



# Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter

April 2025

## On the April 30 General Meeting Agenda

On Wednesday, April 30th, we will have our second Alta Vista General Assembly meeting of the year. We will hear from San Antonio College president Francisco Solis about the upcoming Alamo Colleges bond proposal on the May 3rd ballot. Matthew Moreno of AAMPO will update us about opportunities to give input in the ongoing Walkable Community Workshop. We'll talk about safety, and finally, we will hear from city council candidates before next month's election.

### INFO

**General Assemblies-**  
**Mark Twain Library 6:30PM**

April 30  
September 24  
November 19

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**AAMPO Walkable Community  
Workshop (WCW) -**  
May 3, 10AM - 12PM, Baha'i  
Center

**Board Meetings held via Zoom**  
May 7 • September 3 • October 1  
November 5 • December 12

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### Agencies Eyeing Alta Vista: Participate Now!

Traffic engineers and planners from the City, VIA, and the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) have recently been in Alta Vista and Beacon Hill, "walk-auditing" the neighborhoods with AV and BH board members to observe traffic and parking patterns and experience the conditions from the perspective of pedestrians and bicyclists.

This work results from actions taken by Alta Vista's and Beacon Hill's neighborhood associations in response to member and resident interest in walkability, neighborhood connectivity, and traffic safety.

There are three distinct but complementary efforts. The **AAMPO Walkable Community Workshop (WCW)** is identifying infrastructure improvements based on our feedback that would encourage walking and bicycling to restaurants, schools, businesses, transit, and parks in AV and BH. To identify specific locations and concerns about sidewalks, lighting, intersection safety, etc., **use this crowdsource map before it closes on May 19:** <https://www.alamoareampo.org/ATP/BHAAV/> and **mark your calendars for an in-person workshop on May 3rd (also voting day!) from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. at the Baha'i Center.**

The second effort is the **Alta Vista Traffic Calming Project**, the City's response to our concerns about increased cut-through traffic from the VIA Green Line. Though no specific amounts have been stated, funding and implementation of measures are expected from this effort. What that looks like remains to be seen. The broader neighborhood will have its first opportunity to consider proposed traffic-calming measures in early summer; the meeting date is TBD. Projects cannot be implemented without approval from affected property owners. **The areas of focus are Flores at Ashby, Woodlawn, and Summit.**

A third effort, the **Safe Routes to School** program led by the City, is studying traffic safety, walkability, and bikability for the streets adjacent to Mark Twain Academy.

All parties involved acknowledge the importance of coordinating the work undertaken. Your input strengthens these efforts. Please use the AAMPO crowdsource application above and attend the May 3rd meeting if possible, and don't forget to vote!



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## Around Alta Vista

The next **Alta Vista Sessions** is a happy hour on **May 11th at Hindes Fine Art, 615 W. Ashby Pl.** Everyone (and their mother!) is invited to enjoy a beautiful park view and gallery art and sculpture from 4-7pm and local live music from 5-6pm. Look for more details via AVNA email or the Facebook group.

Catch Anything Goes at the **San Pedro Playhouse** through May 31, followed by Amadeus and Hairspray!

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Work on the Eagle Scout W. King's Hwy Traffic Island project will begin in May and end in August. It will include decorative bricks donated by members, drought-tolerant plants, and a sidewalk to make the island ADA-accessible. Donations can be made by calling the Assistant Scoutmaster at 210-415-5794.

### Help! Volunteers Needed

Neighborhood association work is challenging but rewarding! Please consider taking on one of these opportunities:

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