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## Viva CalleSJ returns with Earth Day edition this weekend

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds will be a major stop on “SoFA to the Streets” route



San Jose celebrates Viva CalleSJ on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, taking over six miles of city street on South First Street and Monterey Road down to Martial Cottle Park. (Karl Mondon/Bay Area News Group)



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The latest edition of Viva CalleSJ — the event that welcomes cyclists, skaters, strollers and joggers onto six miles of San Jose streets — is this Sunday, and it looks like the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds will be a key destination no matter where you start your journey.

The “SoFA to the Streets” route has endpoints at downtown San Jose’s arty SoFA district and Martial Cottle Park in South San Jose, with Monterey Road and a few other streets between them closed to vehicle traffic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Fairgrounds, centrally located on the route, will be one of the big activity hubs for this first of three Viva CalleSJ events this year.

There’ll be BMX stunt riders flying through the air, a petting zoo for kids, live music, a taste of the upcoming Silicon Valley Mariachi Festival, a few dinosaurs from the Jurassic Quest experience, food trucks and a beer-and-wine garden. And you’ll get to see the big tent for Cirque du Soleil, which opened its show “Kooza” there Thursday.

Other activity hubs will have plenty to do at the endpoints and on Monterey under the Capitol Expressway overpass there’ll be a rock-climbing wall and a live art demo. You can get more information on all the hubs — as well as a map for vehicle-crossing points along the route — at [vivacallesj.org](http://vivacallesj.org).

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