



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item #3**

**AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** September 12, 2017

**Subject:** Ordinance 2017-434: Amending the Los Altos Municipal Code Reassigning Commission Responsibility for Transportation Issues

**Prepared by:** Chris Jordan, City Manager

**Attachment:**

1. Ordinance 2017-434

**Initiated by:**

The City Council

**Fiscal Impact:**

Not applicable

**Environmental Review:**

Not applicable

**Policy Question for Council Consideration:**

- Does the City Council wish to move the jurisdiction for responsibility for transportation-related issues from the Planning and Transportation Commission to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, renaming this commission the Transportation Commission?

**Summary:**

- Ordinance 2017-434 would move commission jurisdiction for transportation-related matters from the Planning and Transportation Commission (eliminating Transportation from the title of this commission) and moving it to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, and renaming this commission the Transportation Commission.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance 2017-434 converting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to a Transportation Commission



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### **Purpose**

Ordinance 2017-434 would amend the Los Altos Municipal Code reassigning jurisdiction of transportation-related matters to the commission that is currently the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. The City Council requested staff prepare this ordinance as a means to prioritize and focus all transportation issues in the community.

### **Background**

In 2012, the City Council changed the title of the Planning Commission to the Planning and Transportation Commission and included in that commission's list of responsibilities several matters related to City-wide transportation. On March 28, 2017, the City Council voted to direct staff to work with Councilmembers Bruins and Lee Eng to prepare an ordinance that would do the following:

- 1) Reassign the Transportation focus from the Planning and Transportation Commission to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- 2) Review/amend the responsibilities of the transportation function for this new commission
- 3) Amend the names of the two commissions

Over the past several months, staff and the two Councilmembers have met together and have met with the two commissions involved in this code amendment. The draft ordinance captures the recommendations of the two Councilmembers.

### **Discussion**

Under Ordinance 2017-434, the jurisdiction of all transportation-related matters will fall under the purview of the new Transportation Commission. Specific responsibilities of the new Transportation Commission include:

- Help to create multi-modal transportation solutions and policies that enable safe, attractive, comfortable and independent access and travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists of all ages and abilities, including connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Shall advise the Council on existing and proposed City policies related to traffic calming and traffic enforcement.
- Shall advise the Council on projects and budget priorities for transportation-related capital improvements.
- Provide for community engagement and serve as a conduit for community input.

No changes to the current membership of either commission is included in this ordinance.



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**Options**

- 1) Approve Ordinance 2017-434, amending the Los Altos Municipal Code reassigning commission responsibility for transportation issues.

**Advantage:** Brings greater focus on all transportation-related issues by having one commission with jurisdiction over these issues

**Disadvantage:** By removing transportation from the Planning Commission jurisdiction could result in less focus on these issues during land use discussions.

- 2) Do not approve Ordinance 2017-434

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends Option 1.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-434**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS CREATING A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, issues relating to transportation are a high priority to the Los Altos City Council and to the Los Altos community; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2012, the City’s Planning and Transportation Commission has been responsible for providing recommendations to the City Council regarding all transportation-related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission has also provided recommendations to both the Planning and Transportation Commission and the City Council regarding matters related to its focus areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that to bring greater focus on transportation-related matters, the City Council desires to create a Transportation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Transportation Commission will become the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission will now become the Transportation Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE:**

**2.08.060 - Powers and duties of the ~~planning and transportation~~ **planning and transportation** commission.**

The ~~planning and transportation~~ commission shall have those powers and duties given it by the State Planning Act (Title 7 of Chapter 3 of the Government Code of the state, commencing with Section 65100), as amended from time to time, and such other powers as granted it by the other provisions of this Municipal Code, or as may be entrusted to it by the council from time to time, and shall submit an annual report to the council.

~~The planning and transportation commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the council on transportation issues. Transportation issues shall include automobile circulation, pedestrian, bicycle and handicapped access, and public transportation on all public streets, roadways and paths within the city limits of the City of Los Altos.~~

~~The planning and transportation commission shall advise the council on existing and proposed city policies related to traffic calming and traffic enforcement.~~

~~The planning and transportation commission shall advise the council on projects and budget priorities for traffic-related capital improvements.~~

**2.08.160 - Powers and duties of the ~~bicycle and pedestrian advisory~~ transportation commission.**

~~The bicycle and pedestrian advisory commission advises the council on bicycle and pedestrian issues, recommends updates to the city's bicycle transportation plan, identifies and prioritizes projects that will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access within Los Altos and shall submit an annual report to the council.~~

- Help to create multi-modal transportation solutions and policies that enable safe, attractive, comfortable and independent access and travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists of all ages and abilities, including connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Shall advise the council on existing and proposed city policies related to traffic calming and traffic enforcement.
- Shall advise the council on projects and budget priorities for transportation-related capital improvements
- Provide for community engagement and serve as a conduit for community input.

**SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Mary Prochnow, MAYOR

Attest:

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

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