

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMPLETE STREETS
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12,
2018, AT 6:30 P.M. AT GRANT PARK COMMUNITY HALL, GRANT ROAD, LOS
ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

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

ABSENT: Jerry Chester, Randy Kriegh

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident raised concerns over children safely crossing at the intersection of El Monte Avenue and Covington Road during school hours, requested additional crosswalk guard be hired for further safety at the intersection.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Safe route to school crosswalk and intersection improvement projects.

City of Los Altos public works director Susanna Chan introduced CSG Consultant's representative Michael Fisher to present the safe route to school crosswalk and intersection improvement projects which include improvements at six different locations in the City.

Questions/Comments: Commissioners asked consultant to further clarify how children would cross different intersections and how they would utilize the proposed improvements at each location. They asked the consultant to provide further details on how much research was done at each intersection before coming up with the proposed designs.

Public Comments: Cindy Claisy stated concerns over Morton and Grant Ave intersection's visibility due to shrubs and bushes blocking the view of drivers coming from Morton Ave to turn to Grant Ave. Stacy Banerjee stated concerns over the safety of cyclists and pedestrians crossing St. Joseph and Eva Ave. Beth Dawson stated concerns over the existing large section of asphalt that is present at intersection of Riverside Dr. and Covington Road. She stated that when vehicles turn from Covington Rd to Riverside Dr., the large section of the asphalt present at that turn is shared by pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles causing a safety hazard for cyclist and pedestrians. Sanjiv Deza asked the consultants to further elaborate if the proposed stripping at Riverside Dr. and Covington Road would improve the intersection's safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Julie Crane raised concerns over the keep clear signs at the intersection at Deodara and St. Joseph Ave. and traffic backups at St. Joseph. She stated that vehicles block the intersection during rush hour so the keep clear sign must be on both sides of the intersection. Connie Miller raised concerns over location two. She mentioned the no parking sign should be enforced 24/7 to protect the cyclists. She stated that the no parking is currently being enforced only 5 days a week. Loren Cunningham raised concerns over Morton and Grant Ave intersection's visibility due to shrubs and bushes blocking view of drivers coming from Morton Ave to turn to Grant Ave. She also raised concerns for cyclists and pedestrians' safety due to vehicle back up at Deodara and St. Joseph Ave. Stephani Singer raised concerns over vehicle speed at Deodara Dr. and St. Joseph Ave. She requested to raise the crosswalk

at the intersection to slow the traffic down. Trena raised concerns over vehicle speed at Deodara Dr. and St. Joseph. She asked the consultants to apply speed humps or other measures to slow the traffic down. Arnold Ambiel requested to install landscape area in the existing large section of the asphalt that is present at Riverside Dr. and Covington Road to solve the traffic safety problem for pedestrians and cyclists. Council Member Lee Eng asked when will the changes and resident comments be incorporated in the final designs at the intersections.

Discussion: Commissioners discussion included concerns about using flashing stop signs in a residential neighborhood (location 1). Where possible, commission members asked the design to include tight curb radius to slow the cars around the corners. Specifically, for locations 3 and 6, discussion involved about providing traffic calming features to reduce the vehicle speeds. Commissioners asked if there the current project budget and schedule could include design of traffic calming features. Public Works Director Susanna Chan mentioned the time constraint for this project and change in scope outside implementing the proposed pedestrian improvements would delay the project schedule and potentially impact the budget. Commissioners asked if the project design can be brought back for review. Staff suggested to meet with CSC chair and Council Liaison to discuss next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.