



DATE: July 27, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Complete Streets Commission

FROM: Marisa Lee, Transportation Services Manager

SUBJECT: Hetch Hetchy Trail Crossing ADA Improvement

ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on Hetch Hetchy Trail Crossing ADA Improvement Project

INTRODUCTION

The Hetch Hetchy path is a bike and pedestrian multi-use path that traverses a small portion of Los Altos City and connects to Palo Alto on Arastradero Road. The trail is San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) right-of-way and provides PUC and the City access for maintenance vehicles. The current path crossings at Estrellita Way and Los Altos Avenue are old, and do not meet current ADA requirements. The City would like to reconstruct these crossings to meet ADA requirements and to enhance this connector. This project provides the opportunity to add additional features at both crossings for both bicycles and motorists.

BACKGROUND

The CSC discussed this project at their January 2022 meeting and received an array of potential alternatives for crossing enhancement features including signage, striping, bollards, and speed control measures. The CSC and the public provided comments on their preferences for the various features at each crossing location. Staff incorporated this feedback into the plan and returned updated plan to the CSC in March. The staff have since presented the updated plans to San Francisco PUC Project Review Committee and received positive feedback. The staff is working to submit updated plans to meet San Francisco PUC requirements.

Recommended Signage and Pavement Markings for Bicycles and Vehicles

Based on input received in the previous meetings, the proposed signage and striping would include the following.

For vehicles approaching the crossing:

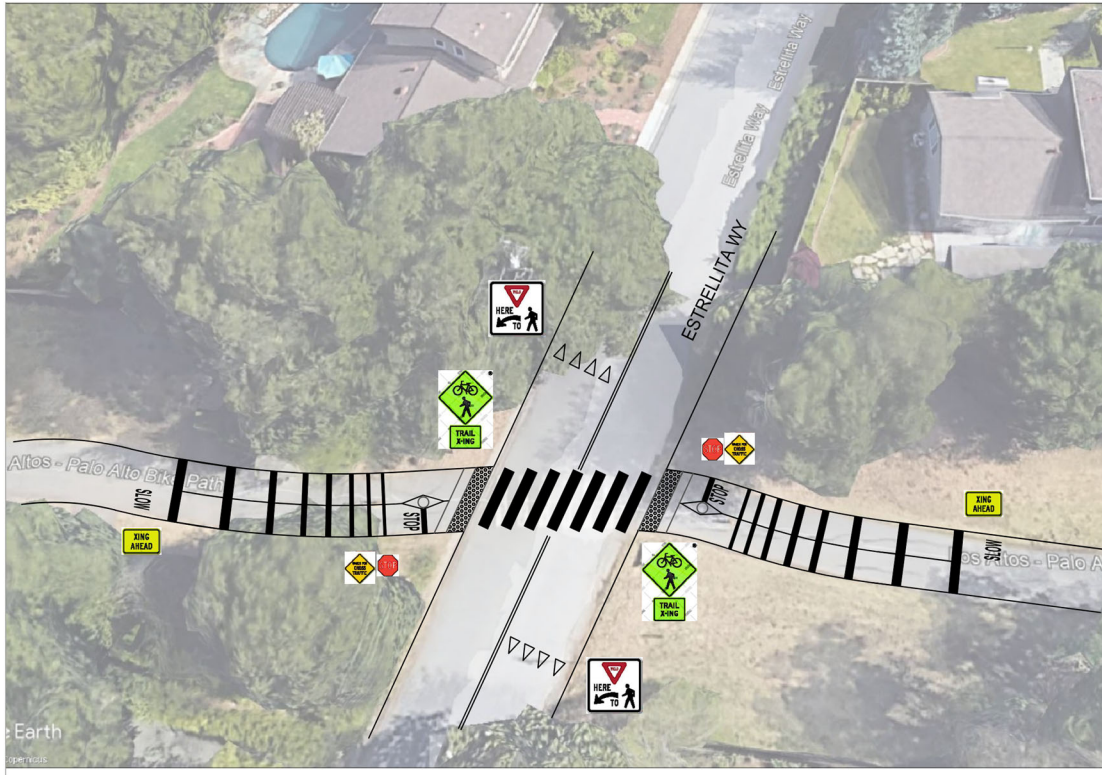
- High visibility crosswalk markings
- “Bike and Ped Crossing” signage assembly at the crossing
- Yield markings (“Shark’s Teeth”) in advance of the crossing with “Yield Here to Bikes and Peds” Signage
- “Bike and Ped Crossing Ahead” warning signs in advance of the crossing

For bicycles approaching the crossing:

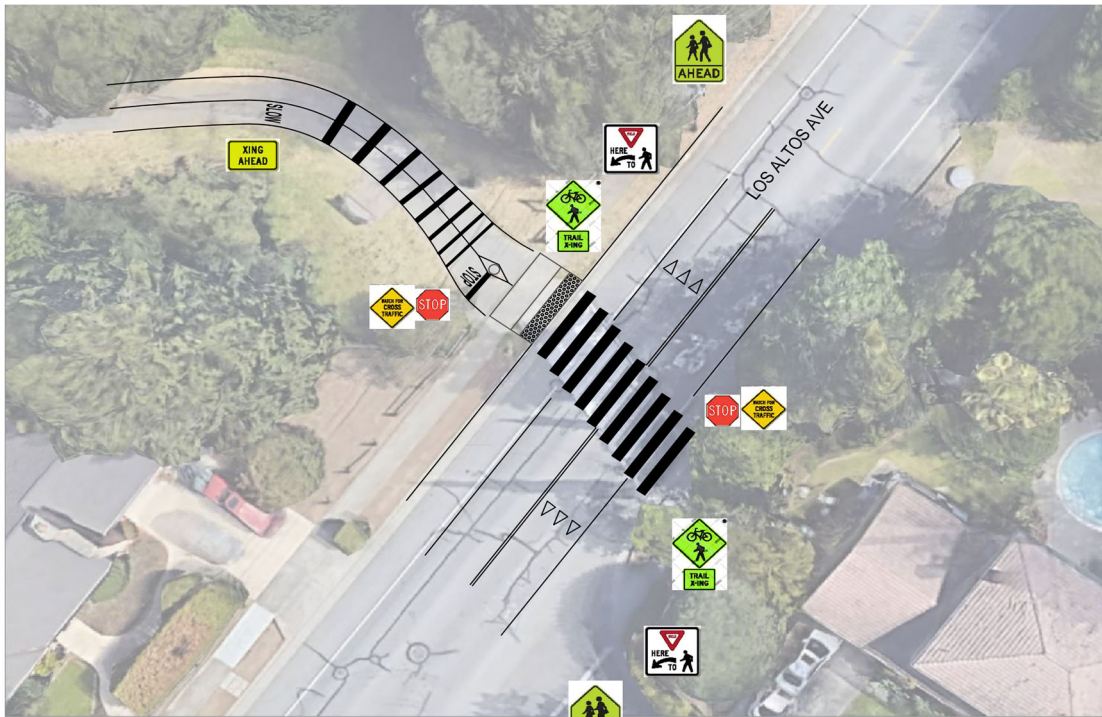
- “Stop” signs and markings at the crossing
- “Slow, Crossing Ahead” Signage in advance of the crossing
- Option for “Watch for Oncoming Cars” and “Cross with Caution Cars May Not Stop” signage
- Optical speed bar pavement markings made with thermoplastic with light texture
- Retain existing removable reflective bollards (they are in good shape)

Signage and markings establish right-of-way and traffic control designations for both bikes and vehicles approaching the crossing. This methodology is recommended by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

Hetch Hetchy Trail Crossings Signage and striping improvements for Estrellita Wy and Los-Altos Ave.



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