



**MINUTES**  
**ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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

**Dobbie** asked for a moment of silence to honor those who died on September 11, 2001.  
Introduction of new committee members: **Michael Lempres, Kevin Reynolds, Mary Widmer.**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting – No July 2012 meeting.  
**Sweeney/Dobbie** to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012. Motion carried.

**3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**5.0 PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:**

**6.1 BROWN ACT AND COMPLIANCE TRAINING** – City Attorney Bill Connors

**6.2 VALPARAISO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN -**

Mike Kashiwagi, Rene C. Baile (City of Menlo Park)/ Michael C. Mowery (Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.) Baile/Mowery discussed Menlo Park's Draft Safe Routes to School and how it may impact the Town of Atherton.

**McKeithen** expressed concern regarding the combined impact of lighted multiple on demand crosswalks across Valparaiso on the traffic on El Camino Real and Alameda de las Pulgas.

Chief Ed Flint pointed out that, according to the study and statistics provided by Kimley-Horn, 2/3 of the collisions involving bicyclists were the fault of the bicyclist. He suggested more emphasis should be made on educating bicyclists.

**6.3 DISCUSSION RE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON WALSH ROAD, ALEJANDRA AVENUE, FAIR OAKS LANE AND JAMES AVENUE – SPEED SURVEYS** – Mike Kashiwagi

Mike Kashiwagi advised that speed surveys had been completed and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was determined. He will recommend to Council the following posted speed limits:

- o Walsh Road- 30 mph
- o Alejandra Avenue -25 mph
- o Fair Oaks- 25 mph

- o James Avenue- 25 mph

#### **6.4 DISCUSSION RE: CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION – Mike Kashiwagi**

Mike Kashiwagi explained that it was now a requirement to adopt this resolution in order to receive State and Federal funding. After tonight, this item will be prepared for presentation to the Council.

**Widmer** expressed her concern that this resolution will cause the Town to change its “rural community atmosphere.”

Mike Kashiwagi explained that the Town will still be able to determine what improvements will be made.

**McKeithen** shared Mary Widmer’s concern.

Mike Kashiwagi explained that the Town will need to either update its general plan, which will take some time, or adopt the resolution by January 2013. If the resolution is not adopted it will cost the town \$280,000 in federal funding over the next 2 years.

**McKeithen** stated her belief that the Town is overdue for an update to its General Plan.

**Dobbie** recommended adopting the resolution but not do anything the town does not want to do.

**McKeithen** recommended adopting the resolution and have the Town, in due time and with the amendment of the General Plan, take into consideration bicycle paths, pedestrian paths and roundabouts.

**Sweeney** noted that if the town does not adopt the resolution we will have trouble with obtaining grants. If the town adopts the resolution, we can address the issues in the grant application of what we are going to do for pedestrians and if we can’t do something for disabled people we can state we can’t.

**Sweeney** recommended that the council accept and approve this resolution. **McKeithen seconded.** Majority in favor, one (**Widmer**) **opposed.**

#### **7.0 STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **7.1 Police Traffic Unit**

###### **A. Monthly Reports for May, June, July & August 2012**

Chief Ed Flint inquired if the committee wanted the detailed statistics and incidents by street or if they just wanted to be given that information when requested.

**Sweeney** requested maps showing the number of accidents.

**Dobbie** stated that the amount of citations seems to have come to a plateau.

Chief Ed Flint explained that the police department has been training officers and that they are also in the process of filling another motor officer position. He also stated that his focus, in regards to traffic safety, is not only on traffic enforcement, but also engineering and education.

**Dobbie** requested clarification on the towing of vehicles being driven by unlicensed drivers.

Officer Marks advised that an unlicensed driver's vehicle may get towed and explained the community care doctrine which authorizes when those tows should be made.

Concern regarding the ratio between warnings and citations was expressed.

Officer Marks explained that the police department is training new officers and that there is more an emphasis on how to conduct a traffic stop in regards to officer safety.

Chief Ed Flint also explained the importance of officer discretion.

## **7.2 Public Works Department - Updates**

In July, bike lane upgrades (additional stencils, signs) to Middlefield Road have brought the entire route in this area up to "Class II" standards.

Double left turn lane added to Alameda de las Pulgas between Walsh Rd. and Camino al Lago to improve the capacity and safety of cars leaving Las Lomitas School during morning and afternoon drop-offs/pick-ups.

All crosswalks at schools were inspected and/or repainted prior to August 15.

In conjunction with the town's preventative street maintenance program, the following pavement delineation was removed and replaced in various locations throughout town:

Single yellow 4" striping-10240'

Single white 4" striping- 50'

Double yellow stripe- 100'

12" white limit lines- 735'

12" yellow crosswalk- 755'

Mike Kashiwagi had no updates/comments.

**8.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2012.**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT – Dobbie/McKeithen to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Timothy Marks  
Recording Secretary