

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
HELD OVER RING CENTRAL CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT: Nadim Maluf (Chair), Stacy Banerjee (Vice Chair), Suzanne Ambiel, Cynthia O'Yang, Steve Katz, Tom Gschneider, Marisa Lee (Staff Liaison), Jonathan Weinberg (Council Liaison)

ABSENT: Suresh Venkatraman

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

Approve Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2021

Upon motion by Commissioner Suzanne Ambiel, seconded by Commissioner Katz, the Commission moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 29th, 2021.

Vote:

YES: 6. NOES: 0. ABSTAIN:0. ABSENT: 1. Passed 6-0

1. Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming Project – Post Construction Update

City Transportation Consultant Jaime Rodriguez provided an update based on bicyclist- and pedestrian-related feedback on the redesign of the Cuesta Drive-Arboleda Drive Traffic Calming Project. The height of five speed tables along Cuesta Drive were provided according to survey data, which presented larger heights at the north/south edges of the Speed Tables and therefore, causing the passenger side to have more rise. Due to fire department requirement for maximum speed humps height of 3", City staff proposed to remove the speed tables and install rubber Speed Tables by Traffic Logix.

Commissioner Discussions:

- The surface of speed tables is textured with non-slip grips and will provide more consistency compared to standard asphalt while generating more noise as vehicles pass on them. This will be first in the City of Los Altos and are proven design over the country and bay area, in San Mateo and San Francisco. City will include similar application locations on the project website for reference.

- Rubber speed tables do not break off after installation, and no significant maintenance is expected after installation. The life of the rubber speed tables is about 15 years and City will investigate this based on the warranty document from the manufacturer.
- Concerns were raised regarding inspection process after the installation of speed bumps and that why the 7-10 inch height of speed tables at north/south edges was not identified. These adjustments were made during the installation and due to having sharp crown at the center of the street and aiming to keep the speed bumps level, the heights were increased at north/south edges.
- The cost for replacing 5 speed table (including striping) is about \$60k and additional \$30k for the material.
- Shutdown will be minimum 2-4 days for removing and repairing the existing roadway, and another 2-days of shutdown for installation of the rubber speed tables.
- It is recommended to slow down the replacement decision to seek community feedback and avoid repeating the issues.
- City staff and Commission will review the number of tables and locations.
- Recommended to prepare different options in proposal for the public to review in future meetings

Comments from the Public:

- Requested City staff to perform more traffic study since the last study was taken during spring break.
- Residents provided positive feedback regarding safer commute with the installation of existing asphalt speed tables and safety impact for bike riders.
- Request to add no thru traffic signs to adjacent streets.
- Add Stop sign at Cuesta Dr at Arboleda.
- The speed bumps at Arboleda are not visible at night for bikers.

2. 376 First Street – New Fifteen Unit Multiple-Family Residential Project

Discuss and provide multimodal transportation review feedback to staff regarding Design Review Application D19-0009 for a new multiple family residential project. Discussion only. (Steve G.)

Comment from the Public:

- The pedestrian requirements and width shall be modified.
- The parking slots plan is not clear and need to be provided.

Comments from the Commissioners:

- Evacuation mechanism for the owners of EV car is unclear. Backup generator shall be included for EV chargers in case of power outage.

- City to show stronger ownership and coordination of 1st street streetscaping project between Planning and Transportation Departments. This can be raised to City Council to be identified as a project.
 - Concern regarding lack of parking spaces for Bikes & EVs, even though it meets the minimum requirements.
 - One-way car ramp is not recommended.
 - The sidewalk width concern raised by Public shall be revisited and complied.
 - Pull power to the Bike spots in garage to allow for E-bikes charging.
3. Complete Streets Master Plan – School Improvement Plans Phase 1 Signage & Striping Plans
Review and provide input on suggested near-term signage & striping plan improvements around school sites. Item postponed to next meeting.
4. Monthly Staff Report
- Approved Suresh to be added for the Work Plan Subcommittee
 - Approval to add Suzanne and Stacy for Safe Route to School Subcommittee
 - Staff update: New Assistant Civil Engineering joined the City on 10/18/21 (Nafis Majd)
 - Nov. 4 community outreach for St Joseph.
 - Complete Streets Master Plan at City Council Special meeting, Nov. 9th

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- VTA is in process of updating bicycle parking technical guidelines.
- Concern regarding the operation of Almond Avenue and San Antonio Road with the new bicycle traffic signal. Few concerns were raised on drivers getting confused with the bike signals and ignoring the no right turn sign. City is planning to install small low-profile vertical separation zone to protect the buffered bike lane. Almond Avenue and San Antonio Road will be future agenda item.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1st street corridor study for bicyclists and vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Maluf adjourned the meeting at 9:37 PM