

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION (FORMERLY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION) OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 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), Stacy Banerjee, Jerry Chester, Paul Van Hoorickx, Nadim Maluf, Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)
ABSENT: Wes Brinsfield (Vice Chair), Randy Kriegh,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jim Wing raised concerns regarding visibility of the rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Lincoln Ave and University Ave because of vegetation and glare from sunlight at this location. Suggested either increasing the intensity of the flashing lights and/or using sun visor.

Chair Ambiel welcomed the new commission members Banerjee and Hoorickx, and other commission members introduced themselves to the new members.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Nadim Maluf, seconded by Jerry Chester, the Commission approved the minutes of March 28, 2018, by the following vote: AYES: 3 NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: Banerjee, Hoorickx. ABSENT: 2. Passed 3-0

2. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Crosswalk and Intersection Improvement Projects

Staff presented updates on SRTS improvement projects TS-01042, TS-04044, TS-04045, TS-01046, TS-01047, TS-04054. These projects were presented at Special Commission meeting on February 12, with public meeting starting at 6:30pm and Commission meeting at 7pm. Staff gathered input at the public and commission meetings, and during the comment period (that ended on February 28). Based on the feedback received, design for improvements was revised where feasible.

Location 6 was presented first, followed by other locations. Commission Member Banerjee had to recuse herself for discussions relating to Location 6. Improvements at this location include ADA curb-ramps, relocation of cross-walk across St. Joseph to the west of Deodara and pedestrian activated LED signs at the new crosswalk. Staff met with representatives of Montclair MPTO to discuss their comments and concerns. Comments received for this location include pedestrian-vehicle conflicts with the relocated crosswalk, tighter curb ramps, keep clear markings on both sides, additional pavement markings to indicate pedestrian crossing.

Location 6- Questions/Comments:

Will there be a raised crosswalk? Staff clarified that the current design does not include a raised crosswalk and added that traffic studies should be conducted to evaluate the speeding concerns. The current design does not preclude adding a raised crosswalk in the future, if needed. Staff will work

with the neighborhood, as some expressed concerns with a raised crosswalk and do not support the measure.

Public Comments:

Resident Cindy Klajie (incoming Montclair MPTA President) supports the SRTS improvements at Grant Rd./Morton Ave. Appreciates the feedback taken by the Montclair parents, MPTA and school. She asked about crossing guard location with the relocated crosswalk. Also, expressed concern about left turn traffic from Deodara on to St. Joseph with the new crosswalk. Further added, bicycle navigation with the relocated crosswalk. Likes the flashing signs.

Discussion:

Commission members favored the SRTS improvement design for Location 6. Commission members asked about flashing LED signs and any vegetation impacts to the solar panels, left turn back up onto Deodara with the new relocated crosswalk, any biking route impacts, understanding speeding issues and evaluating the need for traffic calming measure, such as raised crosswalk. Further discussed about coming up with a methodology for measuring the success of implementing SRTS projects.

Locations 1 through 5

Staff presented the proposed design for all the other locations, except location 2, sidewalk along El Monte between Giffin and Cuesta as there was lack of support for the project from the abutting residents who would have direct benefit with the sidewalk. Staff suggested taking out this project from the current list of SRTS projects to be evaluated separately.

Questions/Comments:

Commission members had questions and comments regarding improvement designs.

Location 1: Is there any benefit if crosswalks to NE corner are removed? Are all crosswalks used and what is the current demand? One member expressed support for delineators and the four crosswalks.

Location 3: What is the raised island height and does this prevent vehicles from going over the island? Are the raised island concrete or green? What is the distance between travel lane and island? What is the pedestrian travel path?

Location 4: Any improvements considered for eastbound Springer?

Location 5: Will there be additional treatment such as flexible post or only striping? Will there be ongoing maintenance to trim trees at the northeast corner?

Public Comments:

Resident Walter Chapman was okay with the sidewalk installation for Location 2, however raised concerns about impacts on mailbox relocation, trash-bin locations, removal of trees impacts, visual and noise impacts.

Resident Jing Wu expressed safety, privacy and landscape concerns about proposed sidewalk at Location 2. Also, the resident noted that bike lane on El Monte is wide, therefore, vehicles are using the bike lane as a second lane.

Resident Mamatha Induvadana expressed safety, privacy and noise concerns regarding proposed sidewalk on Location 2. The resident noted that vehicles frequently use bike lane for a second traffic lane due to appearance of a wide bike lane. The resident suggested to add a crosswalk at Shirlynn Court, in lieu of proposed sidewalk, for pedestrians to use existing sidewalk on eastbound El Monte.

Resident Paul Brennan expressed concerns regarding Location 3 improvements due to maintenance of island vegetation. Also, the resident stated that oleander bushes are blocking line of sight at this intersection.

Discussion:

Commission members favored the design presented for all the locations and supports taking out location 2, El Monte Sidewalk between Giffin and Cuesta, from the current list of projects to be evaluated separately. Suggested that on-going maintenance should be considered for all the locations, such as proposed islands at location 3, tree trimming at location 5. Members favored use of delineators at locations 1 and 5. Members reiterated a need for measuring the success of implementing SRTS projects.

3. FY 2018/19 CIP Review

Staff presented status updates on the currently appropriated CIP projects and revisions for the mid-year budget cycle update.

Questions/Comments:

For the 5-year CIP, what is the plan beyond 2017/18 for SRTS projects? Will more projects be added to the list? TS-01052 earmarked but projects not yet identified.

Staff clarified that we are now in year 2 of 3-year priorities for SRTS projects. Beyond 3-year, TS-01052 will identify next set of projects. Projects will be identified from Pedestrian Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and General Plan. Approximately now next year, commission will discuss at the meeting to identify future list of projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**4. Monthly Staff Report**

None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Ambiel- May 21, Montclair meeting to discuss education program, initiated by School and MPTA, Bike to work day May 10 – 6:30am.

Member Banerjee also mentioned about the May 21 meeting with Montclair and mentioned about “Affordable Housing to Los Altos” movie.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Elections
- Bike to Work Day Planning
- Potential Special meeting request for May 9, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.