

DATE: January 24, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Complete Streets Commission
FROM: Aruna Bodduna, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Miramonte Avenue Path Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on Miramonte Avenue Path Project TS-01033

BACKGROUND

Miramonte Avenue is a two-lane, north-south Collector Street that connects Loyola Corners commercial district, the residential neighborhoods in Los Altos, and unincorporated Santa Clara County with many commercial centers in Mountain View. Miramonte Avenue also provides access to Loyola Elementary and Blach Intermediate Schools. Private schools such as, St. Francis High School and Miramonte Christian School are also served by Miramonte Avenue. Currently, Miramonte is classified as a Class III bike route. Roadway shoulders and informal asphalt concrete or unpaved paths provide walking spaces along Miramonte Avenue. Concrete sidewalks exist south of Loraine Avenue.

DISCUSSION

The Miramonte Avenue Path Project is identified in the current Los Altos Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP), the 2010 Blach Neighborhood Traffic Study, and the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Expenditure Plan (BEP) 2040. It has been included in the City's Capital Improvement Program since 2014. In August 2016, three conceptual alternatives were presented at a Special Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting (now Complete Streets Commission). Based on the feedback received at the August 2016 meeting, a preferred alternative was selected which included Class II bike lanes and an accessible pedestrian walkway. The proposed pathway and bike lanes would have a regional impact on improving pedestrian and bicycle access by connecting the existing bicycle lane along Miramonte Avenue in Mountain View to Foothill Expressway. It would also improve pedestrian and bicycle access to and from schools such Loyola, Blach, and Oak, and public parks such as Heritage Park and McKenzie Park.

The estimated project cost for the entire Miramonte Path Project is \$3.7 million. The City had an opportunity to pursue a \$1 M federal grant for this project in mid-2017. Staff, along with the consultant team, identified project limits that could fit in with this grant amount. The Project was split into two phases, Phase 1 includes improvements between north end of the City limits and Berry Avenue and Phase 2 includes improvements between Berry Avenue and Fremont Avenue. Staff selected Phase 1 to advance into construction for the following reasons:

- It connects to the existing City of Mountain View Class II bike path (regional significance and connectivity)

- It connects to the existing Class II bike path along Covington to Blach School (near school and connectivity)
- It connects to the existing Class I path along Berry Ave (connectivity)
- It ties to another planned school route improvements project at the intersection of Berry and Miramonte (connectivity)
- It has minimal utility conflicts with PG&E power poles (project readiness)
- It has the least impact on trees (project readiness)
- The cost estimate for this segment fits within the maximum grant amount

Consultant has prepared the design for the preferred alternative based on the feedback received at the previous outreach meeting in August 2016. The design includes raised decomposed granite pathways with curb and gutter. Parking spaces are provided along the pathway.

A public meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018 at Hillview Community Center. Public comment review period will be open until February 28, 2018. All the current information is posted on the project website and meeting material from the January 22nd meeting will be available after the meeting. The meeting notice was sent to property owners/residents within 500 feet of Miramonte Avenue. The Phase I of the project is currently scheduled for construction in late summer or fall of 2018.

City and Consultant staff will present the details of the design at the Complete Streets Commission meeting. Consultant will incorporate comments from all meetings, as appropriate, for final design.