



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 AT 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Jim Dobbie, Councilmember Kathy McKeithen,
Committee Members: Ruggeiro, Ericksen, Sweeney, Solari

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S Ericksen/Sweeney to approve the minutes of September 14, 2010 as read. Motion carried.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Virginia Ruggeiro–Stockbridge - concerned about speeders on Stockbridge and to consider a roundabout at Stockbridge and Nora
 Jean Schaaf-Stockbridge – concerned with speeders, consider roundabouts

5.0 PRESENTATIONS:

Gary Lauder–Caltrans Roundabouts–Alameda @ Atherton Avenue
 Mr. Lauder gave an informative presentation on the benefits of roundabouts, ie reduction in injuries and accidents, slows speeders down, more efficient traffic flow, reduction in pollution and fuel usage, and cost savings.

Committee asked Public Works Director Jones to research costs for a study of the intersection, cost of roundabouts and the availability of grants. Bring back findings to next Transportation Meeting on March 11, 2011.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS:

6.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE HOLBROOK LANE AND 17TH AVENUE RESIDENT SURVEY

Results of the Holbrook Lane/17th Avenue Resident Survey:

	HOLBROOK	17TH AVENUE	TOTAL
Satisfied-Leave as is	3	3	6
No Right Middlefield	2	4	6
Close-off Street	18	7	25
Other	3	3	6

Joe LoCoco of San Mateo County requested that the Town do more of an outreach program to County residents before making a decision. He said the County is installing new signs on Bay Road and are considering fixing the merge lane at Fair Oaks @ Marsh.

Residents Comments by: Zolick @ 45 Holbrook; David @ 37 Holbrook; Kutlu @ 52 Holbrook; McConville @ 17 Holbrook; Anthony @ 22 Holbrook; Elaine @ 37 Holbrook; Margaret @ 74 Holbrook; and Melissa @ 618 – 17th.

M/S Dobbie/McKeithen for PW Director Jones to prepare an action plan for closing off Holbrook Lane at the County border to include: 1) meaningful input from all residents; 2) determine length of trial period; 3) how is the best way to close off Holbrook Lane; 4) outline a public outreach program prior to closing Holbrook; and 5) assess results of closure. Motion carried.

- 6.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAINTING THE CURB ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF JAMES AVENUE, FROM MIDDLEFIELD TO HEATHER, RED DUE TO OVERFLOW TRAFFIC FROM ENCINAL SCHOOL** – Betsy Colby @ 45 Linden addressed the committee regarding parents at Encinal school parking at the corner of James and making it unsafe for children to cross. She asked that the curb be painted red.

M/S McKeithen/Ericksen to have staff install “No Parking” signs at the corner of Middlefield/James and to paint the curb red as far down James as needed. Motion carried.

- 6.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER PERMIT PARKING ONLY ON VICTORIA LANE** – Chief Guerra reported that the residents were working together on a solution. No action taken

- 6.4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER SAFETY ISSUES ON EL CAMINO REAL** - This was a carryover item from the cancelled November meeting. Caltrans has since painted the new crosswalks within the Town limits on El Camino and added the new signage.

The committee asked that PW Director Jones follow-up with Senator Simitian to see if we can use Caltrans grants for putting in lighted crosswalks at Selby Lane and Menlo School. They also suggested that staff contact Selby School to put pressure on Caltrans to put in the lighted crosswalk. Suggested to be continued on the March 11, 2011 agenda.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS:

7.1 Police Traffic Unit

- A. Monthly Reports for September, October, November and December 2010

7.2 Public Works Department - Updates

- A. Valparaiso@Hoover Crosswalk – designing now, construction in Spring
B. Encinal/Middlefield Traffic Signal – signal timing complete
C. Fair Oaks Lane-Town code prohibits speed humps on emergency fire streets
D. Surrey Lane signs in and Acorn striping pending dry weather

Committee asked Director Jones to include a status report on pending projects

- 8.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 8, 2011

- 9.0 ADJOURNMENT** M/S McKeithen/Ericksen to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Bellmont
Recording Secretary