



**MINUTES**  
**ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005 AT 6:00 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**94 ASHFIELD ROAD – ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA**

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

Present: Councilmember Carlson  
Resident Advisors: Paponis, Rugeiro  
Absent: Councilmember McKeithen, Resident Advisor Huber

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** due to the absence of Councilmember McKeithen, the minutes of the October 12, 2004 regular meeting will be held over for approval until the April 12, 2005 meeting.

**3.0 COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S):**

3.1 Follow up items from previous meeting(s):

- a. Safe Routes to School Grant for Selby Lane: PW Director Jones reported that our project qualified for the grant, but did not make the final cut. We will continue to proceed with preparing a contract so if monies become available, we will be ready to start in the summer.
- b. SamTrans Bus Access on Stockbridge Avenue: City Manager to follow up
- c. Channelizing Plan for Greenoaks/Acorn Intersection: Chief Brennan will meet with Lindenwood HOA. The conduit for the irrigation system is already in place on the island.

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

Virginia Ruggerio – 10 Stockbridge Avenue – new speed signs were working well

**5.0 AGENDA ITEMS:**

5.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INSTALL A SPEED BUMP ON ENCINAL AVENUE AT THE CROSSWALK IN FRONT OF ENCINAL SCHOOL

Speakers addressing the subcommittee:

Jack Ringham – 197 Fair Oaks Avenue  
Margaret Winters – 47 Robleda Drive  
Stacey Marshall – Principal Encinal School

**Recommendation/Action Taken:** City Manager Robinson recommended that the Police Department conduct additional speed checks using our new speed signs. And that the new data be presented at the April 12, 2005 meeting.

5.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ENCINAL AVENUE AND MIDDLEFIELD ROAD AT ENCINAL SCHOOL

Speakers addressing the subcommittee:

Natalie Diller – 311 Felton Gables  
Pam Dera - unknown  
Stacey Marshall – Principal Encinal School  
Cecelia Austinberg – 169 Burns  
Jack Ringham – 197 Fair Oaks  
Steve – 246 Felton Gables  
Jeff Diller – 311 Felton Gables  
Margret Winters – 47 Robleda

PW Director reported that this issue has been brought up several times in the past and that there was no funding for a traffic light. The cost of a light at this intersection would be approx. \$200,000. Sgt. Snider reported that there were no accidents on record for this location.

**Recommendations/Action Taken:** PW Director Jones to check with City of Menlo Park to see if their grant included a study of this intersection.

Councilmember Carlson requested that staff submit a report to the City Council for their consideration on this matter. The report should include past studies, available grants, cost estimates and a survey of the residents expressing their opinions and/or desire to install or not install a light. He also requested that the Police Department include any updated traffic data for this intersection. The next option for available funds would be to apply for a joint Safe Routes to School grant with Encinal School.

5.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN OR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ALAMEDA AND STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE

Residents addressing subcommittee:

Margaret Winters 97 Robleda

**Recommendation/Action Taken:** This intersection lays within three jurisdictions, two corners are within Atherton city limits, one in the Town of Woodside, and one in San Mateo County. In order to implement a traffic light, it would have to be a joint venture. The most effective solution may be an arterial STOP. Recommend that this item be continued to the April 12, 2005 meeting.

5.4 DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF LEFT TURN ARROWS AT OAK GROVE AVENUE AND MIDDLEFIELD ROAD

This project was funded last year but M-A High School wanted to do a larger study of this intersection. M-A will have a joint meeting with the City of Menlo Park to pursue grants for this study. Applications are due January 28, 2005.

**Recommendation/Action Taken:** this item to be continued at April 12, 2005 meeting.

5.5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GIVE RESIDENT ADVISORS FULL VOTING RIGHTS ON TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

**Recommendation/Action Taken:** refer to full City Council for consideration and placement on agenda for January or February 2005

5.6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE ATHERTON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PLAN

The new speed signs have been getting positive feed back. Current speed studies show Atherton Avenue with an average speed of 27.5 mph, James Avenue with 25.3 mph, and Stockbridge Avenue with an average of 27.0 mph.

Residents addressing subcommittee:  
Jack Ringham – 197 Fair Oaks

**Recommendation/Action Taken:** Councilmember Carlson asked that the Police Department review the Atherton Traffic Enforcement Plan and update committee of what we have accomplished, what is relevant today and the validity of the plan. This item will be continued at the April 12, 2005 meeting.

**6.0 STAFF REPORTS:**

6.1 Police Traffic Division - Monthly Reports for October 2004 – December 2004

Sgt. Snider reported that the year ended with 120 accidents, down 25 from last year. We participated in the Avoid the 23 in December.

6.2 Public Works Department – 2020 Peninsula Gateway Corridor update

**7.0 SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 12, 2005

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT:** There being no objections, Councilmember Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bellmont  
Recording Secretary