



# Mission Canyon Community Survey Results

In each box below the number of community members (Mission Canyon residents and property owners) responding in that category, the rating they gave and corresponding percentage for responses are shown. Of 1,310 surveys the County distributed by mail, a total of 331 surveys were returned by mail and 32 submitted online for a response rate of 28%. Respondents had approximately 3 weeks to complete and return the survey. Non-responses were counted in the “don’t know” category.

## Traffic, Circulation and Parking Areas of *Priority*:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. Should the County develop a plan for new “No Parking” zones on heavily impacted roads?	175 47%	82 22%	32 9%	30 8%	39 10%	16 4%
2. Do you support new or increased on-street parking restrictions <b>year round</b> ?	149 40%	75 20%	41 11%	46 12%	48 13%	15 4%
3. Do you support new or increased on-street parking restrictions <b>only on red flag days</b> ?	70 18%	67 18%	59 16%	85 23%	55 15%	38 10%
4. In 2009, Caltrans will construct safety improvements that will include up to 8 feet of paved asphalt shoulders and ditch on both sides of Foothill Road between Tye and Cheltenham Road. Should the newly paved area be designated a “No Parking” zone?	166 44%	72 19%	48 13%	42 11%	28 7%	18 5%
5. Should encroachments into the public right-of-way (i.e., landscaping, mailboxes etc.) on public streets be removed?	96 26%	70 19%	76 20%	57 15%	54 14%	21 6%
6. Should enforcement of existing parking restrictions be increased?	156 42%	89 24%	59 16%	30 8%	25 7%	15 4%
7. Should the County consider options for circulation and parking improvements <b>everywhere</b> in Mission Canyon?	115 31%	89 24%	62 17%	42 11%	39 10%	27 7%
8. Should the County focus circulation and parking improvements options <b>only on the major access roads</b> (Mission Canyon, Tunnel, Foothill, Cheltenham and Las Canoas)?	69 18%	99 26%	57 15%	77 21%	50 13%	22 6%
9. Should the County coordinate with the City of Santa Barbara on a method to predict and handle extra traffic generated by special events within and adjacent to Mission Canyon?	132 35%	127 34%	56 15%	20 5%	19 5%	20 5%
10. Should the County seek funding to purchase rights-of-way to construct small community parking areas or roadside turnouts?	75 20%	106 28%	56 15%	54 14%	57 15%	26 7%
11. Should some streets be designated one-way?	33 9%	38 10%	108 29%	83 22%	62 17%	50 13%
12. Should intersections or bridges be widened at traffic choke points?	56 15%	99 26%	82 22%	54 14%	50 13%	33 9%

**Traffic, Circulation and Parking Areas of *Priority*:**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
13. Should intersection visibility be improved for vehicles and pedestrians?	127 34%	140 37%	53 14%	15 4%	22 6%	17 4%
14. Would you support a new property tax benefit assessment up to approximately \$100 annually to help fund circulation and parking improvements within Mission Canyon?	66 18%	76 20%	53 14%	56 15%	100 27%	23 6%

**Question 15: Which Neighborhood do you live in?**

Upper Mission Canyon	26%
Mission Canyon Heights	50%
South of Foothill	17%
On Foothill	1%
Declined to State	5%
Other	1%

**Question 16: What areas of the Canyon experience the most severe parking problems?**

RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Declined to respond	91
Tunnel Road Trailhead	68
Mission Canyon Heights	66
Cheltenham Road	55
Foothill	26
Exeter	23
Tunnel Road	20
Montrose	19
Williams Way	19
Ben Lomond	16
None	16
Upper Mission Canyon	13
Glen Albyn	12
Don't know	11
Kenmore	9
Las Canoas Road (Rattlesnake Trailhead)	9
Botanic Garden	8
All narrow streets	6
Natural History Museum/Las Encinas during events	5
Palomino Road	5
South Foothill	5
Tye	5
Arriba	4
Dorking Place	4
Mission Canyon Road	4
Entire Canyon	3
Puesta Del Sol	3
All areas where dwellings have renters w/several cars	2
La Combadura	2
Tornoe Road	2

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Tunnel Road at Cheltenham	2
Windsor Way	2
All feeder roads off of Cheltenham in Mission Cyn Heights	1
Any road where people don't have enough parking on their property	1
Ben Lomond & Kenmore Pl. intersection	1
Bridge on Las Canoas	1
Dead End Streets	1
Edgemond Dr	1
Holly Road	1
Lower Tunnel Road	1
Mission Park Drive	1
Private Roads	1
Rocky Nook Area during events	1
Side Streets in all of Mission Canyon	1
The most heavily populated areas	1
Those mentioned in questions	1

**Question 17: Priority Areas for Improvements First Priority**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
No Parking Zones/Parking Restrictions	25
Tunnel Road Trailhead Parking	20
Enforcement	18
Foothill Road	17
Bicycle Lanes and Pedestrian Access	16
Emergency Ingress and Egress/Fire Safety	16
Speeding/Speed Limits/Speed Bumps	13
Tunnel Road	11
No Change	9
Mission Canyon Heights	9
Parking	9
Exeter Place	8
Fuel Management	8
Cheltenham	8
Improve Signs	6
Intersection visibility	6
Eliminate Encroachments in public right-of-way	5
Glen Albyn	5
Road Maintenance	4
One Way Streets	4
Road Improvements/Widening	4
Additional Parking	3
Sidewalks	3
Williams Way	3
Kenmore Place	3
Control Special Events; Botanic Garden during red flag	3
Circulation	2
Improve shoulders and ditches	2
Traffic congestion (Foothill)	2
Increased parking restrictions on Red Flag Days	2
Ben Lomond	1

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Better Drainage through Canyon	1
Public Transit	1
Cheltenham and Montrose	1
County Supervisors	1
Crosswalks (Foothill and Mission Canyon Rd)	1
Everything	1
Glen Albyn and Exeter	1
Overhead Utility Lines	1
Limit Botanic Garden development	1
More trees	1
Prohibit large buses and trucks on Las Canoas Road	1
No new taxes	1
One lane bridge on Las Canoas Road	1
Ben Lomand and Williams Way	1
Parking aesthetics and yard clutter (old cars)	1
Purchase right-of-way	1
Require adequate on-site parking	1
Restrict Growth	1
Safety	1
Turnouts	1
The Road covering the culvert on Edgemon Dr	1
Traffic lights	1
Roundabout (Tunnel and Mission Canyon Road)	1
Tye Road	1
Views	1
Arriba Way	1
Old Mission	1
Motorcycle noise on Foothill	1
Spend funds on people, not parking	1

**Question 17: Priority Areas for Improvements Second Priority**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Emergency Ingress and Egress/Fire Safety	17
No Parking Zones/Parking Restrictions	17
Cheltenham	15
Intersection Visibility	13
Road Improvements/Widening/Shoulder Improvements/Small community Parking Areas and Turnouts/One-Way Streets	13
Foothill Road	13
Tunnel Road Trailhead	10
Enforcement	10
No change	9
Speeding/Speed Bumps/Reduce Speed	9
Vegetation Management	7
Bicycle Lanes and Pedestrian Access	7
Improve Signs	4
Mission Canyon Road	4
Tunnel Road	4
Botanic Garden events and parking	4

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Ben Lomond	3
Require on-site parking	3
Exeter	3
Mission Canyon Heights	3
Montrose	3
Bridge Widening	3
Sidewalks	3
Eliminate Encroachments in Right-of-Way	2
Construction trucks parking	2
Red Flag day parking restrictions	2
Road Maintenance	2
Tunnel Road	2
Kenmore Place	2
Residential Parking Permits	2
The Y @ Mission Cyn & Tunnel	2
Upper Mission Canyon	2
Remove illegally converted garages/rentals	2
More Trees	2
Edgemon	1
Drainage	1
Las Canoas Road	1
Street Lighting	1
Limit development on non-conforming lots	1
Limit mobile home parking	1
Glen Albyn	1
Rattlesnake Trailhead Parking	1
Las Canoas Road	1
Roundabout at APS& Mission Cyn Rd.	1
Selwyn Circle	1
Special Events traffic restrictions	1
Tye Road	1
Williams Way	1
Enforce No Smoking in canyon	1
La Combadura Road	1
Museum of Natural History	1
South Foothill	1

**Question 17: Priority Areas for Improvements Third Priority**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Emergency Ingress and Egress	13
Enforcement	9
No Parking Zones/Parking Restrictions	9
Bicycle Lanes and Pedestrian Access	9
Improve Signs	8
Foothill Road	8
No change	7
Intersection visibility	7
Vegetation Management	6
Cheltenham	6

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Speeding	6
Tunnel Road	6
Tunnel Trailhead	4
Sidewalks	3
Circulation and parking improvements	3
Enforce zoning laws	3
Mission Canyon Road	3
Botanic Garden/Restrict Growth	3
Upper Mission Canyon	3
Mission Canyon Heights	3
Control outdoor lighting	2
Las Canoas Road	2
Special events: Botanic Garden and St. Mary's Seminary	2
Beautification	1
Ben Lomond	1
Public Transit	1
Traffic control at peak hours	1
Choke points	1
Community parking areas	1
County funding for fire truck turnarounds	1
Designated parking	1
Exeter	1
Driving visibility	1
Bridge and intersection widening at choke points	1
Montrose	1
Tye	1
Overdevelopment of small lots	1
Palomino	1
Underground utilities	1
Road maintenance	1
Montrose & Tunnel intersection	1
Widen roads	1
Too much traffic	1
Williams Way	1
Montrose Place	1
Require off street parking spaces for # of cars per lot	1
Arriba Way	1
One Way Streets	1

**Question 18: What are your ideas to improve the trailhead parking situation at the end of Tunnel Road?**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF RESPONSES</b>
Trailhead Parking Lot on City/Forest Service/Edison Property	56
Improve Enforcement	32
Don't Know	27
Better signs and road striping, clearly designate parking spaces	16
Weekend Shuttle/bus/electric tram	15
No change	11
No Parking Anytime on Tunnel Road	7

RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Purchase private land/easements for small parking areas	7
Widen road and angle parking	6
Close trail access on Red Flag Warning days	5
Bike lane or pedestrian trail on Tunnel Road to trailhead	5
Fee based parking at trailhead	4
Improve Turnaround	3
Create/require downhill parking	3
Encourage hiking or biking in	3
Increase paved shoulders for parking	3
Parking Time Limits	2
Park at Botanic Garden and walk through to trails	2
Parking on one-side of street only	2
Park at Women's Club and walk/shuttle up	2
Metered Parking	2
No Parking on Red Flag Days	2
Permit parking: on paved area above the road	2
Place shoulder curbs	2
Lower Canyon pocket parking	2
Create local ticketing authority	1
Carpooling	1
Annual tow-away day	1
Discourage trail publicity	1
Extend parking lane	1
Parking Permit program (free for residents)	1
No trailhead use once parking is full	1
Move trailhead	1
Annual parking pass with odd/even day restrictions	1
No Parking after dusk with enforcement	1
Off road parking spaces and footpath	1
Parking with pass based on riding free shuttle from Museum a certain # of times	1
Pave and mark hikers only	1
Talk to area residents	1
Park at bottom of Tunnel Road and hike up	1

**Question 19: Other Comments (Summarized)**

Set-up a working system to monitor 24/7 for fires and set-up sirens to wake people up at 3am
There is no real parking or circulation problem anywhere in Mission Canyon
Do not advertise Tunnel Road trail to visitors
Designate minimum spacing between each car
Montrose Place would be a good one way street
Something should be done about parking into the right of way on many streets
Stop all parking on Ben Lomond & Williams Way
Increase off street parking
Widen roadway edges, remove blind spots on curves(Cheltenham)
Improve vegetation management
Ensure property owners provide enough spaces on their own properties for parking and stop housing or renting rooms to more people/drivers then they can provide for.
Fire evacuation traffic from Rattlesnake Canyon & Mission Canyon through four outlets to Foothill & Mission Canyon and Alamar is truly terrifying.
Thanks for including REAL public comment and not just holding a meeting no one attends

Do not assess everyone for fixing Upper/North of Foothill problems
Don't urbanize, keep existing feel, no parking lots, wider streets etc.
Las Canoas Road needs repair: some widening, bridges are crumbling, and no guard rails is a real hazard.
Limit development of the Botanic Gardens
Do not waste tax payer dollars
Alternate Fire Road access must be in place for Upper Tunnel Road residents by October 2009. Bicyclists careening downhill on Tunnel Road 45mph and hikers spread out across the road is a serious problem.
Do not eliminate parking for hikers, only manage or enforce so the hiker parking congestion would not restrict emergency vehicles.
The situation at the end of Tunnel Rd is a nightmare
Need aesthetic signage at Tunnel trailhead " High Fire Hazard Area"and Rules
Trailhead users walk in the middle of the street blocking access for residents
It's not broke enough to need fixing. Slippery slope to become next LA.
Discourage public use of private roads (maintained at homeowners expense only) - e.g., use of Mission Canyon Park/Glendessary as shortcut to/from Mission Canyon
Support adequate parking at Tunnel trailhead to encourage respect and appreciation for Federal lands, recreation, etc. No Parking signs are a blight, accomplish no parking zones via Red Curbs.
Leave Botanic Garden as is. Landscape County land at Cheltenham & Kenmore
Illegal extra units/rental units, particularly converted garages, are a problem.
Don't waste money.
Ensure that all new structures have adequate off street parking
Fine residents/property owners who do not clear their property of trees, brush & dead cars
Tunnel Road needs better pedestrian and bike access
Other than trailhead parking this is classic government: A solution in search of a problem
High fire risk from cars parking on grass (which can be tall) along Tunnel Rd and in case of emergency from too many cars/people all along Tunnel especially on weekends
Traffic congestion did not develop during the recent Tea Fire
Make it possible to move utility poles to enable construction of off road parking in front of property
Large trees are a fire hazard and should not block hillside views
Four-way intersection of Palomino Rd, Williams Way, and Vista Elevada needs caution signs on Palomino at the intersection
Require off street parking for residents and require people to use garages for parking
Ensure wide enough roads for emergency escape and fire trucks. Install a Canyon wide alarm system. Sycamore Rd must be opened early for emergency escape.
Don't make any changes of beautiful and historic canyon
Walking in Mission Canyon especially upper Mission Canyon is dangerous
Need more fences to keep deer off the roads
Be sensitive to resident complaints on minor but significant encroachment problems
On Las Canoas Rd the one lane bridges could use better signage to warn motorists to yield in advance of the bridge to allow passing cars coming across the bridge
Do not allow a commercial enterprise such as the Botanic Garden to ruin the canyon
Improve/ensure first responder access on all roads
Stop restrictive fencing on Tunnel Rd by Botanic Garden to improve Fire Escape route (the only way out).
Increased scheduling of events at the Botanic Garden places a burden on our roads. Traffic was bumper to bumper during Tea Fire evacuation. Curb outs at Laguna and Mission reduces road capacity during evacuation.
Start enforcing laws that are already in the books, like zoning violations
Emergency evacuation planning needs continual support and enforcement
Tourists who don't know the area create hazardous driving conditions
No further commercial or residential construction in Mission Canyon or Museum areas
Parked cars on the street help keep traffic moving slower- clearing this up will promote excess speed
Needed improvements should be paid from existing taxes
Stop issuing new building permits. Enforce R-1 (residential, Single Family) zoning codes
Increase vegetation management
Parking enforcement would help (calls to have cars removed has not been successful)
Consider no parking signs only when there is no space and not placed just along one side of the street. Glen



Albyn for example has good parking on both sides of the street.
Do not citify Mission Canyon
Stop Botanic Garden growth
Consider footpaths for off street parking to reduce circulation. Need county's help to assist in creating off street parking spaces
Tight parking on Glen Albyn actually helps calm traffic reducing parking would endanger children as the traffic would speed up
Enforce No Parking zone on Tye Rd
Make Exeter Road No Parking and One Way
This is not the highest priority issue facing the County or Mission Canyon
Require residents to park in their garages, restrict multiple tenants in Single Family Homes
Parking planning is taking forever
Enforce Parking
Require residents to use their driveways and garages.
Parking problems occur when people are entertaining large groups
Advise motorists traveling westbound on Foothill to slow down after turning left onto Foothill from Mission Cyn Rd
Restrict on street parking on streets with dead ends i.e. Exeter, Windsor Way etc.
Parking on lower Cheltenham has been a problem for years due to homes having numerous cars/trucks
Spend money to facilitate walking and biking, enforce "off street parking" codes
Have workshop or provide information to residents about appropriate plantings next to roadways that will allow and encourage walking, biking and horseback riding
Offstreet parking in the property owners (right of way) could be accomplished by County engineering
Need speed bumps and 30 mph on Foothill between Mission Canyon and Alamar
Emergency access and egress need improvements
Palomino Rd needs road work improvements
All main roads should have "road right of way" trail easement like Montecito i.e. Foothill, Mission Cyn Rd., Tunnel Rd.
No large vehicles should be allowed on streets north of Foothill or by permit only, no buses
Support the SB Botanic Gardens Improvement plan
Post 15mph speed limit on La Combadura
Drop speed limit on Foothill between Alamar and Mission Canyon to 25 MPH and enforce it. Consider bicycle safety as part of decision to widen intersections or bridges. Foothill is a bicycle route and bicyclists need space for passage.
Put a traffic light at Mission Canyon Rd and Foothill
Need to slow traffic on Foothill, include more stop signs or traffic lights
Hope that Caltrans improvements will result in better bicycle and pedestrian safety on Foothill. Thanks for submitting our input.
Concerned about mounds of dead leaf, debris left on ground, fuel for fires Include fire abatement protection in any benefit assessment proposal.
Thank you for all you do.
Improvements on Foothill between Tye & Cheltenham should become pedestrian/bicyclist friendly
Too many cars are parked on Foothill.
Historic bridges must be retained as originals
No support for a new property tax assessment for parking
One way streets with bike paths, pedestrian paths separate from road w/trees/landscaping. Put in a bike path on Foothill. One way streets need bike paths. Do not take out trees to improve intersection visibility. No support for special assessment for parking
Consider the historic streetscape of each street especially the stone walls and stone bridges
Fines should be tripled and enforced for traveling through crosswalk when pedestrians care present on Mission/Puesta del Sol & Alamar
Close Tunnel Trail when "Red Flag" alert of high fire danger
Need immediate and effective traffic direction in evacuation, turn all exit roads into one way, 2 lane exits to get people out and allow no traffic in
Ban overnight parking - this will limit partying up Tunnel Trail and campfires

No parking structures at Botanic Garden
Upper Exeter Place (after hair pin bend) gets a lot of rock falls into the road. Weed clearance is often a problem, and the road is much narrower due to extensive overgrowth on right hand side. Dangerous Intersection: Cheltenham onto Tye
City buses should not be driving regularly in Mission Canyon
Tunnel road is very dangerous for bicyclists and walkers
Foothill to Mission is horrible for bike riding. The 776-780 block should remove vegetation that comes up to the road. The bridge heading south over the creek is dangerous because everyone goes too fast.
Require people to park in their driveways and garages
Plant more trees
Create and enforce No Parking zones. Cars should be parked in driveways and garages.
Enforce existing No Parking areas. Patrol and ticket upper Tunnel Road at least 3-times a day.
Enforce existing No Parking areas.
Retain charm and nature of Mission Canyon.
Restrict parking on Kenmore and Arriba
Install "Bot's Dots" on Cheltenham.
Illegal rentals are a problem, also hardscape at edge of pavement.
Use weekend mini bus shuttle to replace parking at Tunnel Trailhead
Use humans, rather than goats, for brush removal
Private homeowners should not regulate/reserve street parking on public roads.
Concern that newly paved shoulders on Foothill will encourage speeding
Concerned about old cars permanently stored on the street
Do not make Mission Canyon all the same, do not widen or change Mission Canyon/Foothill Road, notify residents of proposed changes and require a vote of people affected, maintain easements.
Occasional overflow parking for events is not a problem
Most concerned about losing oak canopy and other shade trees to make room for cars. Caltrans work will forever change the character of Foothill/Mission Canyon. I oppose the County making wider roads unless absolutely necessary. People drive slower on narrower roads, trees provide shade and aesthetics. When parking is not available, people on Tunnel choose to hike elsewhere.
Enforce fire safety and eliminate conflict with oak preservation. Do not signalize any intersections within Mission Canyon.
Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety/lanes by expanding roadway shoulders and removing Botanic Garden fences.
Keep Mission Canyon Road and Foothill as 4 way stop - no traffic light