



**MINUTES**  
**ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT 6:00 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD**

**1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:**

**Councilmembers:** Jim Dobbie and Kathy McKeithen

**Committee Members:** Michael Lempres, Kevin Reynolds, John Ruggeiro, Larry Sweeney, Mary Widmer.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Member Mary Widmer was not present.

Member Kevin Reynolds was not present.

Member Michael Lempres arrived at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting

The Minutes from the September 11, 2012 were not approved and returned for grammatical and spelling corrections and clarification of McKeithen's comments. The September 11, 2012 Minutes will be resubmitted at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

**3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No Committee Reports were presented.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** Open discussion items not on the agenda

No Public Comments or Correspondence were made or discussed.

**5.0 PRESENTATIONS:** CAL TRANS – Katie Yim: Senior Transportation Engineer – Potential traffic signal – Selby/El Camino

- Yim was present representing CalTrans on their proposal to install a traffic signal at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane.
- CalTrans considers nine (9) different warrants, based upon traffic volume, when determining whether or not a traffic signal is appropriate at a given location.
- The intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane met three (3) of the nine (9) warrants for a traffic signal.
- A location does not need to meet all nine (9) of the warrants. The number of warrants met does not affect the cost of the traffic signal.
- CalTrans has determined a traffic signal is appropriate at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane based on a 2006 traffic count.
- CalTrans needs local support and financial contributions from both the Town of Atherton and the County of San Mateo since Selby Lane is a local street.
- The initial cost estimate of a traffic signal at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane is approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000.
- CalTrans would pay 50% of the cost, and the Town of Atherton and the County of San Mateo would each pay 25% of the cost.

- Councilmember Dobbie inquired into the feasibility of curbs and a lighted crosswalk instead of a traffic signal.
- Yim stated the traffic signal would be installed to enhance both vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Yim stated there were not enough pedestrians crossing Selby Lane at El Camino Real to warrant lighted crosswalks.
- Yim stated to justify a lighted crosswalk, a minimum of 40 pedestrians need to cross the location in a 2 hour period – Selby Lane only had 11 pedestrians cross in a 1 hour period.
- Councilmember McKeithen questioned why this meeting was not being taped and why there were not more people present as this has been an ongoing and important issue.
- Yim discussed CalTrans’ policy regarding installation and cost sharing of traffic signals. Yim emphasized the policy must be followed.
- Yim said any decision to go from a traffic signal to lighted crosswalks must be made by Upper Management at CalTrans.
- Yim said if support is given from the Town of Atherton and the County of San Mateo, then the traffic signal project can go forward.
- Councilmember Dobbie said he would bring this issue to the full Town Council at their meeting on November 28, 2012.
- Resident Gary Lauder, 88 Mercedes Lane, inquired into the number of vehicles waiting in line to turn at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane during the AM commute hours.
- Member Ruggeiro asked about the flooding which occurs every year during the rainy season at the intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane.
- Steve Tyler, Town of Atherton, said the Town has been in contact with CalTrans regarding the flooding situation and solutions are being discussed.
- Member Sweeney questioned CalTrans’ method in assigning financial responsibility for the installation of a traffic signal. Specifically, Member Sweeney mentioned El Camino Real is a 6 lane road, while Selby Lane is a 2 lane road.
- Yim said the cost of the traffic signal is not based on the number of lanes in a given direction; rather, it is based on the number of approaches to the intersection.
- Member Sweeney asked about the implications if the Town of Atherton could not provide financial support.
- Yim said if the Town of Atherton could not provide financial support, the situation would be taken to the CalTrans District Manager, who, based on the circumstances, could possibly make an exception and exempt the Town of Atherton from paying their portion of the traffic signal.
- Councilmember McKeithen wanted the PowerPoint presentation from Yim to be placed on the Town of Atherton website, as well as included in the Town Council meeting on November 28, 2012.
- Yim said the Town of Atherton, the County of San Mateo, and CalTrans would have to share the operation and maintenance costs of the traffic signal. Yim stated a maintenance agreement would have to be processed.

## **6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:**

- No Agenda Items were discussed.

## **7.0 STAFF REPORTS:**

### **7.1 Police Traffic Unit Monthly Reports for October and November, 2012**

- The Monthly Traffic Reports were presented by Chief Flint.

- Councilmember Dobbie questioned the October citation totals.
- Member Ruggeiro also questioned the October citation totals.
- Chief Flint explained the reasons for the decreased citation totals.
- Member Sweeney questioned the number of collisions on Marsh Road.
- Member Sweeney asked if a flashing warning light could be installed or a “Watch for Stopped Traffic Ahead” sign on Marsh Road.
- Steve Tyler said he would look into the feasibility of a flashing light on Marsh Road.
- Councilmember Dobbie asked about the intersection of Holbrook Lane and Middlefield Road – right turn violations from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Chief Flint said he would look into the Marsh Road collisions.

**7.2 Public Works Updates: - None to report**

- Steve Tyler reiterated the fact he would look into the feasibility of installing a flashing light on Marsh Road.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

- Councilmember Dobbie set the next meeting date as January 8, 2013.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Anthony Kockler  
Recording Secretary