

The following information in this document reflects responses received on a brief, three question survey. This survey was circulated to the La Crescenta-Montrose community in May, 2024. Responses to the survey are edited to protect personal identifying information, but are otherwise unaltered. 267 Responses were recorded as part of this survey.

Survey Title: Community Spaces in La Crescenta - Montrose (West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan)

Survey Description: The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan is a long-range plan that will include policies and actions on several subjects, including to enhance community life and support community gathering spaces in a variety of forms. This simple survey focuses on desired features for new community gathering spaces in the community. Responses to this survey will help fine-tune policies and actions to include in the Area Plan. More information about the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan is available on the Area Plan's website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/>

Survey Questions:

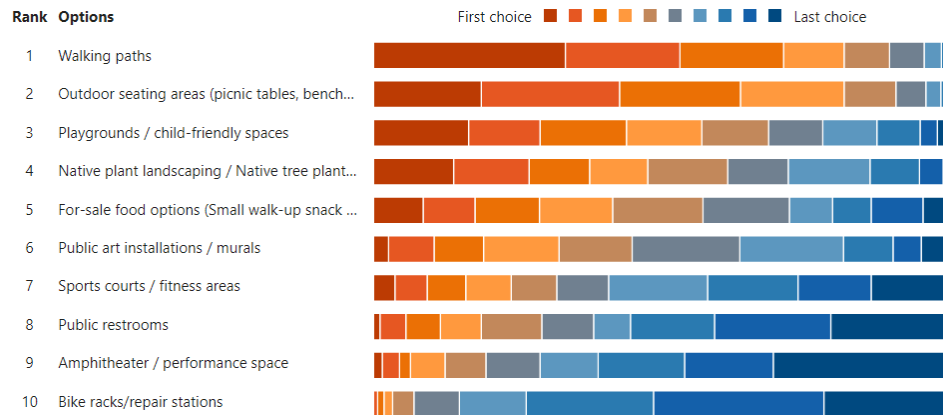
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 - b. Walking paths
 - c. Public art installations / murals
 - d. For-sale food options (Small walk-up snack bars, cafes, coffee carts, farmers market space, or food truck parking areas)
 - e. Playgrounds / child-friendly spaces
 - f. Sports courts / fitness areas
 - g. Native plant landscaping / Native tree plantings
 - h. Bike racks/repair stations
 - i. Public restrooms
 - j. Amphitheater / performance space
2. Are there any other amenities not listed above that you'd like to see in these spaces? If so, describe them below
3. Would you like to sign up for email updates about the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan? If so, enter your email address in the box below:

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b.

2. Are there any other amenities not listed above that you'd like to see in these spaces? If so, describe them below

community shuttle to connect these amenities!
Accessible access points
shade, water play for children
1) For a more pleasant Foothill Blvd, it's also important to improve walkability/bikeability and lessen amount of cars (so many lanes of traffic, I am scared to walk across Foothill Blvd especially with my baby) and speed of cars on Foothill Blvd. It's current state is polluted and noisy. The car wash across La Crescenta Library is extremely loud during hours of operation. There are also a lot of underutilized parking lots. Can we have a downtown that's like Montrose Shopping Park and/or Old Town Pasadena? 2) ebike and electric car chargers would be great to have 3) a family-friendly trolley around town (down Foothill and to/from Montrose Shopping Park, Crescenta Valley Community Park, Two Strike Park, Rosemont Preserve, farmers markets) with frequent operation would be great 4) family-friendly transit to neighboring cities (like Pasadena, Glendale) would be amazing since there is a sore lack of eateries here and everybody has to drive for food 5) native plantings are very much needed, and especially ones that can provide shade for pedestrians
Fewer dead ends streets. Build cut thrus for walk / bike
Bike paths

Safe places for teens to hang out that are in walking distance of CVHS and Rosemont MS. Also, a focus on shade (ideally from trees).
Kid and parent friendly spaces
Finally getting CV a public, municipal-owned swimming pool
These are so wonderful and allow me to envision what it might be like to enjoy Foothill blvd instead of being frightened of it as a car-centric space where drivers operate with total recklessness and callousness toward pedestrians.
Open gathering space, like olberz park in la Cañada. It's a space that you can grab food and congregate. Also communities like Eaglerock and Pasadena have community recreation centers, it would be great if we could have one that's free and open to the public. Not the YMCA which charges. Imagine a space that had a playground and tennis courts and bathrooms and community rooms where you could rent out space for a party or gathering that was not extremely expensive. That would be great for community life And give teenagers something to do, to prevent mischief
No.
Sidewalks
A place where kids can ride their bikes while parents can see them
lawn area, fountain
Shaded spaces and sidewalks!
I would love to see Foothill go down to two lanes (like Honolulu) with more spaces for meandering, walking, and eating outdoors.
Lift bans on arcades so teens can have a space to gather
Museums / free educational indoors
It would be nice if there was more shade along the existing side walks.
Separated bike paths
The list above covers a lot of it, but I wanted to be a bit more specific: on the food places, I think we shouldn't be shy about the kinds of food establishments we allow: for example, in my experience the community really comes together around gastropubs i.e. responsible and limited alcohol use can be a magnet for strong community gathering points! Add to this more large patios and parklets to enjoy our beautiful weather, with seating circles like Honolulu Ave has in the Montrose Shopping Park, Foothill could be an enduring community gathering spot. There is huge potential for Foothill and that challenges can be overcome, ideally sooner than later!
Shade areas. Montrose has many trees lining it's narrow street that provide valuable shade. Foothill is a very wide human unfriendly road with no shade. If it can be narrowed (in places) and shaded in places it could be a more welcoming and less desolate place
Bike paths to these spaces
Shaded areas for gathering
More crosswalks
Pickleball courts!
More retail - small shops
Dog parks
A reflection pool or a fountain.
Free charging stations for all EV types

Foothill is hideous. At least put plants and make it look better. It's also in walkable. Add paths and green spaces.
Trees/Plants
reading nooks, game tables (like for chess or checkers), wifi access and computer/phone charging options, spaces that can accommodate small group gatherings such as for book clubs or "meet up" events
Splash pad (water fountain you can run through)
Shade sails
Mixed use zoning with higher density housing options, protected bike lanes, and perhaps a pedestrian only corridor
Kid-friendly outdoor dining (i.e. safe place for kids to move in/next to dining space)
Signage about area history
Large indoor food-court style facility
Disability inclusive playgrounds
Community gardens and slow spaces
Something environmentally focused like a food waste disposal/compost area
Community Center, pocket parks, upgraded bus stops, wayfinding, repurposed flood control tributary space as walking paths
Most of the above items are inappropriate for Foothill Blvd
Dog poop bags, splash pads for kids
Bike paths
Use of native rocks in new construction. All new construction should comply to a standard architecture look
Food forest
Some street's name can not see
drinking fountains
Stop spending money on things that sit unused and rot. Build large parks and staff them.
Drinking water fountains
We need bus service to/from and across Foothill and some nighttime/weekend bus service.
Water fountains
Bike rental
I would like to see the San Gabriel mountains instead of a 3 story building obstructing my view
Water features
More street trees. Wider sidewalks. More safety features at crosswalks.
Baseball Fields and Batting Cages
Small parks
I noticed that neighboring Eagle Rock recently installed sidewalk lights which I thought was a nice touch and which would invite later evening strolls along foothill blvd.
Friendly people!
Bigger child friendly spaces where families can gather to eat, drink, socialize, etc while their kids play. Something similar (but better!) to Golden Road or Proud Bird near LAX.

Water fountains for humans and dogs
water pond or some type of water feature
Bike paths
Community center
Recycling
It's fine the way it is. Peaceful
Volleyball courts, Pickleball courts
Shade (from the sun) on everything
Multi-use Trail system for hikers, bikes and equestrians
La crescenta is not a destination. It would be nice if there were more for the community.
A wide open grass area for kids to run and just play. Not a sports field, just open space.
Security guards / police awareness / workers to maintain these areas and WiFi
I'm going to think about it
outdoor park with a running/biking trail
Designated pet areas, information about local flora, fauna, and history
open space
Public Transit stops
Pickle ball courts
More green spaces
More green space, NO PARKING FEES
More green space, less concrete. Less urban and big city feel, more small mountain community look and feel.
Shade structures
More restaurants/cafes——-not pop-up tents!
More affordable housing units in La Crescenta
Bike paths and exercise areas!
Small businesses not medical buildings
No
Medians with native plants, beautify
No impact to traffic, nor lanes
Landscape plants and trees don't have to be native. It can be drought tolerant from another Mediterranean climate region
Sidewalks and safe crosswalks
Community gardens,Bike paths,Free outdoor gyms,free outdoor running track
More restaurant spaces with outdoor kid friendly seating. Wurstkuche style picnic bench seating. Walk up to order them sit family style!
no
I do not support any of these additions. Things are fine as it is. No need to use more funds unnecessarily. These are my list from least tolerable.
Lots of Shady Native Trees
No high rises
Minimize impact on traffic patterns
More trees for shade over sidewalks or awnings

Dog waste bag stations
It is too crowded in this small community. The streets, schools and amenities can not handle more people. Thank you
Dog parks
None
Community policing of public areas on foot supported by local police..
charging stations for electronic devices, wifi access, comfortable seating, lighting
A shady spot to cool down if you are walking