

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
15, 2012, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

1. Loyola Corners Bridge

County presentation on the proposed Loyola Corners bridge aesthetics.

Public Works Director GUSTAFSON introduced the item and the County of Santa Clara personnel in attendance. Following a presentation, Commission discussion ensued. The comments were varied, but were generally in concurrence on the following issues:

- The project was an overall improvement to the bridge configuration, both in terms of facilitating traffic congestion improvements and providing ADA compliant sidewalks and bicycle lanes. It was noted that a number of children bicycled from the Loyola Hills area to the several nearby schools.
- The bridge architecture should be timeless and not “trendy”. There should also be signage on the bridge acknowledging the Loyola Corners business district.
- The bridge alignment and travel lanes were quite awkward with the majority of the expansion occurring to the north versus being centered to A Street – this created an irregular bicycle and pedestrian connection to A Street.
- The Commissioners did not care for the monoliths.
- Bridge sidewalks terminated at “dead-end” pedestrian points.
- Could the bridge include an open design – versus a solid wall design – to create better visual interest?

The Commissioners were appreciative of the opportunity to review the project and agreed to generate detailed comments directly to Public Works Director GUSTAFSON to share with City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

James Walgren, AICP
Assistant City Manager