



DATE: July 22, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Jaime O. Rodriguez, Interim Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Estrellita Way Trail Crossing Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve implementation of the Estrellita Way Trail Crossing Improvements project as part of the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program pending Community Input and Support.

INTRODUCTION

The Estrellita Way Trail Crossing Improvements project was previously included in the TS-01058 Intersection Access Barrier Removal project that was deferred due to to potential litigation with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that operates the Hetch-Hetchy Trail. Staff has developed an in-house design alternative for the project that includes the installation of a speed table connecting both sides of the Hetch-Hetchy Trail across Estrellita Way. Since this this design alternative will occur solely within the City's right-of-way, it eliminates involvement of the San Francisco PUC and allows for quick implementation. Residents living on and along Estrellita Way were invited to the Complete Streets Commission to help provide input to the commission and advise a recommendation for implementation.

BACKGROUND

The Estrellita Way Intersection Improvements were included in the TS-01058 Intersection Access Barrier Removal Project. The original design focused on removal of rolled curbs at the trail intersection with Estrellita Way to provide curb ramps that would extend into the San Francisco PUC right-of-way. Before the San Francisco PUC grants the City an encroachment permit for the ramps, they are requiring the City to take over operations & maintenance of the dirt trail section east of Los Altos Avenue to Mercedes Avenue.

City staff has developed an alternative design that eliminates coordination with the San Francisco PUC that includes construction of a speed table across Estrellita Way to connect both side of the Hetch Hetchy Trial at the Estrellita Way intersection.

DISCUSSION

The Hetch Hetchy Trail crossing at Estrellita Way requires traversing over rolled curbs along Estrellita Way. The rolled curbs have led to some community concerns as bicyclists bottom out traveling over the rolled curb.

The San Francisco PUC is not willing to offer the City an encroachment permit to install standard curb ramps at the trail crossing without the City taking over trail operations & maintenance responsibility east of Los Altos Avenue. City staff is not interested in taking over trail operations & maintenance of the trail in efforts to reduce its on-going operations & maintenance costs across the rest of the City. And in years past, the City and PUC relinquished their agreement for the City's O&M of the portion of trail east of Los Altos Avenue owing to an outcry of concerns raised by residents adjacent to the dirt trail.

City staff developed a design alternative to the standard curb ramp alternative that includes the construction of a speed table connecting both ends of the trail over Estrellita Way. Staff has invited residents living on and along Estrellita Way, and within a 500-ft. radius of the project, to tonight's meeting of the Complete Streets Commission to solicit their input on the design alternative to help advise the commission's decision to support staff's design and recommend installation. If the speed table receives commission support staff will issue a change order to the 2020 Street Resurfacing project contractor, O'Grady Construction, so that the speed table can be implemented before the end of Summer. If O'Grady's cost estimate is not cost effective, then informal bids will be obtained in accordance with the City's purchasing requirements.