

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT REDWOOD
CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Stacy Banerjee, Wes Brinsfield (Vice Chair), Jerry Chester,
Paul Van Hoorickx, Randy Kriegh, Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna
(Staff Liaison)
ABSENT: Nadim Maluf

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Grand Boulevard Initiative

Community Development Director Jon Biggs introduced Grand Boulevard Initiative's (GBI) Working Committee Chair Mike Garvey. Mr. Garvey presented an overview of the GBI which enlists the assistance of all agencies located along the El Camino Real from just south of San Francisco to the City of San Jose.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Members asked questions intended to assist their understanding of this effort and how the GBI's efforts can best be applied to Los Altos. There were questions regarding Caltrans approach and guidelines on using features such as median improvements, pedestrian actuated signal timing, curb bulb-outs and if there were traffic studies conducted to analyze impacts, if the proposed plans are consistent with VTA's complete streets policy, what is other cities approach to the GBI study, and El Camino Real relinquishment study.

Mr. Garvey clarified that Caltrans has somewhat deviated from applying the highway design guidelines for El Camino Real corridor by including landscaping accommodations (that in turn helps in lowering speeding issues), adding curb bulb-outs, median treatments, etc. He clarified that GBI is generally consistent with VTA's complete streets policy. He said that there wasn't a traffic study conducted to analyze the impacts of the proposed changes to the El Camino corridor. The previous consideration for El Camino Real relinquishment study for segment between SR 92 and Woodside Road did not move forward.

2. General Plan Circulation Element

Staff presented an overview of the General Plan (GP) with focus of Circulation Element.

Questions/Comments:

How long does it take to update GP? Generally, 1-2 years (or longer depending on individual city)

Are there other trigger points that would identify a need for updating Circulation Element more frequently than the rest of the GP? Yes, more frequently is a good approach. For example, other triggers include annexation of an area will need to bring roads from that area into the City's street network system, or changes in the state guidelines CEQA traffic impact analysis.

What other elements are most impactful elements on Circulation element? Land Use is one such element.

Can Circulation Element suggest/include policies on street reclassification? Yes, it could.

3. Los Altos Development Process Review

Staff presented information on development project review process with a focus on items that fall under this commission purview.

Questions/Comments:

Commission members asked questions about the follow-up on this commission comments and if/how they will be considered at the planning commission and/or City Council. Staff clarified that this commission comments and recommendations will be included in the staff report for Planning Commission and City Council. Members asked if the Community Center project will trigger full CEQA? Staff clarified that this project would have an initial study, negative declaration. Community Center project will be brought to the Commission at its June meeting. Members asked if ADUs (Accessory development units) approval come to this commission and staff said no, they don't fall under this commission purview.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Monthly Staff Report

Bike to Work Day update (May 10, 2018)

Update on Foothill Expressway improvements between El Monte and San Antonio – design underway
RFP for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services

May 21 Montclair meeting

Staff attended Sunnyvale SRTS collaborative meeting on May 3rd, where City of Sunnyvale Public Works staff clarified that they are not developing suggested school route maps for any schools in the City.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Member Banerjee stated that Sunnyvale suggested school route maps will be done by the parents group, in coordination with affected jurisdiction staff and CUSD.

Member Chester – May 10 TSCN meeting

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Elections
- VTA BPAC representative appointment
- General Plan Update discussion
- Discussion on bike lane designation on Foothill Expressway

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.