

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Wes Brinsfield (Vice Chair), Jerry Chester, Jim Fenton, Steve Hindman, Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf, Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Brinsfield, seconded by Commissioner Fenton, the Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2017, by the following vote: AYES: Ambiel, Brinsfield, Fenton, Hindman, Kriegh, and Maluf. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Chester

2. Multi-family Project at 517 Tyndall Street

Assistant Planner Sean Gallegos presented plans for bicycle parking inclusion at a new multi-family building at 517 Tyndall Street. Although the City does not have a bicycle parking ordinance, it does follow the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines as a guideline. The project will exceed the guidelines set by the VTA.

Commission members expressed concerns as to upkeep, locations, and lighting in the areas where the common area bicycle racks will be stored at the site. The expectation is that upkeep, etc., is the responsibility of the applicant. There are also concerns regarding the potential impact to the surrounding streets if bike storage is not sufficient and people use the surrounding streets to park their cars instead of their garages if bikes take up garage space. The alleyway will be improved to accommodate increased traffic.

3. Foothill Expressway Improvement Project

County representative Dawn Cameron gave a presentation about the project and outlined the three alternatives developed for the expressway project. Commission members expressed concerns about maintaining and increasing bicycle and pedestrian safety, while decreasing the congestion on Foothill Expressway between El Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road. The project is not limited to the three alternatives with the final design possible being a combination of the aspects of the presented alternatives. There are concerns to keep traffic flow on Foothill Expressway and keep cars off neighborhood streets.

Public comments favored Alternative 3 with an importance of developing a mitigation plan for construction. The public also raised concerns that opening lanes may mitigate attempts already made at reducing/slowing traffic in some areas.

Discussion involved concerns about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Discussion on safety include the possibility of improved bicycle and pedestrian signalization and adding the green paint in the conflict areas for bicyclists. Current policy is for green only in a dedicated bike lane. Existing policy should be considered when designing options. Pedestrian and bicycle visibility is an important consideration for the safety aspect at the intersections for safe crossings.

This project will be the first project with Measure B funding and has high priority. It has a goal to be under construction in summer 2018. Community inclusion/feedback will be an important part of this project

4. 2016 Measure B Complete Streets Reporting Requirements Overview

Staff Liaison provided an overview of the 2016 Measure B Complete Streets Reporting Requirements. (The City of Los Altos adopted a Complete Streets Resolution which meets Measure B reporting requirements.) In 2020, the update to the General Plan should have Complete Streets in full compliance. Checklists are being developed and requests for exceptions will be needed if projects will not meet Complete Street Standards. Each project will have to be addressed individually in regards to Complete Streets as each is different.

5. Mobility Managers Partnership

Received information regarding Mobility Managers Partnership and discussed the need to form a subcommittee to evaluate if the City should participate in this partnership. After the motion was unanimously passed that a subcommittee of two shall be formed to research this partnership. Vice Chair Brinsfield and Commissioner Kriegh agreed to be the subcommittee and find out more information about what the partnership involves and advantages and disadvantages to being part of the existing partnership. Discussion also included reaching out to other communities to possibly increase the scope of the partnership to include other cities that might be advantageous.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Monthly Staff Report

Staff liaison updated the Commission on the following items:

- Transportation Projects Updates-six
 - Illuminated Crosswalk Project-30% Complete
 - Covington Bike/Pedestrian Improvement-Finish before School Starts
 - W. Edith/University Improvements-Starting July
 - University/Lincoln/Burke Improvements-Starting July
 - Annual Pathway Rehabilitation, three locations
 - Paving Projects-two projects covering 18 miles of streets
- NTMP request-Linden Avenue. Deodara Drive is also showing interest.
- Cuesta Drive traffic calming
- Coordination with Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and the School District. Working with the communities in the southern parts of the city about safe routes to school.
- San Antonio Open Space Preserve-Interagency Meeting
- Update on Transportation Services Manager-Interviews in progress

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners Brinsfield, Chester, Fenton, Hindman, Kreig, and Chair Ambiel reported on events/meetings that they attended.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School Packets
- Mobility Managers Partnership Subcommittee Report
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) and Traffic Calming
- Update on BPAC with Transportation
- PD-Update on Traffic Challenges and their perspective of Rule Enforcement

CALENDAR

- August meeting cancelled
- Special Meeting early September 6

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 10:24 P.M.