



**MINUTES**  
**ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM -**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD**

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

**Council Member:** Cary Wiest

**Committee Members:** Larry Sweeney (Committee Chair), John Ruggeiro (Committee Vice Chair)  
Gary Lauder, Michael Lempres, Mary Widmer

- Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.
- Committee member Lempres was excused, but arrived at 6:17pm.
- All other members present at the beginning of the meeting.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March 2014 meeting

- Committee member Lauder discussed the term “failed” which was used in the minutes from the March 11, 2014 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes regarding the proposed Roundabout at the intersection of Atherton Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas.
- The minutes were approved with no changes requested.

**3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**3.1 Atherton Future Transportation Issues Subcommittee (AFTIS)**

- There was nothing to report.

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

- Sandy Lee provided the Transportation Committee members with a CD showing bicycle and vehicle activity at the intersection of Middlefield Road and Linden Avenue.

**5.0 PRESENTATIONS:** (15 minutes + questions/answers)

**5.1 a. Grant Bowers – Pedestrian/Bike Crossings @ Watkins**

- The presenter was not present. No presentation was made.

**5.2 b. Derek Wu & Ron Boyle - Round-Abouts**

- Ron Boyle from Omni-Means Engineering Solutions delivered the presentation on Roundabouts.
- An information packet on Roundabouts was given to each member of the Transportation Committee.
- A Question and Answer session occurred between the presenter and the Transportation Committee members after the presentation was delivered.
- There were no questions from members of the public.

**5.3 c. Arthur Ringham – Fair Oaks Lane Traffic and Safety**

- Arthur Ringham delivered the presentation on the Fair Oaks Lane traffic concerns using a PowerPoint presentation.
- Arthur Ringham cited a 2007 / 2008 Council Report which directed that a safety study be conducted on Fair Oaks Lane. Arthur Ringham indicated this safety study did not occur.
- A Question and Answer session occurred between the presenter and the Transportation Committee members after the presentation was delivered.
- Two (2) members of the public (43 Virginia Lane and 174 Fair Oaks Lane) addressed the Transportation Committee after the presentation was delivered.
- Rick DeGolia, a member of the Atherton City Council, addressed Arthur Ringham after the presentation was delivered.
- City Council Member Rick DeGolia asked about the 2007 study and the results of the stop sign vote which was mentioned in the presentation.
- City Engineer Gordon Siebert addressed the Transportation Committee on the usage of stop signs and speed bumps / speed humps in regards to traffic calming.
- Mayor and Committee member Cary Wiest asked the police department to enforce traffic on Fair Oaks Lane.
- Mayor and Committee member Cary Wiest addressed his concerns to Arthur Ringham regarding Fair Oaks Lane.
- This item will be placed on a future Transportation Committee agenda.

## **6.0**

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **6.1 OLD BUSINESS: (STATUS OF)**

- a. Stop light – Selby/El Camino Real – G. Siebert
  - This item was reviewed by the Atherton City Council. No direction was given for a traffic signal.
  - Public Works Director Michael Kashiwagi has met with CalTrans to look at available options.
  - A future meeting will be held with the County of San Mateo to look at available options.
- b. Hybrid Beacon – G. Siebert
  - CalTrans is moving forward and will pay for the hybrid beacons.
  - CalTrans will install two (2) hybrid beacons: one (1) at El Camino Real and Isabella Avenue, and one (1) at El Camino Real and Alejandra Avenue.
- c. Middlefield/Linden – G. Siebert
  - City Engineer Gordon Siebert handed out a report by Interwest Consulting Group.
  - The recommendation is to use 18” bicycle stop signs at locations with poor visibility for drivers. This would include both sides of the Lindenwood gate.
  - A conversation took place between Sandy Lee, the Transportation Committee, and City Engineer Gordon Siebert regarding this item.

- The recommendation was made to have the Atherton City Council accept the recommendation from the Interwest Consulting Group study and install the stop signs. It was also requested to paint directional arrows in the bike lanes along Middlefield Road.

d. Pedestrian Grant application – G. Siebert

- City Engineer Gordon Siebert said the consultant was not optimistic that the Town of Atherton would be competitive in the first round of the grant process. The consultant believes the Town of Atherton will do better for funding in July. The Town of Atherton is currently working with the consultant regarding this issue.

**7.0 STAFF REPORTS:**

**7.1 Police Traffic Unit**

- a. Monthly Report for March 2014
- b. Monthly Report for April 2014

- Chief Flint addressed the Transportation Committee and the members of the public on what the police department does in regards to traffic safety.

- Sergeant Kockler went over the Monthly Traffic Reports for March of 2014 and April of 2014.

**7.2 Public Works Updates**

- City Engineer Gordon Siebert went over possible improvements to the following intersections:

1) El Camino Real and Atherton Avenue: Increase the right hand turn lane from eastbound Atherton Avenue to southbound El Camino Real. City Engineer Gordon Siebert provided a map to the Transportation Committee members.

2) Middlefield Road and Marsh Road: Complete bicycle lane improvements along northbound Middlefield Road from north of Watkins Avenue to north of Marsh Road. City Engineer Gordon Siebert provided a map to the Transportation Committee members.

- City Engineer Gordon Siebert said Atherton Avenue, Middlefield Road, and Fair Oaks Lane are scheduled for slurry seal and pavement / roadway marking improvements.

- City Engineer Gordon Siebert would like to improve the notification to residents of upcoming slurry seal projects.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday July 8, 2014**

**9.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING:**

- Committee member Lauder asked at what point were Roundabouts going to be discussed.

- Per Mayor and Transportation Committee member Cary Wiest, the Roundabout at the intersection of Atherton Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas will not be discussed until a 5<sup>th</sup> council member is placed. Roundabouts at any other location can be discussed.

- Roundabouts will be placed on the agenda for the next Transportation Committee Meeting.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sgt. Anthony Kockler