



DATE: January 27, 2021

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Jaime O. Rodriguez, Interim Staff Liaison to Complete Streets Commission

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Master Plan Monthly Update

ATTACHMENTS: Concept Drawing – S Clark Avenue (El Monte Ave to Cuesta Dr)
Concept Drawing – Covington Rd (Miramonte Ave to Grant Rd)
Concept Drawing – N Gordon Ave (Almond Ave to Hawthorne Ave)
Concept Drawing – Intersection at Miramonte Ave & Berry Ave
Bicycle & Pedestrians Needs Assessment Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on the Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) – Concept Plan Line Drawings and Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

INTRODUCTION

The City of Los Altos initiated the development of a Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) study project in the Fall 2020. The project includes four program elements:

1. Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation Plan merge & update
2. Safe Routes to School Walk n Roll Map
3. Concept Plan Line Drawings Development
4. Community Engagement

Just prior to tonight’s meeting the City held an online community workshop, the first of three, focused on the introduction of the Concept Plan Line Drawings task of the CSMP project. Tonight’s Complete Streets Commission discussion serves as an opportunity for the commission to view and provide comments on the same drawings presented to the community.

BACKGROUND

Staff plans on holding three public workshops focused on the introduction of Concept Plan Line drawings to the community. Each workshop is being held immediately before regularly scheduled Complete Streets Commission meetings. Today’s workshop focused on the following corridors:

- S Clark Avenue (El Monte Avenue to Cuesta Drive)
- Covington Road (Miramonte Avenue to Grant Rd)
- N Gordon Avenue (Almond Avenue to Hawthorn Avenue)

- Intersection of Miramonte Avenue & Berry Avenue

DISCUSSION

The Concept Plan Line Drawing task of the CSMP is intended to engage residents on potential future street improvements focused around adding bicycle and pedestrian features. This may include the addition of proactive traffic calming measures.

The complete list of streets or intersections for which concept plan line drawings are prepared is included in Table 1. The drawings presented at the online community workshop were included in the agenda packet for this meeting and improvements are summarized below.

- S Clark Avenue (El Monte Avenue to Cuesta Drive)

S Clark Avenue is a 2-lane north-south residential street connecting El Monte Avenue and Cuesta Drive. A near continuous asphalt sidewalk path exists along the east side of the street. The street serves as Suggested Walking Route to School for the following schools:

- Almond Elementary School
- Covington Elementary School
- Egan Junior High School
- Los Altos High School

Proposed street improvements included within the concept plan line drawings include:

- Pedestrians: Replacement of the asphalt sidewalk along the east side of the street
- Pedestrians: New crosswalks along all east side crossing intersections
- Bicycles: Bike Lanes on both side of the street with greenback Bike Lane stencils
- New All-Way STOP at Springer Terrace
- New All-Way STOP at Benvenue Avenue
- Tighter painted intersection returns at: San Luis Avenue; Benvenue Avenue

Already active improvements at the intersection of S El Monte Avenue & S Clark Avenue include a new All-Way STOP as part of the El Monte Avenue Sidewalk Gap Closure project. This improvement has an estimated completion date of May 2021. The City also recently completed the installation of a new All-Way STOP at the intersection of S Clark Avenue & Cuesta Drive in 2020 as part of the Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming Improvements Project.

- Covington Road (Miramonte Avenue to Grant Road)

The City completed a planning phase for Covington Road between El Monte Avenue and Grant Road in the Fall 2019 in advanced of planned street resurfacing improvements already implemented between El Monte Avenue and Miramonte Avenue over the Summer 2020. The Complete Streets Commission already reviewed and commented on both the conceptual plan line drawings and ultimate street improvement plans used for construction. The portion of Covington Road between Miramonte Avenue and Grant

Road did not receive any street improvements over the Summer 2020 as this portion of the street was last resurfaced in November 2018.

The concept plan line drawing for Covington Road between Miramonte Avenue and Grant Road is being reintroduced back to the community so that already proposed improvements can be considered as part of future street improvement projects as part of implementation of the Complete Streets Master Plan. This segment of Covington Road serves the following schools:

- Blach Middle School
- Bullis Charter Elementary School

Covington Road in the project segment already includes a continuous sidewalk along the west side of the street, time-of-day bicycle lanes to support school community and resident parking, vehicle speed feedback signs to encourage slower driving behavior, and marked school crosswalks in front of each school.

Proposed street improvements included within the concept plan line drawing include:

- Pedestrians & Bicycles: four speed tables along Covington Road

Two of the speed tables are proposed to serve as crosswalk facilities for pedestrians at existing crosswalk locations in front of Blach Middle School and Bullis Charter Elementary School.

- N Gordon Avenue (Almond Avenue to Hawthorn Avenue)

N Gordon Avenue is a 2-lane north-south residential street connecting Almond Avenue to Hawthorne St. At Almond Avenue, the street provides a direct connection to Los Altos High School. The street has an existing asphalt pathway/sidewalk on the south half between E Edith Avenue and Hawthorn Avenue. No pedestrian facilities or bicycle facilities exist on the north half of the street between Almond Avenue and E Edith Avenue. The street serves as a Suggested Walking Route to School for the following schools:

- Bullis Charter School (North Campus)
- Covington Elementary School
- Egan Junior High School
- Los Altos High School

Proposed street improvements included within the concept plan line drawing include:

- Pedestrians: New pathway or sidewalk along the west side of street between Almond Avenue and E Edith Avenue
- Bicycles: New greenback Sharrows
- New All-Way STOP at Angela Drive
- New All-Way STOP at Hillview Avenue

- Intersection Improvements at Miramonte Avenue & Berry Avenue

Miramonte Avenue & Berry Avenue is the only focused intersection being analyzed through part of the concept plan line drawings phase of the CSMP. The intersection has an existing at-grade marked crosswalk with limited signage and YIELD controls on Miramonte Avenue and STOP controls on Berry Avenue.

The intersection serves as part of the suggested route to school for:

- Loyola Elementary School
- Blach Middle School

Proposed street improvements included within the concept plan line drawings include:

- Pedestrians & Bicycles: Raised Speed Tables/Crosswalk across Miramonte Avenue

The raised speed table/crosswalk will be supplemented with pedestrian-activated flashing beacon systems.

Alta Planning + Design, the CSMP project consultant, has also submitted its Existing Conditions and Needs Assessments for Bicycle & Pedestrians based on data analysis and field reviews conducted over the Fall 2019. The report was received just prior to the publishing of this staff report so no City comments are currently available but will be presented at the Complete Streets Commission meeting.

- ***Community Engagement Plan***

A CSMP project website and online community engagement tool where residents can provide feedback on the CSMP project is available at:

www.LosAltosCompleteStreets.com

Table 1
Complete Streets Master Plan – Concept Plan Line Drawing Locations

No.	Street	Limits	Status
1	Almond Ave	San Antonio Rd to El Monte Av	Active Construction
2	Alvarado Ave	San Antonio Rd to Casita Way	Pending
3	Casita Way	Jardin Dr to Marich Wy	Pending
4	Clark Ave	El Monte Ave to Cuesta Dr	Prelim. Drawing Complete
5	Covington Rd	El Monte Ave to Miramonte Ave	Construction Complete
6	Covington Rd	Miramonte Ave to Grant Rd	Prelim. Drawing Complete
7	Distel Dr	Jardin Dr to El Camino Real	Pending
8	El Camino Real	Entire City Limits	Prelim. Drawing Complete
9	Gordon Ave	Almond Ave to Hawthorn Ave	Prelim. Drawing Complete
10	Grant Rd	Foothill Exp to Homestead Rd	Prelim. Drawing Complete
11	Jardin Dr	City Limits	Prelim. Drawing Complete
12	Jordan Ave	San Antonio Rd to El Monte Real	Prelim. Drawing Complete
13	Los Ninos Wy	Jardin Dr to Marich Wy	Pending
14	Loyola Corners	Fremont-Miramonte-A St	Prelim. Drawing Complete
15	Marich Wy	Jordan Ave to Casita Wy	Prelim. Drawing Complete
16	Miramonte & Berry Ave	Intersection Hot Spot	Prelim. Drawing Complete
17	Panchita Wy	Jardin Dr to Marich Wy	Pending
18	Valencia Dr	Arbuelo Wy to Almond Ave	Pending