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TOWN OF LOS GATOS COMPLETE STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 41 MILES AVENUE RI BRYANT SERVICE CENTER

7:30 AM

Alice Miano, Chair
Jeff Suzuki, Vice Chair
Bill Ehlers, Commissioner
Erik Miller, Commissioner
Jeff Thompson, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner
Vacant, Youth Commissioner

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If you are unable to participate in person, you may email with the subject line "Public Comment Item #_" (insert the item number relevant to your comment). Persons wishing to submit written comments to be included in the materials provided to the Commission must provide the comments as follows:

For inclusion in the agenda packet: 11:00 a.m. the Friday before the Commission meeting. For inclusion in the agenda packet supplemental materials: by 11:00 a.m. on the day before the Commission meeting.

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER ROLL CALL

CONSENT ITEMS (Items appearing on the Consent are considered routine Town business and may be approved by one motion. Members of the public may provide input on any Consent Item(s) when the Chair asks for public comment on the Consent Items.)

1. Approve Complete Streets & Transportation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2024.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the public are welcome to address the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission on any matter that is not listed on the agenda and is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. To ensure all agenda items are heard, this portion of the agenda is limited to 30 minutes. In the event additional speakers were not able to be heard during the initial Verbal Communications portion of the agenda, an additional Verbal Communications will be opened prior to adjournment. Each speaker is limited to three minutes or such time as authorized by the Chair.)

OTHER BUSINESS (Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)

- 2. Youth Commission Report (Verbal Report)
- 3. Review and Comment on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Complete Streets Checklist for the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (Written Report) - Sean Rose
- 4. Safe Routes to School Quarterly Update (Verbal Report) Wendy Riggs
- 5. June 2024-June 2025 Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Verbal Reports)
 - a. Beach Traffic Vice Chair Suzuki and Commissioner Miller
 - b. VTA Bus Passes Chair Miano and Vice Chair Suzuki
 - c. Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan Commissioners Thompson and Miller
- 6. PPW Department Report
 - a. Project Updates (Verbal Report)
 - i. Trailhead Connector Project
 - ii. Shannon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Project
 - b. Future Agenda Items (Attachment)

 Recommendation: Receive update and provide information attached

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT Next meeting scheduled: October 10, 2024

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MEETING DATE: 09/12/2024

ITEM NO: 1.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING July 11, 2024

The Complete Streets and Transportation Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Alice Miano, Vice Chair Jeff Suzuki, Commissioners Bill Ehlers, Erik Miller, Jeff Thompson and Youth Commissioner Rushil Sharma.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Complete Streets & Transportation Commission Minutes of June 13, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Chair Suzuki to approve Consent Item 1.

Seconded by Commissioner Miller.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2. Youth Commissioner Report Rushil Sharma (Verbal Report) Youth Commissioner Sharma verbally reported on this item.
- 3. Review VTA Support Letter to Town Council Recommending Direction (Written Report) Commission reviewed and discussed Chair Miano's letter.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Miller to approve this letter.

Seconded by Vice Chair Suzuki.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Bike Valet Upcoming Events (Verbal Commission Discussion)
 Commissioner Miller verbally reported on this item. Director Burnham debriefed the
 Commission on the 4th of July event. Commission discussed this item.
- 5. June 2024 June 2025 Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Verbal Reports)
 - a. Beach Traffic Vice Chair Suzuki and Commissioner Miller Vice Chair Suzuki verbally reported on this item.
 - b. VTA Bus Passes Chair Miano and Vice Chair Suzuki Vice Chair Suzuki verbally reported on this item.
 - c. Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan Commissioners Thompson and Miller Commissioner Thompson verbally reported on this item.

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SUBJECT: COMPLETE STREETS & TRANSPORTATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JULY 11, 2024

6. PPW Department Report

- Reminder August Meeting Cancelled
 Director Burnham reminded Commission that the August meeting had been cancelled.
- b. Capital Project Status Updates (Verbal Report)
 Director Burnham verbally reported on the following projects: Paving, Curb, Gutter
 & Sidewalks, Shannon Road Bike & Pedestrian, Los Gatos Creek Trail Connector and
 Downtown Wayfinding. Commission discussed the Shannon Road project.
- c. Future Agenda Items (Attachment)

 *Recommendation: Receive update and provide information

 Director Burnham verbally reported on this item.

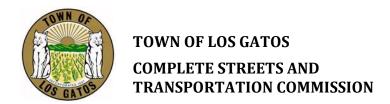
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Vice-Chair Suzuki reported on green bollards on Winchester Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting as approved by the Complete Streets & Transportation Commission.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director



MEETING DATE: 09/12/2024

ITEM NO.: 3.

DATE: September 3, 2024

TO: Complete Streets and Transportation Commission

FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Update on Highway 17 Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossing Federal Grants —

Complete Streets Checklist

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and comment on the MTC Complete Streets Checklist (Attachment 1) for the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project is a high priority project in the Town's adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that was recommended by the CSTC and adopted by Council in 2020. As identified in the Plan, the project will improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility, encourage active transportation, close a gap in the Town's bicycle network, and enhance safety for all modes of travel on Blossom Hill Road between Roberts Road West and Roberts Road East.

The project's design and environmental clearance are fully funded. The Town is actively seeking construction funding in order to complete the project. On April 11, 2024, the Commission passed a Motion in support of the Town's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant applications and the Chair subsequently signed the letters of support which for the applications, which were submitted on May 16, 2024 and June 17, 2024, respectively.

DISCUSSION:

The ATP has a Statewide and Regional component, the latter of which is administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). MTC's Complete Streets Policy requires that all projects in the public right of way (with a total project cost of \$250,000 or more) applying for regional discretionary transportation funding – or requesting regional endorsement or approval through MTC – submit a Complete Streets Checklist (Checklist) to MTC. The Town submitted

PREPARED BY: Sean Rose

Special Projects Manager, Parks and Public Works

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SUBJECT: Parks and Public Works Department Report

DATE: September 12, 2024

the MTC Complete Streets Checklist for the project (attached) as part of its Regional ATP application.

One of the requirements of the checklist is that the applicant's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (for Los Gatos, the CSTC) review and comment on the checklist at a public meeting. Any comments received are required to be submitted to MTC after the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the recommended action.

Attachments:

1. MTC Complete Streets Checklist for the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

Contact Name Sean Rose

Email Address srose@losgatosca.gov

Contact Phone Number 408-827-3552

City/Jurisdiction/Agency (If your option is not listed, select "Other")

Los Gatos

County Santa Clara

Is your project seeking regional discretionary funds or an endorsement?

Regional discretionary funding

Please include the name of the regional discretionary funding program that this project is seeking.

Active Transportation Program Cycle 7

Project Name/Title Highway 17 Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing

Project Area/ Location Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA

Project Area Map
(Attach if applicable)
Please save the file with
the project name and
the jurisdiction
submitting checklist.
Add the name of the file
being uploaded below.
Then Click Here to
upload your file.

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Project Description (2000 character limit). You may also attach additional project documents, cross sections, plan views or other supporting materials.

The Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project proposed to build a separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Highway 17, just south of the existing Blossom Hill Overcrossing in the Town of Los Gatos. The bridge will improve connectivity, provide safe public access, and promote active transportation by moving bicyclists and pedestrians off the existing narrow Blossom Hill Overcrossing onto a separated pathway. The proposed bridge will be approximately 200 feet long and connect to an approximately 1,260-foot long Class I multi-use bicycle and pedestrian pathway that will connect the bridge to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Blossom Hill Road at the intersections of Roberts Road (West) and Roberts Road (East), located on the wester and eastern sides of Highway 17.

Please choose the project phase(s).

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Project Supporting
Material (Upload if
applicable) Please save
the file with the project
name and the
jurisdiction submitting
checklist. Add the name
of the file being
uploaded below. Then
Click Here to upload
your file.

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Do you think your project qualifies for a Statement of Exception?

No

Topic: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Planning

Does the project implement relevant plans, or other locally adopted recommendations?

Yes

Please provide details on plan recommendations affecting the project area, if any, with Plan adoption date. If the project is inconsistent with adopted plans, please provide explanation.

The 2021 Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan identifies and prioritize pedestrian needs on and across the Bay Area's State Transportation Network. This Plan furthers the 2017 California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, toward an Active California, and will guide District 4 and its partners to develop an integrated pedestrian network that supports walking and improves connectivity. The Pedestrian Plan Identified bicycle and/or pedestrian crossing needs across State Route 17 within the Town of Los Gatos.

The Pedestrian Master Plan was adopted in February 2017 and approved by the Town's Complete Streets and Transportation Commission in August 2020. The plan identifies goals in the area of activity, safety, infrastructure and design, connectivity and accessibility. The Master Plan identifies Blossom Hill Road as an important route on the Town's Backbone Bikeway Network and is located on a designated School Walking Route. The plan highlighted the development of a protected bicycle lane network encompassing portions of Blossom Hill Road and Roberts Road and the construction of a new bike/pedestrian bridge across Highway 17 to connect East and West Los Gatos as "high priority bike recommendations."

Does the project area contain segments of the regional Active Transportation (AT)

Yes

Network? [See MTC's AT Network map here]

If yes, describe the how project adheres to the **National Association of City Transportation** Official's (NATCO's) "Designing for All Ages & Abilities Contextual **Guidance for High-Comfort Bicycle** Facilities" and/or the Architectural and **Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's** "Accessibility **Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in** the Public Right-of-Way."

The existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing has inadequate sidewalk width and discontinuous bicycle facilities, creating an unsafe environment for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Students and residents frequently use these facilities due to the project's proximity to Vasona County Park and Raymond J. Fisher Middle School. During peak hours, bicyclists and pedestrians are forced to share the limited space and often resort to using the roadway to travel along Blossom Hill Road. The project aims to enhance accessibility and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by constructing a separate bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing that connects to a new Class I pathway along Blossom Hill Road.

Is the the project on a known High Injury Network (HIN) or has a local traffic safety analysis found a high incidence of bicyclist/ pedestrian-involved crashes within the project area?

Yes

Please summarize the traffic safety conditions and describe the project's traffic safety measures. The Bay Area Vision Zero System may be a helpful resource.

The current traffic safety conditions on the Blossom Hill Overcrossing are poor due to the lack of bike lanes and narrow sidewalks. These deficiencies create hazardous conditions, forcing non-motorized users to share the narrow sidewalks with high volumes of accelerating vehicular traffic. The project will foster safer streets through protected intersection improvements and creating connectivity within the Town's bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These enhancements will support the Bay Area Vision Zero System plan by reducing the risk of incidents between vehicles and non-motorized users.

Does the the project seek to improve conditions for people biking, walking and/or rolling? If the project includes a bikeway, was a Level of Traffic Stress (LTS), or similar user experience analysis conducted?

Yes

Describe how project leeks to provide lowThe project will provide a low-stress transportation facility by moving bicyclists and pedestrians off of the roadway and onto

stress transportation facilities or reduce a facility's LTS.

a new overcrossing structure and Class I pathway. Furthermore, the protected intersection improvements at the intersections of Roberts Road (West) and Roberts Road (East) will promote a low-stress riding and walking environment for both bicyclists and pedestrians navigating through these intersections.

A. Are there existing public transit facilities (stop or station) in the project area?

No

B. Have all potentially affected transit agencies had the opportunity to review this project? If yes, please save the email from transit operator(s) below.

No

Please save the file with the project name and the jurisdiction submitting checklist. Add the name of the file being uploaded below. Then Click Here to upload your file.

N/A

C: Is there a MTC Mobility Hub (map) within the project area?

No

If yes, please describe outreach to mobility providers, and the project's Hubsupportive elements.
Please view the Mobility Hubs Playbook Play 1.

N/A

If applicable, please describe the pedestrian focused improvements and cite the design standards used (links to standards are not needed).

Pedestrian focused improvements include a new overcrossing structure, raised sidewalks, protected intersections, curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks, ADA curb ramps, and leading pedestrian intervals. The design standards used include the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, 2023 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications, California MUTCD, ADA Design Standards, NACTO Design Guidelines, Town of Los Gatos Street Design Standards, and AASTHO Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities.

If applicable, please provide the class designation for

The project proposes a Class I bikeway from the intersection of Roberts Road (West) & Blossom Hill Road to the intersection of Roberts Road (East) & Blossom Hill Road. The design

bikeways included in the project and cite the design standards used. standards and guidelines used include the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, 2023 Caltrans Standard Plans and Specifications, California MUTCD, ADA Design Standards, NACTO Design Guidelines, Town of Los Gatos Street Design Standards, and AASTHO Guide for Development of Bicycle Facilities.

Will the project improve active transportation in an Equity Priority Community (EPC)?

No

Please list census tracts that are designated as EPCs and affected by this project.

N/A

Has a local (city is preferred and county is an option) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) reviewed this Checklist? The Checklist will begin MTC review once the BPAC meeting has occurred.

The submission of this checklist will be reviewed by the BPAC. This option exists to use this CS Checklist submission (pdf emailed to you) for the BPAC review.

Please provide the meeting date(s). BPAC meeting date should occur before the grant funding request application or endorsement is submitted.

August 12, 2021

Please provide a summary of meeting comments. If meeting date hasn't occurred yet, please share BPAC meeting comments here.

The Complete Streets and Transportation Commission has reviewed and is in support of the project's improvements. As the project moves forwards into the final engineering stages, updates will be provided to the CSTC.

Compliance and Exemption

Please check below if Yes. If no, complete the Statement of Exception. If Yes, this Checklist is complete and the rest of the form can be skipped. If No, please fill Yes

out the Statement of Exception section.

Has a local (city or county) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) reviewed this Checklist? The CS Checklist will begin review once the BPAC meeting notes are included in this form.

The Checklist is being submitted to send to the BPAC for review.

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MEETING DATE: 09/12/2024

ITEM NO.: 6.b.

DATE: September 12, 2024

TO: Complete Streets and Transportation Commission

FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Public Works Department Report

RECOMMENDATION:

The purpose of this information is to provide the Commission and members of the public a look at anticipated future agenda items.

BACKGROUND:

Potential future agenda items are presented below. This report will be updated monthly to reflect any items going on in the Parks and Public Works Department.

ANALYSIS:

| October | PD Quarterly Report |
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| November | |
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FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

Attachments:

1. None

PREPARED BY: Nicolle Burnham

Director, Parks and Public Works