

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2019 AT 7:00 PM AT THE LOS ALTOS YOUTH
CENTER, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Nadim Maluf (Chair), Stacy Banerjee, Randy Kriegh, Bob Jones, Paul Van Hoorickx,
Jaime O. Rodriguez (Interim Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Vice Chair), Herprit Mahal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

February 27th Meeting Minutes: Commission is likely unable to have quorum for the approval of February meeting minutes. Meeting minutes of February 22nd meeting will be filed without approval.

April 24th Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Banerjee, with the following amendments:

- Include Covington Road and El Monte Avenue crossing guard request in future agenda item section.
- For Commission discussion section for Cuesta Drive, note Neighborhood Traffic Management states that it is 66% of the total response and not the total of survey sent out.
- Add Rosita Avenue for streets potentially effected by traffic calming.

Upon motion by Commissioner Banerjee, seconded by Commissioner Kriegh, the Commission approved the minutes of regular meeting on April 24th, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: 4. NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: 1. ABSENT: 2. Passed 4-0

2. Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan

Interim Engineering Services Director Aida Fairman presented the item to the Commission. With the GSI plan, the City will identify and prioritize areas where GSI can be implemented. GSI plan will be presented to City Council in June for approval. Staff seeks input from the Commission, no action was requested by staff.

Commission Comments and Questions with answers from Staff:

- Will future project for CSC reviewed differently? -For projects done in the public right-of-way, we will look at potential elements of GSI that could be included.

- What kind of encouragement effort is there, is there new permitting system? -City staff has met with the Planning Division to include GSI related condition during the approval process.
- Will there be any lane reduction or bike lane elimination due to GSI implementation? -It could potentially, but this will be project specific.
- Most of the GSI is considered in commercial area, are these the only focus? -These areas are focused, but residential are also considered for GSI improvements.
- How will conflicts between the GSI and Complete Streets aspect dealt with? -Design consultants will come up designs for City Staff and CSC to review.
- Where would be a trigger point of when a project would require CSC review where previously wouldn't have? -The goal is making projects inclusive for different elements. There shouldn't be a trigger point for CSC review where it wouldn't have previously. If a transportation project were to have GSI elements added, CSC review would already take place.

Commission Comments and Feedback:

- Keep track of maintenance cost.
- Consider educational effort with signs and boards along implemented area.
- Develop simplified decision trees of GSI implementation, policy review.
- Encouraged City staff to look for conflict points between existing policy and GSI implementation.

3. Cuesta Drive – Arboleda Drive Traffic Calming Project

Interim Staff Liaison Jaime Rodriguez presented update on Cuesta Drive – Arboleda Drive Traffic Calming Project. Update material included the followings:

- Final Survey results:
 - 92% support for Cuesta Drive improvements
 - 85% support for Arboleda Drive improvements
 - 69% support for Campbell Avenue improvements
- Changes made to the concept plan:
 - Small adjustments on speed table and speed hump locations to avoid conflict with residential driveways.
 - Removed double yellow centerline and white edge line on Arboleda Drive, near Cuesta Drive.
 - Additional walkable and bikeable area on north side of Cuesta Drive.

Update item only, no action was requested by staff. The project will be presented to City Council during the Joint Study Session on May 28th.

Commission Questions and Answers:

- “No Parking” zone on Arboleda Drive still included in the plan? -Yes, but this is still undetermined whether it will be included in the final plan.

- Are the exact placement of the speed tables and humps determined? -Yes, they are updated and posted on the City webpage.
- What would be the plan for after-study and possible improvements to relieve traffic on adjacent streets? -Alta Planning will conduct traffic study, appropriate traffic calming measure will be proposed depending on the findings. As for now, there is no plan for the other adjacent streets.
- Will the adjacent streets receive the same treatment and avoid participating in cost sharing of the proposed traffic calming device(s)? -We don't know at this point; City staff have not discussed this matter with City Council.
- Reasoning for painted curb extension at Arboleda Drive and Springer Road? -The purpose of this is to force driver making a right turn from Springer Road onto Arboleda Drive to make a sharper turn, slowing down the movement. Extension on the south side of the intersection is made to keep a consistent look.

Public Comments:

- Response and support rate show the importance of this project to the neighborhood.
- Adjacent streets that get effected by this project needs to receive same treatment as Arboleda Drive. To be able to bypass the co-pay requirement for traffic calming measures.
- Pavement treatment will not help bicycle and pedestrian, sidewalk is needed.

4. Development Project Review, 5150 El Camino Real

Planning Services Manager Zach Dahl presented the item and answered questions from the Commission. The proposal includes 24 three-story townhouse units in the rear of the site and 172 condominium units in two five-story buildings along El Camino Real with one level of underground parking. Hexagon Transportation Consultants completed traffic impact analysis and parking demand analysis.

Commission Comments and Questions with answers from Staff:

- What kind of bicycle parking facility is on site? -There is a caged area in the garage that can secure bicycle individually.
- Are busses at new the bus stop stopping out of traffic? Has relocation been considered? -There will be no change on where in the curb line the bus will stop, however the location can be altered depending on demand and distance from intersections.
- Regarding the traffic study, what is the reasoning behind choices of the studied intersections? -The further the intersection is from the project, the less impact. Intersections that were not selected had new vehicle trips from the new project dissipated by the time it reached the intersection, thus not included in the study.
- Are Caltrans and Mountain View involved? -Both Caltrans and Mountain View will be given a chance to review and make comments.
- Who pays for the damage to transportation infrastructure from the increased vehicle volume? -City collects Traffic Impact fee from developer to cover these costs.

- Is the City responsible of the sidewalk repairs using the Traffic Impact fees? -The developer will rebuild new sidewalks along the front of project, and the City will be responsible of maintenance after acceptance.

Public Comments:

- This project is pedestrian friendly. Vehicle drop-off area will not interrupt traffic or residents. Existing traffic signal at Rengstoff Avenue will help the entrance and exit.
- Concerned with parking. Not enough parking on-site.
- Project should study residential neighborhood as whole, not just El Camino Real.

Commission Comments and Feedback:

- Would like to see issues with traffic backup, vehicle parking, and bicycle storage covered.
- Traffic study should cover wider area.
- Amount of bike storage is low.
- Concern for increased street parking and bicycle safety on Distel Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Kreigh, seconded by Chair Maluf with the recommendation to address the number of on-site bicycle storage. The Commission approved the project to be presented to Planning Commission and City Council with the following vote: AYES: 3. NOES: 1. ABSTAIN: 1. ABSENT: 2. Passed 3-1

5. Cumulative Study Scenarios in Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Studies

Staff Liaison Jaime Rodriguez presented the item for the Commission. Staff presented various options of traffic impact analysis including cumulative studies to be used for future projects. No action required for this item.

Commission Comment, Question, and Discussion:

- What would it take to produce a cumulative traffic model for the City? -It would take around \$150,000 for the generation of model.
- Traffic Impact Fee is generated by nexus study, analyzed with the number of city infrastructure improvements and unfunded transportation projects.
- Is there any financial input from outside the city for regional growth of traffic?
- Nobody is accountable for the traffic study numbers after the project is completed, this should be addressed.
- How do we prevent a need for traffic calming project before it becomes a problem? Distel Drive as an example. -Parking turnover studies and TIRE analysis to establish baseline traffic volume/parking. With the baseline, we can establish a trigger point for further analysis and possible treatment such as traffic calming.
- Request to staff, come back with one or two study topics to be brought back for further discussion.

- Need to support safe routes to school. In some situations, there is no need for studies to know we will need treatments.

6. VTA BPAC Representative

Commissioner Banerjee will attend the monthly meeting for the time being. Item to be brought to City Council for appointment of next representative. City staff to consider advertising the position for next VTA BPAC representative.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Monthly Staff Report

- Joint Council Meeting Tuesday, May 28th. This includes Cuesta Drive-Arboleda Drive study session.
- Interview and selection process is continuing for Transportation Services Manager.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Develop Commission work plan.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- El Monte Avenue & Covington Road crossing guard study.
- Update on Cumulative impact topic.
- Development items from Planning Division.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 11:00 PM