

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 AT 5:30 PM  
HELD OVER RING CENTRAL CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT: Nadim Maluf (Chair), Suzanne Ambiel (Vice Chair), Stacy Banerjee, Cynthia O'Yang, Suresh Venkatraman, Jaime Rodriguez (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: 2 Vacancy

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two public comments on items not on the agenda:

- Comment on uneven manhole on Covington Road near Castilleja Court generating noise as vehicles drive by.
- Comment on trees and bushes on the median along Fremont Avenue obstructing sight distance.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Approve Minutes of July 22, 2020 meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ambiel, seconded by Vice Chair Banerjee, the Commission approved the meeting minutes of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 with the following vote:  
AYES: 5. NOES: 0. ABSTAIN:0. ABSENT: 0. Passed 5-0

2. Bicycle Facility Improvements on Almond Avenue and Covington Road

Jaime Rodriguez, Staff Liaison presented the item to the Commission. Staff invited residents along Almond Avenue and Covington Road to tonight's meeting to hear more from the public on cycle track on Almond Avenue and bike lanes on Covington Road. Jaime presented the signage and striping plan and answered questions from the Commission.

19 public members commented on Covington Road improvements. Comments received from the public included opposition to the proposed bicycle lane along Covington Road, inputs on all-way stop installation at Golden Way, and questions about City's outreach procedure.

Commission requested City staff to keep the public and Commission updated on this project and revisit City's outreach procedure.

3. Fremont Ave Pavement Rehab Project - Complete Street Accommodations

Dan Leary from Bellecci and Associates presented the project design update on Fremont Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Design phase and Caltrans review process is anticipated to complete in fall 2020. City invited the community to tonight's meeting for inputs on signage and striping plan.

4 public members commented on this item.

4. El Monte Ave Pathway Project (Almond Ave to Clark Ave)

Jaime Rodriguez presented the item to the Commission. City staff plans to finalize design with inputs received from the August 19<sup>th</sup> community meeting and bring it back to the Commission in September for final discussion.

5. VTA 2016 Sales Tax - Bike/Pedestrian Education & Encouragement Program

Jaime Rodriguez presented the informational item on Return-to-Source Funding to the City of Los Altos from the VTA 2016 Half Cent Sales Tax. City plans to apply this funding towards Safe Route to School Coordinator project with Alta Planning + Design planned to kick off in September.

6. Homestead Road & Grant Road STOP at Median Island

Jaime Rodriguez presented the item on planned STOP sign installation on southbound thru movement from Grant Road onto Homestead Road median island on Homestead Road. This was one of the well-received concepts presented in County' of Santa Clara's joint outreach with Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Los Altos for school route improvement. Staff plans to include this as part of signage and striping project coming up in Fall to finish up the striping on Covington Road and Almond Avenue.

7. CSC Meeting Frequency

Commissioners and Staff agreed to change the Complete Streets Commission meeting date to last Wednesday of the month instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Effective immediately.

8. Committee Reports

Committee to hold meeting after the execution of Complete Streets Master Plan in September. No update for this month.

9. Work Plan

No update for this month.

10. Monthly Staff Report

- Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming is planned to kick off within the next three weeks.

- Downtown open streets program will end September 25<sup>th</sup>. Following this, the City plans to start a parklet program allowing businesses to continue operation.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- VTA BPAC meeting update on items relevant to Los Altos:
  - Transportation grant for clean air quality was awarded to Santa Clara County's Expressway signal timing, which includes Foothill Expressway.
  - City of Sunnyvale received grant for signal timing along Fremont Avenue.
  - Active transportation grant due in September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - VTA bus operation expecting downgrade in services starting February 2020 due to effects of COVID-19.
  - Measure B Bike and Pedestrian grant call for project expected in December.

### **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Safe Routes to School Coordinator project update.
- Update on Downtown Open Streets Program to hear about the results and plans for the future.
- Discussion on efficient outreach method for CIP project inputs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM