

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY
HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Nadim Maluf (Chair), Suzanne Ambiel (Vice-Chair), Stacy Banerjee, Wes Brinsfield, Randy Kriegh, Paul Van Hoorickx, Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison), Aida Fairman (Interim Engineering Services Director), Jaime O. Rodriguez (Consultant)

ABSENT: None; One Vacancy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mike Aaron. Request for the Complete Streets Commission to take lead in making Hetch Hetchy Trail Crossing at Estrellita Way more ADA compliant. Noted existing rolled curb are difficult for bicyclists and strollers.

Resident Sue Russell. Concern about noticing at Los Altos Avenue & W Portola Avenue project.

Resident Mark Goodman. Concern about noticing at Los Altos Avenue & W Portola Avenue project.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Ambiel, seconded by Commissioner Van Hoorickx, the Commission approved the minutes of special meeting on December 6, 2018, by the following vote: AYES: 6, NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: 0.

Passed. 6-0

2. Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming between El Monte Avenue and Springer Road

Staff Liaison Aruna Bodduna introduced the item for Commission including the Alta Planning + Design team lead, Hugh Louch. Aruna provided a presentation on the project background including the previous planning phase that resulted in the recommendation of the current project elements that include: 1) raised speed table intersection tables at Cuesta Drive & Arboleda Drive, 2) raised speed table intersection at Cuesta Drive & Campbell Avenue, and 3) median island modifications at Cuesta Drive & Springer Road. Alta Team joined into the presentation and showed examples of sample raised intersection tables and defined design criteria for the treatments.

Commission input at the meeting:

- Requested data analysis for vehicle speeds along Arboleda Drive, specifically South of Campbell Drive.

- Staff explore all alternatives to ensure that the project met its goal of reducing vehicle speeds along Cuesta Drive, not just the two project intersections with speed table raised intersections.
- Suggested reaching out to the City of Mountain View to determine if the recently installed traffic improvements installed along Cuesta Drive within their jurisdiction, South of Springer Road were effective and to solicit any before/after data.
- The Commission also suggested the project should include improvements along Arboleda Drive as part of the project, not a subsequent project.

Residents input at the meeting:

- Including street lighting as part of the project
- Include mid-block speed humps/tables along Cuesta Drive and Arboleda Drive, not just the two-project raised speed table intersections
- Consultant team should monitor Cuesta Drive in the peak period commutes hours
- Consider restricting access to streets to possible
- Request for City to redefine Cuesta Drive as a residential street and not a collector street

3. Los Altos Avenue & W Portola Avenue Intersection Improvements

Staff Liaison Aruna Bodduna introduced the item for Commission and provided a presentation regarding project history and summary of community outreach. Staff noted the project is currently on hold pending policy input on the installation of red LED flashing STOP signs.

Community input following the staff presentation was predominantly residents requesting that the City remove the red LED flashing STOP signs from the project. The Bullis School PTA representative suggested retaining the red LED flashing STOP signs with a change to have the signs flash only during school commute periods.

Commission recommendation to staff:

“Recommendation to City Council is to move forward with the installation of the stop signs but do not turn on the lights. The next step would be staff would come up with a project plan for gathering data before and after implementation of lights at that site, for some period such as 3 months but before June. And as part of that plan staff could recommend an agenda item to come back before the Commission and the public to report on the findings, before June.”

Motion Passed: 5 (Yes), 1 (No)

4. 2019 Workplan Sub-Committee Report

Committee members met twice before this commission meeting. Draft Work Plan was presented by Commissioner Kriegh.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Monthly Staff Report

Staff Report by Aruna Bodduna:

- Measure B law suit cleared. Measure will fund Foothill Expressway
- Homestead Road Study. Project led by County to identify near-term projects that can be implemented through grants, potentially Measure B future grant funds. Existing Conditions report complete and recommended projects will be presented at the second and final community meeting on February 25.
- Update on Staffing. Interim position assignments noted, Aida Fairman as Interim Engineering Services Director and Victor Chen as Interim City Engineer. Aruna announced her last day with the City will be 1/24/2019. Introduced consultant Jaime Rodriguez who will provide Transportation Services support until a recruitment for a new Transportation Services Manager is complete.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Brinsfield Announcement:

- No VTA BPAC Update
- Announced resignation from the Complete Streets Commission following the February 2019 commission meeting. Need new commission representative to VTA BPAC and Bike to Work Day.

Vice Chair Ambiel:

- Noted Traffic Safe Communities Network meeting on 2/13/2019.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 11:38 P.M.