



STUDY SESSION

Agenda Item # 1

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

Subject: Proposed FY 2021/22 – 2022/23 Operating Budget and FY 2022-2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan:

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Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #-5.18.2021 STUDY SESSION
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:25:50 AM

Please incorporate these comments into your decision.

Braden W. Beck

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From: BRADEN BECK [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:45 AM
To: atrese@losaltosca.gov
Cc: jsandoval@losaltosca.gov
Subject: Capital Improvement Projects 2021/2022

I am a 48 year resident on Milverton Rd and understand that you will be reviewing the capital improvement projects for 2021/2022. My concern is that funding for the Milverton Storm Drain Improvement Project CD-01012 was defunded by the city council last year and is up for review.

Although this past rainy season has produced little rain, the few storms did flood my driveway and clog my drain from the useless french drain across the street. The new neighbors across the street could not walk off their property without crossing a 6 to 8 ft water barrier. We could not access our mail box easily. If we have normal rainfalls I am constantly dealing with a flooded driveway which at time drains through my breezeway into my backyard. I would hope you will consider this an important enough project to fund its completion.

Thank you,

Braden W Beck

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Subject: Public Comment agenda item #1 5-18-2021
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:48:19 AM

Council Members,

I just want to comment on the proposed sidewalk gap on University/Milverton. That small section would probably improve the walking situation on that particular stretch of University Avenue, but beyond that, you will then have no sidewalks extending to El Monte.

What I don't understand is why pedestrians don't cross University Avenue where there are sidewalks and NO driveways and walk where it is completely safe. There are only a few residents that are concerned and the rest are listening to a resident that has taken on the job of gathering the troops. I respect everyone's personal opinion, but I love the country feeling of not having sidewalks. It adds to the charm of Los Altos, especially on Milverton Road.

I have lived on Milverton Road for 35 years and raised 6 children who I walked to town or Shoup Park on a daily basis. I always crossed University Avenue at Milverton and didn't have an issue regarding safety. I now have 8 grandchildren and continue to cross over to the side of University Avenue that has sidewalks and no driveways.

The city has already placed a sitely asphalt curb on the corner of Milverton/University because of a few residents that felt unsafe and who should be walking on the other side of the street where they have a better view of traffic turning onto Milverton Road from University.

Thank you for listening,
LaDon Detro

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Debbie Dadok](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 5.18.2021
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:59:39 PM

Re: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 5.18.2021

Dear Los Altos City Council members,

I am writing to request your support for the University sidewalk gap project.

The gap is a real safety hazard. It forces kids, dog walkers, and all other walkers and runners to cross the street to stay safe, as you can see from a picture submitted by another neighbor. There are many more young families that have moved into the neighborhood so the need to address this safety issue is now.

Your support moving this project forward would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and Best regards,

Debbie Dadok
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Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 5.18.2021
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 11:30:15 PM

Dear Budget Committee Council Members,

I am writing in support of funding the "University Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure" design and construction. This will finally give me the safety I am concerned about when walking my grandchildren to Shoup Park. There are so many more children in our neighborhood now that moving it up to funding for the Fiscal year 21/22 would give us all a sigh of relief.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pat Buhles
601 Milverton Road
Los Altos, CA

To: Los Altos City Council

5/17/2021

Subject: Budget Study Session on 5/18/2021 - Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

We represent the Los Altos Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LAAARES) and by extension, the approximately 375 BAT, CERT and ham trained emergency volunteers in Los Altos. We continue to strongly support the need for a new Los Altos EOC that meets the requirements of the CA Health & Safety Code as an essential services building. We appreciate the consistent commitment by Council to the importance of a new EOC building to support the City's emergency preparedness efforts. We also appreciate your support to incorporate the needs of the hams in the planning of the EOC.

Like you, we were disappointed that the city was not successful in being selected for the recent Federal grant funding. We applaud Council, Staff and the numerous citizens of Los Altos for their efforts to very actively join in the competition for these funds.

With the approval by Council at the 4/27/2021 meeting to proceed with completing the design and preparation of bid documents to construct Option C, we want to again state our support for the need for this facility and ask that Council identify sufficient funding sources in the study session. We also believe there are opportunities to implement a number of appropriate fiscal control measures to reduce the cost of the EOC. For example, Council members have previously questioned the need for a covered walkway between the EOC and the current police building, however it remained on the site plan drawings last shown to Council (10/13/2020 mtg). Those drawings also call for a standing seam metal roof versus composition and other exterior finish upgrades, for a building that is completely out of public view behind the police building. Does Council support these costs?

The LAARES hams have provided Peter Maslo (EOC Project Manager) with a detailed antenna tower submission, including a vendor quote. We collaborated with other county ham colleagues and evaluated a number of options to identify a low-cost, reliable fold-over tower that can be assembled and maintained by our trained volunteers, once the base foundation is provided by the EOC construction contractor. This is a straightforward and low cost option particularly when the costs of maintenance and antenna arrangement issues are considered. We hope that staff proceeds with it.

Sincerely,


Jim Clark, EC, LAARES


Harry Guy, AEC, LAARES


Art Whipple, AEC, LAARES

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda 1 5.18.2021
Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021 1:07:03 PM

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Please approve funding for the University/Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure. It is treacherous stretch of a frequented pedestrian route to downtown.

Please consider moving the funding into the 21/22 year.

Jan Truitt
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 5.18.2021
Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:27:56 AM

Project is TS-01051 University / Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure

We have been following the good work the City has been doing and are pleased and support the design / construction funding. We would request that, if possible, you would consider moving the funding to Fiscal year 21/22. This will really alleviate the safety concerns raised by the residents of Milverton Road. Any help in bringing the funding of the project to an earlier date will be appreciated.

Thank you .

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Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 9:15:29 AM

Dear Members of Los Altos City Council,

I am writing in support of design/construction funding of Project is TS-01051 University / Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure. I live on Milverton Road and I walk this part of University every day. A sidewalk on this small stretch of the road would be most welcome. When we moved here 30 years ago, I always found it strange that the sidewalk just stopped and pedestrians had to walk in the road. As landscaping has encroached over the years and traffic had increased, the long promised improvement is more necessary than ever. The soonest this project can be approved, the better.

Thank you,
Diana Neiman
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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 5.18.2021 Study Session
Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:45:29 AM

To: Los Altos Mayor Fligor and Distinguished Council Members

Subject: FY 21/22 Funding for TS—01051 University / Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure



Neighbor & Daughter going to Shoup Park

University looking east from end of existing sidewalk to Milverton

I recommend you request moving funding from FY 22/23 to FY21/22 for TS-01051, that allows staff to make completion of design and construction a priority in FY 21/22. This \$100K CIP is for Pedestrian Master Plan High Priority University / Milverton Sidewalk Gap Closure, starting at Milverton then proceeding 160 feet northwest to existing University sidewalk.

I want to thank staff for understanding pedestrian safety need and restoring funding for this project. Over the past 16 years, Milverton and other residents have been requesting Council, BPAC, Complete Streets and Staff to address this safety problem. Staff has changed design / construction schedule four times since Council approval and funding.

1. Council funded June 2017 for FY 2018 / 2019
2. Staff scheduled for FY 2020 / 2021
3. At BPAC request Staff scheduled for FY 2019 / 2020
4. Project was defunded for FY 2020 / 2021

I understand Staff's reluctance to do this project since it requires negotiation with two neighbors who have allowed shrubs and ivy growing to edge of pavement that takes away space in Los Altos right-a-way for pedestrian pathway. Prior Los Altos Public Works Director Jim Porter presented a design of curb-edge 44-inch-wide pedestrian pathway that may be a compromise design that neighbors would accept because they could keep some of their landscaping.

Jim Wing

Milverton Road

Los Altos, CA

From: [REDACTED]
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We are Los Altos residents and we support this item.

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