

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Paul Van Hoorickx,  
Nadim Maluf (Chair), Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison), Aruna Bodduna (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Randy Kriegh

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Hoerber asked the commission to advise City Council to request County to designate Class 2 bicycle lanes on Foothill Expressway.

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Commissioner Banerjee amended minutes of meeting on August 22, 2018, Page 2 under Item 3 questions/comments to include “update on crossing guards” and Commissioner Van Hoorickx amended Page 3, Item 4 discussion to include “Provide feedback to the commission regarding routine maintenance for compacted gravel option (how it fares with street sweeping)”. Upon a motion by Vice-chair Ambiel, seconded by Commissioner Brinsfield, the Commission approved the minutes of meeting on August 22, 2018, as amended, by the following vote: AYES: 5 NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: 0. ABSENT: 1 (Kreigh). Passed 5-0

2. El Monte Avenue Gap Closure Between Almond and Clark Avenues

Staff Liaison Aruna Bodduna presented the item. She reported about the public meeting for this project scheduled on the same day prior to the Commission meeting. The public meeting was well attended by the residents near the project location voicing their support for the project. Mayor Jean Mordo, Vice-Mayor Lynette Eng and Council member Jeannie Bruins also attended the Commission meeting.

Questions/Comments:

Commission members asked questions raised wooden header, RRFB, construction duration, parking surveys, parking utilization and grant fund schedule requirements.

Staff clarified that Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) are now okay to use under new FHWA guidelines. Construction grant funding for the project is for the fiscal year 2018/19. The anticipated date for construction is Spring 2019.

Public Comments:

Neeraj Mathur supports the project, it will increase safety. Safety should be priority.

Brian Barnett supports the project.

Raj Mathai said he is representing other parents and children who will use this pathway. Said he went door-to-door to outreach his neighbors about the project. Supports the project.

Chris Ling supports the project.  
Jon Keeling supports the project; Safety first.

Discussion:

Commission members support the project improvements. Some concerns were raised about the wooden header and asphalt curb visibility at night time. Staff suggested use of reflective marker and/or reflective paint at the edges to be used for enhancing night time visibility. Commissioners also suggested to add “no parking in bike lane” and illegal to pass in bike lane” signs added where feasible, and include buffered bike lane where feasible, with green paint at the conflict areas. Any impacts to the mailboxes and landscape should be mitigated. Consideration of speed survey after implementation of the project.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Ambiel and seconded by Commissioner Brinsfield, the Commission approved to move the project to construction.

Passed: 5-0

3. Consideration for Infrastructure Improvements Around Future Land Use Development Areas  
Staff Liaison introduced this item and open for discussion and feedback from the Commissioners.

Public Comments:

Michele Coldiron said residents are also the key stakeholders and should be included into the discussion of complete streets projects.

Discussion:

Commissioners felt there is a need to define and understand the comprehensive growth model for the City, need to update the General Plan, identify near-term/long-term developments, consideration for multimodal impact assessment, uniform school route improvement at across the jurisdictional boundaries. Further suggested improvement should be policy driven and not necessarily development driven. Commissioners discussed about this item and generally suggested to bring this back as a study session with Planning Commission.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Monthly Staff Report

Staff reported out on the following items:

- Homestead Road Corridor kick-off meeting scheduled for September 27, 2018
- Cuesta Traffic Calming project kick-off meeting scheduled for September 27, 2018
- Foothill Expressway Improvements between El Monte and San Antonio project CEQA notification; CEQA public review period has closed and County did not receive any comments
- County is reviewing their currently adopted County Bicycle Accommodation Guidelines and considering updating these guidelines. Staff will bring this back to the Commission when more information is available
- 2016 Measure B court hearing date changed to October 9, 2018
- Joint Commission meeting with Mountain View BPAC on October 24, 2018 to be held at Mountain View
- Commissioner Jerome Chester resigned from the commission

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- Vice-chair Ambiel reported on Mountain View Council meeting and upcoming bicycle training class she is teaching at Egan Junior High School.
- Commissioner Banerjee reported August 28 City Council meeting; September 6 CUSD meeting, September 11 Mountain View City Council meeting; September 11 & 12 – Safe Moves program at Montclair Elementary; September 20 Planning Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Van Hoorickx reported on September 11 City Council meeting.
- Commissioner Brinsfield reported on upcoming PedsCount conference; Caltrain Bike Survey; September 8 Opening of Interim Bikeway.
- Chair Maluf reported on September 11 Mountain View City Council meeting; September 25 City Council meeting.

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Study Session with Planning Commission for Agenda Item 3
- Bicycle lane designation on Foothill Expressway
- Need for Safe routes to school coordinator

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.