

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY  
HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,  
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Vice-Chair), Stacy Banerjee, Wes Brinsfield, Jerry Chester, Paul Van Hoorickx, Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf (Chair), Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mac McConnell raised concern about proposed installation of field lights at MVLA.  
Kester Fong raised concern about traffic issues on Truman Avenue near schools.

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Vice-chair Ambiel amended minutes of meeting on June 27, 2018 Page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> line to say "...is well used..." and Commissioner Kreigh amended Page 2, bullet point 5 as "... line-of-sight on perimeter pathways". Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoorickx, seconded by Commissioner Chester, the Commission approved the minutes of meeting on June 27, 2018, as amended, by the following vote: AYES: 5 NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: 2 (Banerjee and Brinsfield). ABSENT: 0. Passed 5-0

2. New Mixed-Use Development – 389 First Street

Steve Golden, Senior Planner presented the item. Mr. Golden and project applicant answered Commissioner questions and comments.

Questions/Comments:

Commission members asked questions regarding total number of parking spaces, cumulative traffic impacts, ITE trip generation methodology, access to bicycle parking spaces, trash and emergency access, mechanical lift system in the parking, sidewalk width along frontage on First Street, alleyway width for multi-modal access.

Project applicant clarified that the cumulative traffic analysis was conducted based on a recent nearby project conducted by Hexagon Consultants. He also clarified that garage ramp floor surface will be textured.

Discussion:

Commission members generally shared the opinion that the 5' sidewalk width along First Street is not adequate, concerned about the mechanical lift system, need for additional Class 2 bicycle parking spaces, suggested route to school from the proposed development – currently no bicycle accommodations along First Street. This project along with other development projects in the vicinity should be considered together to analyze cumulative impacts and proactively determine the need for future infrastructure improvements to accommodate the growth.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Ambiel and seconded by Commissioner Brinsfield to move the project forward to Planning Commission and City Council for further evaluation and comment, with the following recommendations:

- Consideration for increasing Class 2 bicycle parking
- Increase in sidewalk width along the property frontage on First Street

Passed: 7-0

### 3. Los Altos Police Department Update

This item was considered out of order.

Sergeant Checke and Officer Butler provided verbal update to the commission. They updated the commission about the driver compliance with the new stop signs on Main Street at First and Second streets.

#### Questions/Comments:

Commissioners asked the questions relating to bicyclist compliance at the new stop signs in Downtown area, enforcement results with the schools being back in sessions, any noticed queuing at the stop signs, hotspots for speeding violations, recent traffic trends (volumes, peak hour traffic), clarification on enforcement jurisdiction at the City borders.

#### Public Comments:

Mac McConnell suggested that enforcement should increase along with the increase in evening events with the installation lights at MVLA, as the event traffic would increase.

Ellen Fong asked about the cross-border enforcement jurisdiction near Truman and Oak.

#### Discussion:

Commission members suggested that staff share data and statistics about traffic trends, accident and speeding hotspots, speed surveys.

### 4. Street Shoulder Improvement Policy

Susanna Chan, Public Works Director presented this item. Various options included in the policy were presented to the Commission and additionally following options were provided to the Commission for consideration including maintaining shoulder as unimproved, applying AC swale only on very narrow streets where the AC swale is the only refuge space for pedestrians or bicyclists, or keeping the AC swale as an across-the-board requirement in the Policy. GreenTown Los Altos was given the opportunity to provide a presentation at the meeting regarding their comments on the Policy.

#### Questions/Comments:

Commissioners asked the following questions regarding maintenance responsibility, different options for treatments along suggested routes to school, what percentage of streets in the City is the policy applicable, clarification on liability concerns if owner/resident lapses the on-going maintenance of the shoulder area.

#### Public Comments:

Lei Yuan said that for the 3' swale material consideration is only asphalt, but no other material options are presented.

**Discussion:**

Overall, the Commission was concerned about the potential safety hazards posed by the concrete barrier and permeable swale surfaces to wheel chair users, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Commission was also concerned about installation cost, potential liability, and patchwork implementation intensified by allowing too many options. The majority of the commissioners favored keeping the asphalt swale. Other comments from the commissioners include:

- Not all streets are equal; implementation of the policy should consider other factors such as school routes, traffic volume, accident data, street dimensions and characteristics
- Suggested school route shoulders should be treated differently from non-school routes

**5. Foothill Expressway Improvement between El Monte and San Antonio Project Update**

Staff liaison Aruna Bodduna presented this item.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****6. Monthly Staff Report**

Staff reported out on the following items:

- Staff attended Silicon Valley Bike Summit 2018 on August 22
- Construction contractors are on board for Street paving projects, and notification letters have been sent to the residents/owners/businesses
- Potential future joint meeting with Mountain View Bicycle Pedestrian Commission in October
- 2016 Measure B funding hearing date on September 25, 2018

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chester reported on America Walks webinar

Commissioner Banerjee reported on her attendance at the LEAD program; June 7 Planning Commission; Los Altos Prepares; update on Homestead Corridor Improvements; 2x2 CUSD and City of Los Altos meeting; Silicon Valley Bike Summit

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- High schools and evening activities with the installation of new field lights
- Cumulative impacts with the high-density development
- Data report from Los Altos Police Department, inclusion of specific details such as accident hotspots

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 11:00 P.M.