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Los Altos Mayor Fligor and Distinguished Council Members,

Subject: Council 06-01-21 Meeting Agenda Item 1, Budget Study Session, CIP Programs

Neighbor friendly low-cost rural design that frees up \$100K CIP funds for CSMP projects

Please move up University / Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure CIP TS-01051 from FY 22/23 to FY 21/22. This CIP will help achieve Council 21/22 goals of Pavement Improvement to Grade 75 and Pedestrian Safety. It can use prior Los Altos Public Works Director Jim Porter design that utilizes 44-inch-wide edge-of-curb pathway, SU-20 Shoulder Improvement Policy upgrades for pathway material, and repair University eastbound travel lane pavement tree root damage with permanent fix. Neighbor friendly rural character of University will be maintained with no landscape or tree removal, only minor trimming of ivy and shrubs in public right-away. This low-cost design can use “carryover” funds in TS-01051 and TS-01001 [Road Maintenance] with no new 21/22 General Fund dollars and frees up \$100K 22/23 CIP funds for Complete Street Master Plan projects.

In my opinion there will not be extensive use of Los Altos engineering resource to do this project because most detail design elements are in Los Altos SU-20 Shoulder Improvement Policy. Design is simply providing 44-inch-wide curb edge pathway that uses epoxy stabilized compactable granite or permeable pavers, both approved in SU-20. Curb with minimum width gutter for Milverton / University stormwater drainage to inlet at 706 University west property line will improve existing drainage. In Magnolia tree lateral root zone [63 feet], curb to have pavement edge protection as specified in SU-20. **University eastbound travel lane has lost one foot of pavement width due to tree roots in the last 10 years and needs permanent fix.**

By using 44-inch-wide curb edge pathway, there should be no interference with 706 University retaining wall with only trimming of shrub that has root base behind retaining wall. Existing ivy will need to slightly trimmed and any lateral tree roots that may be cut are outside of tree drip line. **No plants or trees need to be removed!**



Thank you for your consideration!

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