



DATE: March 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM # 1

**TO:** Complete Streets Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** Study Session on Complete Streets Master Plan Project – Safe Route to School Elements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive update on the Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) project and provide input on the layout of Safe Routes to School Walk n Roll Maps and School Improvement Maps.

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**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 and Intersection Hot Spot List development
3. Concept Plan Line Development at select Corridors and Intersections
4. Community Engagement

The Complete Streets Commission participated in a Vision Statement study session with Alta Planning + Design during its February 24, 2021 regular meeting. The Vision Statement will return to the commission at its regular meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> for completion.

This study session of the Complete Streets Commission is intended to provide the commission an opportunity to review preliminary Safe Routes to School – Walk n Roll Map concepts and the layout of School Improvement Maps that are intended to identify near-term improvements within the public right-of-way that can be implemented with a 24-month period following the completion of the Complete Streets Master Plan process.

**BACKGROUND**

Alta Planning + Design, in partnership with City staff, conducted field audits of the existing Suggested Routes to Schools in Los Altos in February. Alta Planning + Design is using the field audit work to develop new Walk n Roll maps and School Improvement maps as part of their task assignments for the Complete Streets Master Plan.

The following schools are scheduled to receive new Walk n Roll Maps as part of the Complete Streets Master Plan:

Existing Walk n Roll Maps to be Updated with CSMP Project

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Almond Elementary         | 6. Loyola Elementary School     |
| 2. Blach Intermediate School | 7. Montclair Elementary School  |
| 3. Covington Elementary      | 8. Oak Avenue Elementary School |
| 4. Egan Jr. High School      | 9. Santa Rita Elementary School |
| 5. Gardner Bullis Elementary | 10. Springer Elementary School  |

New Walk n Roll Maps with CSMP Project

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11. Cupertino Middle School | 13. Los Altos High School |
| 12. Homestead High School   |                           |

Mountain View High School is already creating a new Walk n Roll Map through City of Mountain View. Alta Planning + Design is the same consultant assisting the City of Mountain View with their Safe Routes to School program. The new Mountain View High School Walk n Roll Map will be updated by the City of Mountain View to include suggested walking and biking routes in Los Altos.

## DISCUSSION

As part of this study session, City staff is requesting the Complete Streets Commission to review and provide input on the proposed Walk n Roll Map for Los Altos High School and School Improvement Map for Oak Avenue Elementary School.




Upon preliminary input, Alta Planning + Design will continue formatting the Walk n Roll Maps and School Improvement Maps to make them available to each school and the public for input. Staff anticipates returning to the Complete Streets Commission in May for a presentation of all the school Walk n Roll and Improvement Maps along with a summary of school and public input.

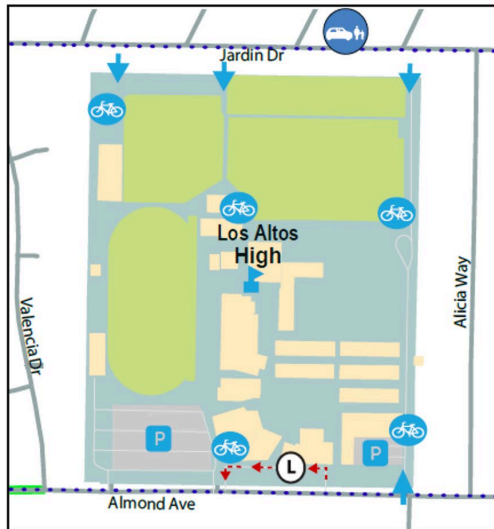
Exhibit 1

Sample SR2S Walk n Roll Map – Los Altos High School

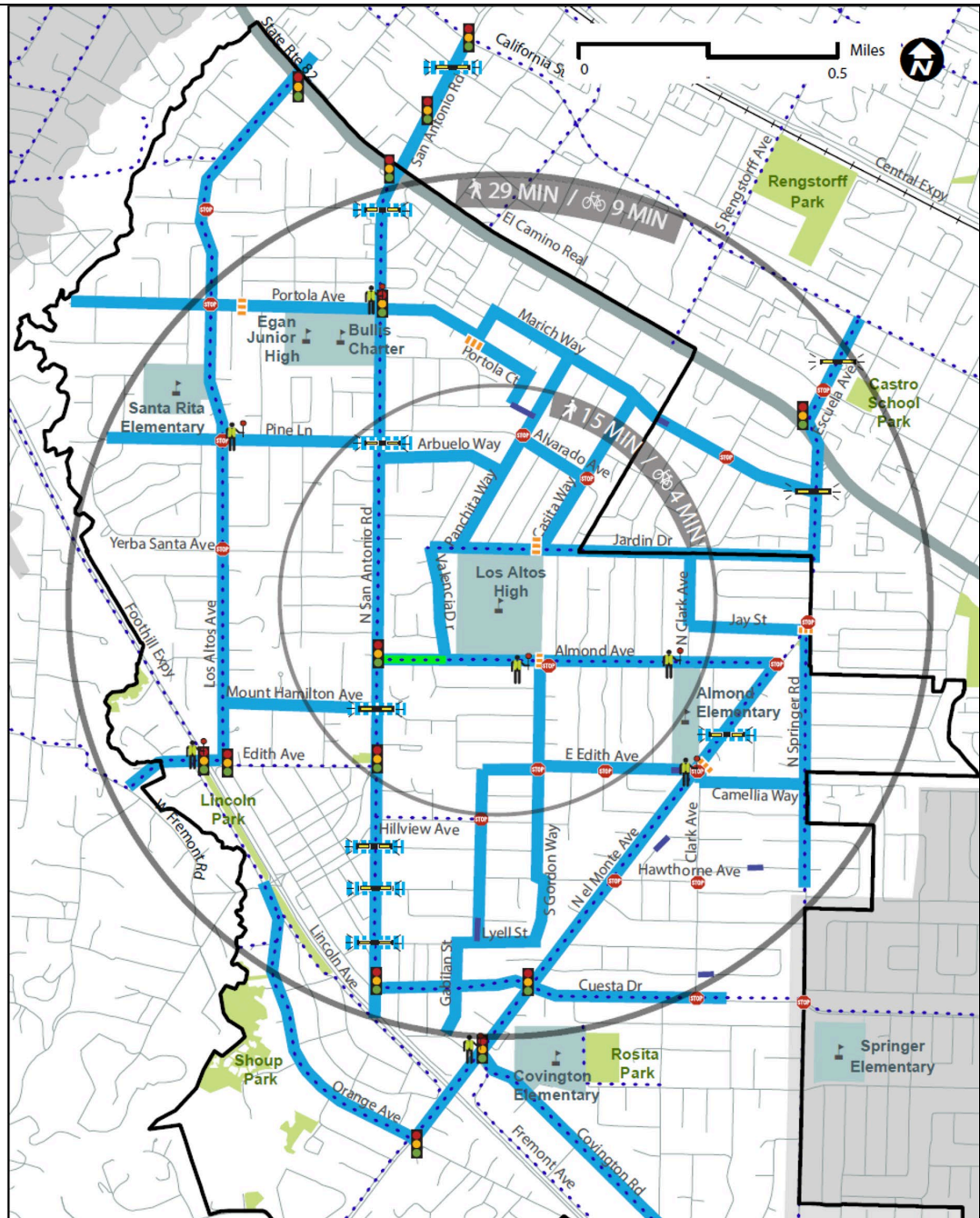
# Los Altos High

## SUGGESTED ROUTES

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|---|---|---|-------------------------|
|  | Los Altos City Limits                   |  | Crossing Guard Location |
|  | Suggested Walking & Biking Route        |  | Bicycle Parking         |
|  | Connector Path                          |  | Park & Walk Location    |
|  | Existing Bikeway                        |  | Drop off/pick up        |
|  | Existing Cycle Track                    |  | Traffic Signal          |
|  | Marked Crosswalk                        |  | All-Way Stop            |
|  | Flashing Crosswalk                      |  | Attendance Area         |
|  | Pedestrian & Bicycle Access             |  | Parks and Open Space    |
|  | Half-mile and Mile Zones (Road Network) |  | School                  |



Enlargement Map



# Exhibit 2 Sample SR2S School Improvement Map -

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## Safe Routes to Schools Improvement Plan Oak Avenue Elementary School Los Altos, CA

*School Safety Assessment held February 2021*



- 1** Oak Ave west of Chelsea Dr  
1a. Install a time-of-day bike lane to Grant Rd (parking permitted at designated hours; bike lane only during daytime hours) to connect to existing bicycle lanes on Grant Rd.
- 2** Marinovich Way at Oak Ave  
2a. Conduct stop sign warranty study on Marinovich
- 3** Chelsea Dr at Oak Ave  
3a. Conduct stop sign warranty study on Chelsea  
3b. Install advanced stop bar and pavement marking  
3c. Install transverse yellow crosswalk marking on Chelsea
- 4** Mariborough Ave and Oak Ave  
4a. Refresh existing high-visibility crosswalk  
4b. Install advance pedestrian crossing (yield) pavement marking  
4c. Add back-to-back pedestrian crossing signs on either side of existing crosswalk  
4d. Install curb extension on north side
- 5** Oak Ave  
5a. Stripe a bike lane on Oak Ave between Chelsea Dr and Truman Ave (7 ft parking lane, 6 ft bike lane, 10 ft travel lanes)  
5b. Install dashed center line  
5c. Install 20 ft of red curb paint west of driveway  
5d. Install 40 ft of red curb paint east of driveway  
5e. Refresh red curb along school frontage
- 6** Oak Ave and Truman Ave  
6a. Refresh existing high-visibility crosswalks at 4-way stop\*  
6b. Install advance stop lines at approach to crosswalks\*  
6c. Add curb extensions to Oak Ave crossing on NW and SW sides

General Recommendations  
- Conduct ADA Ramp Assessment

**NOTES:**

1) The above items are recommendations only and based on Safe Routes to Schools site assessment best practices. Feasibility determination, final design, accessibility, funding, and implementation of any recommended improvements is the responsibility of the appropriate governing agency.

2) Red curb and/or parking restriction signage should be provided between advance stop/yield markings and the crosswalk. Exact red curb distance should be determined in accordance with the CA-MUTCD and City policies/standards.

\* Subject to change due to City Limits

