



DATE: September 30, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # X

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Jaime O. Rodriguez, Interim Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Almond Avenue – No Parking Anytime Restrictions
North Side of Street from N. San Antonio Road to Valencia Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of No Parking Restrictions along the North Side of Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive; Total Net Loss of 13 Parking Spaces

INTRODUCTION

The City initiated the development of bicycle facility improvements along Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive as part of the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program. The construction of the street resurfacing is complete along with the installation of interim roadway signage and striping. The current roadway design accommodates the future installation of a two-way bicycle cycle track facility along the north side of Almond Avenue from N. San Antonio Road to Los Altos High School. In order for the facility to be built-out, two items are pending:

- 1) Parking removal along the north side of Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive (no parking along the frontage of Los Altos High School is existing), and
- 2) Traffic signal modification at N. San Antonio Road & Almond Avenue to accommodate a new bicycle traffic signal-controlled movement

The City is soliciting input and approval from the Complete Streets Commission on the first item, parking removal along the north side of Almond Avenue, between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive. The City will return to the commission to discuss the traffic signal modification in October if the parking removal is approved.

BACKGROUND

The City conducted an extensive community outreach process in the Fall 2019 to solicit community input on the design of future bicycle facilities planned as part of the 2020 Street Resurfacing program, specifically Almond Avenue and Covington Road. Construction of both projects is complete, but only partial signage and striping improvements were complete on both corridors.

Along Almond Avenue, the City implemented new roadway signage and striping that accommodate a future two-way bicycle cycle track between N. San Antonio Road and Los Altos High School (approximately Gordon Avenue). Along the frontage of Los Altos High School (Valencia Drive to Gordon Avenue), no parking restrictions already exist via painted red curb. In order for the planned two-way cycle track to be implemented, parking removal along the north side of Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive is required.

DISCUSSION

In anticipation of the cycle track facility moving forward, the City added new on-street parking with the resurfacing program along the south side of Almond Avenue, between Beverly Lane and Frederick Court, to help offset future parking loss along the north side of the street. City staff also reached out to residents door-to-door in July prior to the street resurfacing work to discuss future parking loss as part of the bicycle facility design. Five homes front Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive. Two of the five residents responded back to the City at the time expressing interest in the parking space removal, the properties closest to Valencia Drive. In preparation of this Commission meeting, staff noticed the five subject properties with a flyer advertising this meeting. The flyers were posted on residents' doors directly by staff.

Removal of parking along the north side of Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive will result in a loss of approximately 19 parking spaces. The City added six parking spaces along the south side of Almond Avenue, between Beverly Lane and Frederick Court, as part of the street resurfacing work completed in August. If the no parking restrictions are supported by the commission, a net of 13 spaces on Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive would be removed.

The proposed two-way bicycle track facility would formalize behavior noted by Los Altos High School students and administrators already occurring as part of regular school commute activities (pre-COVID-19 traffic conditions).

The Almond Avenue roadway striping installed as part of the street resurfacing project included the inside edge of a future 2-FT buffer zone to delineate the two-way cycle track facility.

If parking removal is supported, the proposed bicycling striping improvements will include striping the second half of the 2-FT buffer zone, addition of hash marks within the 2-FT buffer zone, bicycle stencils within the cycle track zone and Sharrows for the eastbound direction of Almond Avenue. A proposed Signage & Striping Plan for completion of the two-way cycle track facility is included as an attachment to this staff report.

City staff is requesting that the Complete Streets Commission discuss the removal of parking along the north side of Almond Avenue between N. San Antonio Road and Valencia Drive to help advance the two-way cycle track facility design. If supported, staff will return to the commission in October with signal design modification plans for the addition of a bicycle traffic signal facility to the N. San Antonio Road and Almond Avenue intersection.