

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Council Meeting 3/9, Item 9 Almond Avenue Cycle Track
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:51:23 AM

I am writing to support and thank the council for the proposed improvements to Almond Avenue, especially the cycle track. I have been at Los Altos High School since 1985, and am currently Assistant Principal responsible for our school facilities.

I would like to highlight the following points:

- The current striping and the Almond/San Antonio intersection, without improvements, almost requires bicycles to ride on the wrong side of the road, or on the sidewalk. This understandable but dangerous behavior is observed every single day in the morning, as more than 100 bikers use this route to get to school and go home.
- The proposed bicycle track is a HUGE improvement in providing a safer route and will encourage more students to ride and walk. The route will appear to be and actually be safer. We teach our students to follow all traffic laws, but safe roadway design is a more powerful and effective strategy to get walkers, riders and drivers to follow laws and keep each other safe.
- We encourage walking and biking to school, for all of the obvious reasons that benefit our students, our neighbors and the environment. The proposed cycle track is a critical step the city can take to support that goal and the safety of the students of Los Altos High.

Thank you very much.

Galen Rosenberg
Assistant Principal
Los Altos High School
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From: [Dayal, Anoushka](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Addressing Los Altos City Council Meeting, 3/9/21, Agenda Item #9, the Almond Avenue Bicycle Track restriping and signage plan
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:20:18 PM

Hi,

Current striping and Almond/San Antonio intersection layout pushes "wrong way" riding on the north side of Almond. Surges of more than 100 bikers use this route to get to school and go home.

We strongly encourage biking and walking for safety, health, environmental and parking reasons.

The proposed bicycle track is a huge step forward in providing a safer route to school for students and will encourage more students to ride and walk because the route will appear to be and actually be safer. We teach our students to follow all traffic laws, and this change supports that since the existing signage and striping almost forces riders to ride the wrong way or on the sidewalk.

Thanks,
Mr. Rosenberg

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 9 - 3/9/2021
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:19:12 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

My name is Audrey and I am a senior at **Los Altos High School** and a member of **LAHS Green Team**. I would like to express my support for the implementation of a **Cycle Track** on Almond Ave.

Currently, striping on the Almond/San Antonio intersection layout encourages biking on the north side of Almond; this is because crossing Almond to bike on the south side can be unsafe and is often a longer route to school, since Los Altos High School resides on the north side of Almond. Surges of more than **100 bikers** use this route to get to school and go home. As a **student biker**, safety is a top priority. The Cycle Track will **legitimize safer** north-side riding for a large number of students and encourage healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

LAHS Green Team strongly encourages biking and walking for safety, health, parking, and especially **environmental** reasons. Nearly **600 students** bike to LAHS daily, meaning biking is important to a large portion of the LAHS student body. Moreover, Los Altos' 2013 Climate Action Plan cited On-Road Transportation as the largest contributor to community emissions. Considering that safety concerns are one of the main reasons students and/or parents refrain from biking, the safer Cycle Track will encourage biking and support our community's climate goals by reducing Los Altos' carbon footprint. The Cycle Track also aligns with previous Green Team efforts including our 2018-2020 **Anti-Idling Campaign** in collaboration with the Los Altos Environmental Commission and GreenTown.

Before the pandemic, my 2 siblings and I biked to school every day. I bike to school mainly because of environmental reasons, and believe that biking has the potential to significantly reduce my carbon footprint. Most of my friends that don't bike do so because of safety reasons; a Cycle Track would address their concerns because the Los Altos High School side has an additional track (they wouldn't have to make a left turn from San Antonio on to Almond).

One of my sister's friends was doored (the door of a car parked on Almond knocked her over as she was in the bike lane). I hope this issue is addressed with the new restriping and signage — it's my understanding that cars will not be allowed to park in the cycle track, which resolves the risk of being doored.

The proposed bicycle track is a huge **step forward** in providing a **safer route** to school for students and will **encourage** more students to ride and walk on the safer route. With the restriping plan, students can follow traffic laws without feeling like they are putting

themselves in a dangerous position. The Cycle Track not only emphasizes Los Altos' encouragement of safe biking but also demonstrates to students that traffic laws are created for their safety.

On behalf of LAHS Green Team, I urge you to consider this plan and demonstrate your support for the **importance of biking** in Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Audrey

Los Altos High School Green Team

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 9 - 3/9/2021
Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 12:21:11 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

My name is Margaret Capetz and I am a senior at **Los Altos High School** and co-president of **LAHS Green Team**. I would like to express my support for the implementation of a **Cycle Track** on Almond Ave.

Currently, striping on the Almond/San Antonio intersection layout encourages biking on the north side of Almond; this is because crossing Almond to bike on the south side can be unsafe and is often a longer route to school, since Los Altos High School resides on the north side of Almond. Surges of more than **100 bikers** use this route to get to school and go home. As a **student biker**, safety is a top priority. The Cycle Track will **legitimize safer** north-side riding for a large number of students and encourage healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

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Before the pandemic, I biked to school daily from El Monte. When I bike home from school, it is safer to bike on the "wrong side" of the road until I reach the proper crosswalk on Gordon. I don't feel comfortable crossing the street to the north-side of Almond, especially on a busy school day, without a crosswalk. The Cycle Track will give me more confidence in this safe route!

I bike because of environmental and convenience reasons. I believe that biking has the potential to significantly reduce my carbon footprint. For convenience, on a normal school day there is a lot of traffic near the high school, so it is quicker for me to bike to school. Restriping the bike lane on Almond will encourage more biking and reduce vehicle traffic, increasing the safety for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers.

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restriping plan, students can follow traffic laws without feeling like they are putting themselves in a dangerous position. The Cycle Track not only emphasizes Los Altos' encouragement of safe biking but also demonstrates to students that traffic laws are created for their safety.

On behalf of LAHS Green Team, I urge you to consider this plan and demonstrate your support for the **importance of biking** in Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Margaret Capetz
Los Altos High School Green Team

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 9 - 3/9/2021
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:55:29 AM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

My name is Michael Young and I am a sophomore at **Los Altos High School** and a member of **LAHS Green Team**. I would like to express my support for the implementation of a **Cycle Track** on Almond Ave.

Currently, striping on the Almond/San Antonio intersection layout encourages biking on the north side of Almond; this is because crossing Almond to bike on the south side can be unsafe and is often a longer route to school, since Los Altos High School resides on the north side of Almond. Surges of more than **100 bikers** use this route to get to school and go home. As a **student biker**, safety is a top priority. The Cycle Track will **legitimize safer** north-side riding for a large number of students and encourage healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

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Prior to the pandemic, I would bike to school every day as my parents were busy with work. Almond Avenue was always extremely busy and I have witnessed numerous instances in which a car almost hit a student biker. In fact, this has almost happened to me. Even now, I still bike to school to attend school swim practices a few days a week. Obviously, the traffic has been reduced greatly due to the pandemic. However, I still feel unsafe when biking back home from swim practice as the sun has set by the time practice is over and it is hard to see the road, creating unsafe conditions.

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On behalf of LAHS Green Team, I urge you to consider this plan and demonstrate your support for the **importance of biking** in Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Young

Los Altos High School Green Team

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 9 - 3/9/2021
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:14:55 AM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

My name is Winston Wang and I am a senior at Los Altos High School and a member of LAHS Bike Club. I would like to express my support for the implementation of a Cycle Track on Almond Ave.

Currently, striping on the Almond/San Antonio intersection layout encourages biking on the north side of Almond; this is because crossing Almond to bike on the south side can be unsafe and is often a longer route to school, since Los Altos High School resides on the north side of Almond. Surges of more than 100 bikers use this route to get to school and go home. As a student biker, safety is a top priority. The Cycle Track will legitimize safer north-side riding for a large number of students and encourage healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

LAHS Bike Club strongly encourages biking and walking for safety, health, parking, and especially environmental reasons. Nearly 600 students bike to LAHS daily, meaning biking is important to a large portion of the LAHS student body. Moreover, Los Altos' 2013 Climate Action Plan cited On-Road Transportation as the largest contributor to community emissions. Considering that safety concerns are one of the main reasons students and/or parents refrain from biking, the safer Cycle Track will encourage biking and support our community's climate goals by reducing Los Altos' carbon footprint. Before the Pandemic, I biked to school every day. The proposed bicycle track is a huge step forward in providing a safer route to school for students and will encourage more students to ride and walk on the safer route. With the restriping plan, students can follow traffic laws without feeling like they are putting themselves in a dangerous position. The Cycle Track not only emphasizes Los Altos' encouragement of safe biking but also demonstrates to students that traffic laws are created for their safety.

On behalf of LAHS Bike Club, I urge you to consider this plan and demonstrate your support for the importance of biking in Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Winston Wang
Los Altos High School Bike club