

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION (FORMERLY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION) OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Five residents commented on the Miramonte Path Project and stated their concerns regarding safety, parking, alternative bike routes, and public input to project.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Brinsfield, seconded by Fenton, the Commission approved the minutes of October 25, 2017, with amendment, by the following vote: AYES: Six. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: One. ABSENT: None. Passed 6-0

2. Senate Bill 743 and relation to auto Level of Service (LOS) standard

Staff presented information regarding Senate Bill (SB) 743 that would change the methodology for evaluating transportation impacts per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. Under this new law, transportation analysis will include vehicle miles travelled (VMT) as a measure of environmental impact. The new regulations are anticipated to be effective statewide in 2019. Staff will continue to work with VTA who is aiding member agencies within the County in updating local CEQA standards.

Questions/Comments: Commissioners questions and comments were regarding the proposed metrics for evaluating the transportation impacts, how VMT is calculated, what projects would trigger CEQA impacts. Can the current method of evaluating auto delay in terms of Level of Service (LOS) be continued to evaluate local intersection impacts? What are other jurisdictions that like Saratoga, Los Gatos, Atherton proposing their new guidelines? Staff to bring updates to the commission, as appropriate.

3. In-roadway Light System and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) discussion

The current in-roadway light system was brought to BPAC in October of 2016 by Cedric Novenario, and are currently in eleven locations. One additional location is waiting for materials for installation. Three of the locations have had to be replaced with a new in-roadway system as the manufacturer was no longer making parts to allow for servicing/maintaining the system. Along San Antonio Rd., at least 26 pods are not working and the manufacturer may not be able to support the same system. To replace the existing systems that are no longer working, the cost would be approximately \$100,000 per location and require a new vendor/manufacturer. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) have been installed recently at one location at a cost of approximately \$35,000. The maintenance cost of RRFBs is significantly lower than the in-roadway light system.

Questions/Comments: Commissioners questions and comments were about clarifying the options available, clarifying the types of problems we are having with the current system, and the costs of the options if we are to stay with the existing system or change to a new system (RRFB). The options are to stay with the in-roadway light system and service/maintain until parts and service is no longer available, replace the in-roadway system with a manufacturer that will be able to service/maintain the system, replace the in-roadway system with the RRFBs, keep the in-roadway system and replace with the RRFBs when the in-roadway system can no longer be maintained, or nothing.

Public Comment: Jim Wing, Milverton Ave., discussed what he thought were the three problems with the existing system and potential solutions.

Discussion: Commissioners agreed that the RRFBs would be the better choice. There were concerns about City Council's willingness to go to the RRFB's. A motion was brought to the Commission and after discussion the motion was: Commission recommends the installation of RRFBs in place of in-roadway light systems subject to a location by location examination of extenuating circumstances. Furthermore, staff should approach the council at the earliest possible time to seek council's guidance and recommendation on this subject. This motion was seconded and passed-all in favor.

4. Workplan Sub-Committee Report

Commissioner Hindman provided the update. New items include education, master plan and projects related to transportation. The work plan will be presented at joint Council meeting in Spring of 2018. Prior to finalizing the plan, get feedback from Council Liaison Jeannie Bruins.

Public Comment: Stacy Banerjee asked the commission to continue look at the safe routes to school projects and asked that the Commission work plan to address both long-term and short-term solutions route to for Cupertino Middle School that crosses multiple jurisdictions, and busing as an option.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Monthly Staff Report

Staff attended the Cupertino Union School District and the Los Altos Collaborative meetings where SRTS maps to Cupertino Middle School (CMS), busing, City projects, and improvements to the Homestead corridor were discussed. Meetings will happen twice a year.

Staff attended the quarterly sub-committee meeting with the City of Los Altos and Los Altos School District (LASD). City safe routes to school (SRTS), back gates to Blach and Egan Schools were discussed.

Miramonte project design will be shared at public meeting and CSC when ready.

Daniel Varela left the City.

Staff attended the Sunnyvale SRTS collaborative meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Brisfield reported on the Planning Commission, Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, and the VTA BPAC meetings. Chair Ambiel reported on the Joint Schools Council Meeting.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Education-El Camino Real or Grand Boulevard update
- Miramonte Path Update
- Work Plan
- CIP Planning
- Safe Schools-multiple sites
- Linden Street
- Parking on Collector Streets

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:42 P.M.