



DATE: August 26, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Kathy Kim, Assistant Engineer – Transportation Division

SUBJECT: Bicycle Facility Improvements on Almond Avenue and Covington Road

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide recommendation on proposed striping and traffic calming improvements on Almond Avenue and Covington Road following a community discussion.

INTRODUCTION

Almond Avenue from San Antonio Road to El Monte Avenue and Covington Road from El Monte Avenue to Miramonte Avenue have recently received pavement treatment as part of Annual Resurfacing Project and Annual Slurry Seal Project. City staff prepared and presented striping and traffic calming improvements on the two streets after collecting community and Complete Streets Commission feedback.

BACKGROUND

Street Resurfacing (TS-01001) and Street Slurry Seal (TS-01004) projects are funded annually through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and are dedicated to repairing and maintaining asphalt concrete (AC) roadways in the City. For the fiscal year 2019/2020 projects, Almond Avenue from San Antonio Road to El Monte Avenue and Covington Road from El Monte Avenue to Springer Road received an overlay treatment. Covington Road from Springer Road to Miramonte Avenue received a microsurfacing treatment.

DISCUSSION

The City has traditionally reinstalled the same striping layout after a resurfacing project, which is a missed opportunity to make striping changes on fresh asphalt concrete roadways. This year the City took the initiative to grasp the opportunity and implement the improvements for the bicyclists and pedestrians. As a result, striping and traffic calming concept plans have been prepared for the entire length of Almond Avenue and Covington Road, and have been brought to the Commission and to the public to solicit their inputs. However, due to time constraint, the staff were not able to finalize design details and address issues that were brought up from the Commission and the public prior to the start of construction. Paving operations have a small window for construction, it is typically done during summer to maintain adequate hot mixed asphalt (HMA) temperature. Thus, the two projects proceeded without the striping and signage improvements. As of today, asphalt overlay and microsurfacing treatment have been applied on both Almond Avenue and

Covington Road. Staff is seeking inputs from the Complete Streets Commission and community members on the proposed revised striping improvements for bicyclists. Following are the striping and signages proposed in the attached concept plan drawings. City staff has invited residents along Almond Avenue, Covington Road and other nearby streets to the Commission meeting to solicit final feedbacks before Commission approval on the proposed bicycle facility changes.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Almond Avenue Striping Plan, San Antonio Road to El Monte Avenue:

A two-way cycle track from San Antonio Road to Los Altos High School on the northside of Almond Avenue.

Attachment B - Covington Road Striping Plan, El Monte Avenue to Grant Road

Bicycle Lanes on Covington Road.