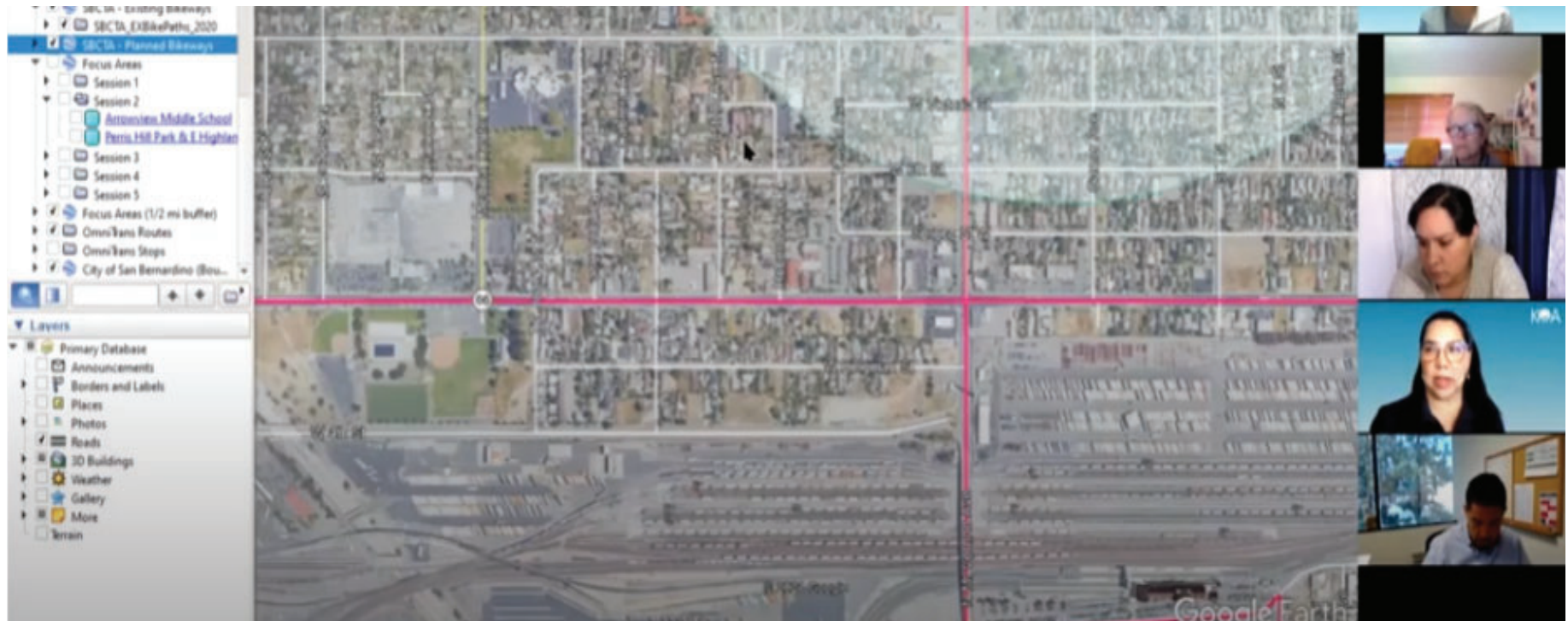
"Starting with **40th and Waterman Avenue** and coming in different directions from the park is where I would **focus efforts**."

"I think the community is hungry for a trail system in San Bernardino. Also, a **promotional/educational campaign** to make residents aware of existing and planned trails."

"On Little League Drive, it would be nice to have a **bicycle lane** but with the diagonal parking, I don't know how much of that is possible."



## VIRTUAL WALK AUDIT: FOCUS AREA SESSION #2



Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 9 total attendees: 3 community members, 3 project staff, 4 City staff

The second Focus Area Session focused on the following two areas:

- **Arrowview Middle School:** To the east of the CA-259, Arrowview Middle School is situated within the Arrowview neighborhood near Downtown San Bernardino. Other local schools in the area include George Brown Elementary and San Bernardino High School.
- **Perris Hill Park & E Highland Avenue:** Perris Hill Park is located along East Highland Ave and is south of the CA-210. The park features various amenities like baseball, picnic areas, playgrounds, and a water park!

## Summary of Comments

Community members provided input on many different topics. These include:

- Meaningful connectivity between areas in San Bernardino AS an observed priority for community residents.
- A robust picture of a connected network.
- Dangerous mid-block crossings to get to local destinations like McDonald's along G Street and Highland Avenue.

## Community Quotes

Participants made comments that ranged from general observations to specific suggestions. Here are a few notable quotes:

"We need a route that offers connectivity from one part of town to another. Don't do it piecemeal, but make it something **complete, meaningful, and connected to destinations.**"

"What you are seeing is the **poor conditions of the pavement** itself."

"I like the intersection because it has a **signalized turning lane**. I like the way this intersection was made but it is a heavily traffic area. I think there should be an **opportunity for a bike lane** here. You don't see too many people on their bikes here."

## VIRTUAL WALK AUDIT: FOCUS AREA SESSION #4



Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 6 total attendees: 1 community members, 3 project staff, 2 City staff



The fourth Focus Area Session featured rescheduled locations from Focus Area Session #3. This includes the following areas:

- **Waterman Avenue Shopping Center & Neal Roberts Elementary:** Waterman Ave Shopping Center is directly adjacent to Neal Roberts Elementary school in the Seccombe Lane and East Valley neighborhoods.
- **Indian Springs High School:** Indian Springs High School is located south of CA-210 and east of CA-215.
- **Abraham Lincoln Elementary:** Abraham Lincoln Elementary School is connected to East Baseline St., a commercial corridor which features heavy vehicular activity.

## Summary of Comments

Community members provided input on many different topics. These include:

- Key corridors to further examine and focus efforts for connectivity like 9th Street.
- Connectivity to transit and schools which is a major concern.
- Opportunity for cross-jurisdiction and regional collaboration for connectivity.
- Bicycle infrastructure as a potential regional connector.
- Pedestrian infrastructure improvements like continental crosswalks and HAWK signals.

## Community Quotes

Participants made comments that ranged from general observations to specific suggestions. Here are a few notable quotes:

"The problem here is that there is a jigsaw of jurisdictions. **Cross-jurisdiction collaboration** is needed."

"**Speed management** on 9th Street is **critical**."

"It'd be good to add a **HAWK signal** to get the kids to the other side of the street **safely**."

"Signals don't detect bikes. The sensitivity should be increased. **Infrastructure is there but it is not working as it should** on 9th and Arrowhead."

## VIRTUAL WALK AUDIT: FOCUS AREA SESSION #5



Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021

Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendance: 9 total attendees: 4 community members, 3 project staff, 2 City staff

The fifth Focus Area Session featured rescheduled locations from Focus Area Session #3. This includes the following areas:

- **San Bernardino Valley College and Lytle Creek Park:** San Bernardino Valley College and Lytle Creek Park are located west of the CA-215.
- **Inland Career Education Center:** The Inland Career Education Center is located just east of the CA-215 in Downtown San Bernardino.
- **Encanto Park:** To the east of the W Historic Route 66, Encanto Park is situated in the La Plaza residential neighborhood.
- **Hospitality Lane Area & Santa Ana River Trail Access Point:** Adjacent to the Interstate 10 and located southeast of the city's downtown area.

## Summary of Comments

Community members provided input on many different topics. These include:

- Connecting utilitarian use and recreational use for trails which is a top priority for participants around the Santa Ana River Trail Access Point. This could serve as an opportunity for a regional connection.
- Intersections that feature need for more robust pedestrian crossing support.
- Sidewalks in area need updated ADA curb ramps.

## Community Quotes

Participants made comments that ranged from general observations to specific suggestions. Here are a few notable quotes:

**"More visible, safer crosswalks** are always important because people have to cross the street to get to the bus stops."

**"High visibility crosswalks** would be important near the schools."

"[The **sidewalks** on] Acasia and some of the smaller side streets off of Baseline **need some attention.**"

"In general the Hospitality area is palatable, at least from a pedestrian standpoint. Pedestrian infrastructure is fine. The problem is that although this area is identified as a bike corridor, there is no **bicycle infrastructure**. It seems like a **good candidate for a complete street.**"