



DATE: March 30, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Marisa Lee, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Informational Report
St Joseph Avenue Sidewalk Gap Closure Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Information Staff Report on the Status of the St Joseph Avenue Sidewalk Cap Closure Project (Robles Ranch Rd to Deodara Dr)

INTRODUCTION

St Joseph Avenue is scheduled for street resurfacing improvements in the Summer 2022. The City plans to include a sidewalk gap closure element to the resurfacing project at that time along the north side of St Joseph Avenue between Robles Ranch Rd and Deodara Drive. The City is only considering one design alternative at this time to install a typical raised sidewalk within the gap closure study area.

BACKGROUND

The Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP), currently under final adoption consideration by the Los Altos City Council, included an assessment of walking and biking routes around the City along with recommended infrastructure improvements to support walking and biking activities. The infrastructure improvement recommendations for Montclair Elementary School, located on St Joseph Avenue, include a recommended sidewalk gap closure project on St Joseph Avenue between Robles Ranch Road and Deodara Drive.

St Joseph Avenue is scheduled for street resurfacing improvements as part of the Annual Street Resurfacing Program in the Summer of 2022. The City initiated discussions with the St Joseph Avenue community as part of the CSMP development in anticipation of the street resurfacing project. Community outreach efforts focused on the development of a Concept Plan Line drawing that would be used as the basis for a new Signage & Striping Plan for use as part of the street resurfacing improvements. The Concept Plan Line Drawings shared with residents from the Spring 2021 through Winter 2021 identified the proposed sidewalk gap closure project.

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DISCUSSION

During community outreach efforts on the St Joseph Avenue Concept Plan Line process, the City identified up to two sidewalk gap closure methods: 1) traditional sidewalk or 2) a shared use bicycle-pedestrian pathway at-grade with adjacent westbound St Joseph Avenue vehicle traffic.

As part of initiating St Joseph Avenue sidewalk gap closure project, a topographic survey was completed and the survey shows that there is sufficient right of way to provide a traditional sidewalk within the gap closure limits, between Robles Ranch Rd and Deodara Dr. A traditional sidewalk will provide a grade-separated facility for pedestrians and is the City-preferred alternative for this project for both pedestrian comfort as well as for better stormwater drainage through the use of curb & gutter infrastructure. A Class IIB - Buffered Bicycle Lane facility will also be provided as part of the project.

A conceptual 15% layout of the new sidewalk is included within the Exhibit section of this report.

This item is an informational item only. The City anticipated advancing this project to 95% by the time of the April 2022 Complete Streets Commission meeting; updated plans will be shared at that time.

Exhibit A
15% Concept Plan – St Joseph Avenue Sidewalk Gap Closure Project

