

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
THE LOS ALTOS YOUTH CENTER, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Wes Brinsfield (Chair), Jim Fenton, Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf, Jerry Chester,
Steve Hindman, Cedric Novenario (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Suzanne Ambiel

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mina Sharma commented on her concerns regarding raising speed limits around Los Altos and specifically on Miramonte Avenue.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Kriegh, seconded by Commissioner Maluf, the meeting minutes for February 22, 20147 is approved. Passed 4-0. Commissioner Fenton abstained.

2. University Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Crosswalk Improvements

Staff presented a 35% design of the crosswalk improvements at the intersection of Miramonte Avenue and Berry Avenue. The improvements consist of a new raised crosswalk, new ADA ramps, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, new storm drain facilities, and advanced signage and markings. In addition to the improvements described above, the BPAC were presented with three options that included a design that physically integrated into the existing asphalt pathway east of the ramp. The BPAC preferred option 3 which integrates a sloped transition into the existing pathway. In general, the BPAC was supportive of the project.

Members of the public provided the following comments:

- Make the bulb-out visible at night
- More concern about the intersection of Portland/Miramonte
- Concern about increased vehicle emissions due to speed humps
- Prefer option 3

3. El Monte Walkway Gap Closure, Project TS-01039 Design

Staff presented a 35% design of pedestrian improvements on the west side of El Monte Avenue between the rear entrance of Almond Elementary School and Almond Avenue. The proposed improvements consist of a five-foot wide decomposed granite walkway, pressure treated wood curbing, a revised raised crosswalk at Clark Avenue, concrete bulb-outs at the northwest and southwest corner of Almond Avenue, a new crosswalk at Almond Avenue and two new rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems.

Members of the public in attendance provided the following comments:

- Walkway is important for school aged children accessing Almond Elementary
- Interest for a pathway is overwhelming

The BPAC provided the following comments/questions:

- How can speeds be addressed?
- It is important to fix the walkway gap
- It would be appreciated that vehicle parking guidance be delineated next to the bike lane
- Address the asphalt landing at the rear-entrance to the school
- Consider adding an additional crosswalk at Mills Lane
- Intrusion of property owner landscaping can be an issue.

4. Work Plan Process

On a motion by Commissioner Fenton, seconded by Commissioner Kriegh, a subcommittee was formed consisting of Commissioners Chester, Hindman, and Kriegh to develop the 2017/18 work plan. Passed 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Monthly Staff Reports

Staff liaison updated the Commission on related City Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wes Brinsfield adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.