

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION (FORMERLY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION) OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 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, Steve Hindman, Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf, Lynette Eng (Council Liaison), Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Jim Fenton

Special Presentation-Downtown Vision Project Update- Postponed due to absence

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Stacy Banerjee invited commission members to a Community Meeting on February 9, 2018 at Montclair Elementary regarding Foothill Expressway crossing safety; Caltrans bicycle plan; Sunnyvale VERBS grant to address bicycle and pedestrian safety and congestion near Homestead High School.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Wes Brinsfield, seconded by Nadim Maluf, the Commission approved the minutes of November 29, 2017, with amendment, by the following vote: AYES: Six. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Fenton. Passed 6-0

2. Miramonte Avenue Path Project (TS-01033)

Staff introduced design consultant Dan O'Leary from Bellecci and Associates to present the design for Miramonte Avenue Path Project. Dan gave an overview of the project, limits of work and goals of the project. Discussed existing conditions, provided synopsis of August 2016 BPAC meeting. He further discussed the reasons for selecting the limits for Phase 1 of the project from city limits to Berry Avenue. Construction of the Phase 1 project is funded through federal grant. Dan provided details on the Phase 1 project design elements including parking under existing and project conditions, drainage aspects and minimal utility impacts.

Questions/Comments: Commissioners had questions and comments about parking concerns, utility concerns between Phase 1 and 2, roadway narrowing and the potential impacts to traffic, safety for bikes and pedestrians for both formal pathways and informal pathways, and about the raised and non-raised crosswalks and the possibility of making both crosswalks raised.

Public Comments:

Resident Johnathan Shore liked the raised crosswalk to help slow traffic and liked the light system at ground level to draw attention to the peds/bikes that would be using it. He also had concerns about runoff and the prospect of conducting hydrologic studies to evaluate the runoff.

Resident Jane Osborne had concerns about the raised sidewalks and potentially unsafe situations it may cause to the elderly/disabled/bicyclists that will be using them. She also had concerns about how

the raised sidewalks may affect drainage with water pooling in yards because the sidewalk would block drainage.

Resident Vivianna Bardina stated that the residents do not want this project with the loss of parking. She also had concerns about increased emissions.

Discussion: Commissioners are in favor of this project, understand the resident concerns about the parking loss, emphasized that the project would benefit community at large and provides connectivity for other modes of transportation. The increase in safety outweighs the concern for the loss of parking spots. Commissioners would like to look into closing the gap from Covington to city limit to the north. Commissioners raised concern about outreach communication for the public and needing to make sure that the residents are informed about the projects that are happening in the City.

3. Workplan Sub-Committee Report

Chair Ambiel reported that the sub-committee created a task list and then, after reviewing the charter, grouped the task list with the appropriate charter item.

- Advise on multimodal solutions to transportation
 - In-plan CIP, or country requested projects-already exist
- General traffic calming and mitigation
- Policies and Vision Zero
 - Application for a bike friendly community
 - Vision Zero policy development and implementation
- Planning
- Education and Outreach
- Bike to Work Day

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Commission members would like to use the current list as a starting point to take to City Council for direction on prioritization as the agenda for the year is full through November. Should more sub-committees be created, or meeting dates added to accommodate increase in workload?

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Monthly Staff Report

Staff reported that there is a professional services agreement for design services for six safe routes to school projects. Staff said that the City Council continued to have traffic safety as their priority as discussed at the Council retreat. Results of the community survey were shared (also available on City's website). Staff attended Sunnyvale Safe Routes to School Meeting on January 24 and listed about the upcoming meetings:

- Montclair School Principal and PTA on February 1
- Montclair Parents PTA meeting February 9-county and staff attending
- TSCN Meeting February 8

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kriegh reported on the City Council meeting of January 9th. Commissioner Chester reported on the City Council meeting of January 12th and a VTA webinar from January 23rd.

Commissioner Brisfield reported on the Planning Commission of January 4th and the VTA BPAC meeting of January 10th. Commissioner Hindman reported on the City Council meeting of January 23rd.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Special meeting the week of February 12th regarding safe routes to school-have a quorum
- Study session with City Council on Workplan

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:17 P.M.