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New Open City Hall Topic for Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center

The City of Fremont has opened a new topic on its online forum, Fremont Open City Hall, regarding the proposed temporary Housing Navigation Center. The Fremont housing navigation center will provide a clean, safe, calm and flexible environment that allows homeless persons to rebuild their lives and intensely focus on finding stable permanent housing. The center is modeled after the City of Berkeley's successful Housing Navigation (STAIR) Center.



The Fremont City Council is considering two potential locations for a temporary Housing Navigation Center:

- Parking Lot at Fremont City Hall (rear area)
- Decoto Surplus Property (unleased property next to Regan Nursery)

In addition to meeting minimum site requirements in size, these locations are within one-half mile of food and bus services, utility connection points are available, they are located outside of a fault trace zone, and not subject to the hazard of surface fault ruptures.

The forum will accept feedback until September 2, 2019. Feedback received through the forum will be shared with the City Council as part of the community outreach efforts at a City Council Meeting in September (meeting date to be determined). For more information and to take the survey, please visit www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallNavCenter.

Fremont Partners with HOPR to Introduce Dockless Mobility

The City of Fremont is partnering with HOPR, a leading micro-mobility company operating in cities across North America, to introduce a dockless bike share system. Fremont's new bike share system will offer a convenient option for short trips and for the first- and last-mile portion of transit trips. HOPR will roll out 250 dockless bicycles in Fremont on August 5, to provide a safe and sustainable mobility option. Bikes can be used across the city, with HOPR deploying and rebalancing bikes near transit stations, in major commercial districts, and near activity centers.



The City has issued HOPR a permit as part of its Shared Active Transportation program. The program, which supports the City's vision to be a smart city and that is environmentally sustainable, is made possible in part by a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The permit is for a one-year pilot program.

The GPS-enabled bikes are available 24/7 and easy to find and rent. Users simply download the HOPR Transit app to sign up and unlock a bike. The app is available on iOS and Android. The first 30 minutes are free to all new users.

"Micro-mobility has come a long way since we launched our first bike share program in California. Today we are excited to expand our services and commitment to Fremont with the launch of HOPR." says Josh Squire, CEO of HOPR. "Bicycles are convenient, fun and offer the added benefit of storage to carry groceries, while also keeping you fit."

HOPR smart-bikes are one of the most affordable shared mobility systems in the area. Pay Per Ride trips cost \$1 to start and only 15¢/min. For more frequent riders, a 30 Day Pass is \$20 per month and provides unlimited free unlocks and a reduced per minute rate of 10¢/min, while a 365 Day Pass costs \$60 per year and provides 30 minutes of riding time a day, unlimited free unlocks, and the reduced per minute rate of 10¢/min.

To keep streets and sidewalks safe for all, riders are encouraged to park in designated parking areas, visible in the app or by public bicycle racks. The program is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, and users are encouraged to bring their own helmets.

Fremont Seeking Community Input for Climate Action Plan Update

Since the adoption of the City of Fremont's first Climate Action Plan in 2012, the City has implemented a number of municipal and public-facing projects, programs, and policies that have resulted in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and earned Fremont regional recognition as a sustainability leader. Fremont is now working to update its Climate Action Plan (CAP) to align with



the new 2045 carbon neutrality goal recently established by the Fremont City Council in February 2019.

As part of the CAP update process, the City is seeking the community's help in identifying actions that will make Fremont a cleaner and healthier place for everyone. Strategies for achieving these goals can include transitioning to renewable and fossil-free energy in buildings and vehicles, enhancing sustainable transit and travel options, reducing waste and pollution, incorporating green building design, restoring natural habitats, drawing down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through plants and trees, and increasing our resilience to climate change.

To gain feedback, the City is inviting the community to complete the Climate Action Plan Update Survey. By taking the survey, the community can play an active role in designing a healthy and sustainable future for Fremont!

For more information and to take the survey, please visit www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallClimate.

SunShares Program Offering Discounts on Solar Installations and Electric Vehicles

City-sponsored program makes it easy and affordable to go green

The City of Fremont is excited to announce that SunShares is back again this year and now open for registration! The City is proud to be one of nearly 40 local government agencies and major employers participating in the 2019 Bay Area SunShares program, a community program helping local residents access discounted pricing and resources to help them go solar and purchase zero-emission vehicles. This is the fifth year of participation for the City of Fremont as a SunShares outreach partner.



Three local and recognized solar installation companies—PetersenDean, SkyTech Solar, and Solar Technologies—have been selected for the program and are offering a 15% discount, making now the most affordable time to go solar! In addition, those who choose to go solar can still take advantage of the federal solar tax credit.

SunShares is also offering zero-emission vehicle discounts on the 2019 all electric Nissan Leaf and the 2019 hydrogen fuel-cell Toyota Mirai.

Imagine the possibilities ... save on your home utility bills, cut your gas costs, reduce your greenhouse gas footprint, and drive on clean energy!

To sign up, visit www.BayAreaSunShares.org. This limited time offer is available until November 15, 2019.

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