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**Cc:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Covington Bike Lane/Paving Project

Dear City Staff and City Council Members:

I've been a resident on Covington Road for almost 40 years.

When this project was first on my radar last year, I was in opposition. I continue to be in opposition.

As a street resident who has had 3 children attend Covington school in recent years, the proposal is unnecessary especially south of Covington School. Very few students even ride to the school from that direction and choose to go in through the back route by Rosita Avenue/Rosita Park which has better visibility in terms of bike and pedestrian crossing.

Also, once the 15 MPH speed limits were implemented, I've found that between Bellevue Ct and Covington School, it is a much safer section in general and I do not think that a dedicated green lane would frankly make any additional impact that the lower speed limit doesn't already do.

Many of my neighbors, several with flag lots, rely on the street parking for guests or their own family. We have an interesting situation also where my teenage children cannot park in our driveway for 2-3 months out of the year as our Heritage Oaks drip sap that has damaged the cars in years past. The city will not allow us to remove our oak tree in the front so we have had to park on the street as an alternative during that time.

We were also told this past May/June that this pavement project would just be replacing what was already there. I feel like despite the community notice bulletin which I just received yesterday in the mail, the timing of the notice is not adequate. I could easily be on vacation, not know that the meeting was coming up because my mail would be on "Hold" at USPS and possibly miss it because less than a week's notice seems to always be the way our city operates. Never enough time to really dive into the project, talk amongst our neighbors about pros/cons and truly think about the implications of something which I can imagine is most costly.

I don't think this project is a good use of city funds and will deeply impact our quality of life on our street.

I plan to also be on the call Wednesday night as well.

Sincerely,  
Cameron Hamblin  
279 Covington Road

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Sandoval](#); [Jaime Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: paving and striping of Covington Road  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 2:49:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [SS Plan - Covington - El Monte to Miramonte - 081020.pdf](#)

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Council –

I saw the email to you regarding the CSC agenda item for Covington. Below is some input from Jim Sandoval and Jaime Rodriguez describing the current situation. As you will note, there appear to be those in the neighborhood who want bike lanes and those who don't want to lose parking. We will see the CSC determines.

Chris

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**From:** Jaime Rodriguez <[jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Jim Sandoval <[jsandoval@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jsandoval@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Chris Jordan <[cjordan@losaltosca.gov](mailto:cjordan@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: paving and striping of Covington Road

Hi Jim and Chris,

Jim's input is generally correct and I've attached the Signage & Striping Plan that is planned for implementation to this email to help visualize the improvements. The plan strives to:

- Add bike lanes at locations where No Parking already exists including immediately south of El Monte Avenue up to the main entry of Covington Elementary School (this is the only segment where bike lanes go in immediately)
- Provide consistent 10-FT vehicle travel lanes so that bike lanes can be accommodated later following additional community engagement. In some cases we did the equivalent the "delineate without designating" bike lanes so that they can be easily installed later through signage. Near the Riverside Dr area we provided a buffer between the future bike lane areas now because the shoulders were so wide.
- Tighten the intersection returns at Covington & Campbell and Covington & Springer
- Add crosswalks along side streets intersecting Covington Rd, this is something residents in the prior community engagement in the Fall strongly supported
- Add a new All-Way STOP at Covington & Golden, another improvement residents strongly supported in the Fall community engagement. This is also a crossing guard location.

Important thing to note is that we set the plan up to support future bike lanes along the corridor but only provided them immediately on the northern end near Covington School because there were no parking conflicts. Thank you.

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On Aug 21, 2020, at 1:15 PM, Jim Sandoval <[jsandoval@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jsandoval@losaltosca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

Jaime can fill in the blanks in my summary here:

- We are taking this item to CSC next week on the 26<sup>th</sup>, including an hour segment dedicated to this item; flyer attached.
- There are two factions:

- people who want a dedicated bike lane, particularly for kids commuting to school
- residents on Covington who are against it, for fear of losing on-street/shoulder parking
- With Tom on leave and COVID, we missed the window to work with the residents with parking-loss concerns before resurfacing Covington. So I made the call to not delay the paving and simply restripe with “Sharrows” for now. The CSC did not like this decision so we asked O’Grady to delay striping until we could quickly develop a striping plan w/ dedicated bike lanes and minimal loss of parking and then get community input once again. We worked with Jaime to develop this plan.
- The revised plan includes the bike lane along 2 of 3 segments of Covington, while preserving as much parking on the shoulder as possible. A dedicated bike lane will not fit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> segment. See attached 3-slides for a summary.
- Since the CSC is in favor of the bike lane, we wanted to take another stab at working with the residents on a compromise for both bike lanes and parking
- If CSC approves the updated striping plan, we’ll give O’Grady the green light to install the striping over the new pavement. Covington has temporary cat-track striping lines for now.
- There is one segment where we’ll need to pave the shoulder to enable the bike lane to fit. The striping will be done now on that segment, but the shoulder paving will need to occur during our next resurfacing job.

Jim

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**From:** Chris Jordan <[cjordan@losaltosca.gov](mailto:cjordan@losaltosca.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: paving and striping of Covington Road

Can you give me your thoughts on this?

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**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** eric lutkin  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 11:17 AM  
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**Subject:** paving and striping of Covington Road

Greetings Mayor and City Council Members,

It appears that putting a dedicated bike lane on Covington Road is back again before the complete streets committee. Back in May 2020 we were told this would not be happening, see below for the email confirming this decision.

But this document on the complete streets website indicates that this topic is back

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I live on Covington between El Monte and Springer. I am a cyclist and ride on Covington several times a week. Given the width of Covington I do not think there is a need for a dedicated bike lane, especially given that it will eliminate a significant amount of on street parking on Covington.

I would ask that you direct City staff to honor their previous decision to restripe Covington Road with the same configuration it had before the repaving.

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From: **Jaime Rodriguez** <[jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov)>

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Hi Eric,

The City made the decision a couple of months ago to not implement the proposed Covington Rd bike lanes so whatever the current lane striping is, that's what will go back after the street resurfacing is done. I'm not aware of any prior discussions between yourself and the other city staff but this is the current direction. Please note that Tom Madalena is currently on leave. Kathy Kim (copied) is the City's Project Manager for Covington Rd, she's the best person to contact moving forward.

Thank you.

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