



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Larry Sweeney (Chair), Gary Lauder (Vice Chair), James McLaughlin, John Rugeiro, Mary Widmer

Councilmember Liaison: Michael Lempres

Staff: Police Chief Edwin Flint, Sgt. Anthony Kockler, Mike Kashiwagi

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
- Councilmember Lempres arrived at 6:01pm
- All committee members present for the meeting

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public Comment for items not on the agenda

- There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of March 2015 meeting

- Committee Member Lauder spoke about the minutes and questioned the format used to complete them. Committee Member Lauder asked how much money the Town of Atherton would spend for the Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon at the intersection of El Camino Real and Almondal Avenue. Public Works Director Mike Kashiwagi told Committee Member Lauder it is unknown how much the Town of Atherton would pay for the signal since a final price had not been determined for the project.
- The minutes were approved as written.

4. PRESENTATIONS (15 minutes + questions/answers)

- There were no presentations.

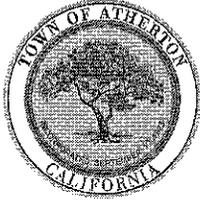
5. REGULAR AGENDA

5a. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status Report on a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan – M. Kashiwagi
- b. Status Report on El Camino Real– M. Kashiwagi
- c. Status of sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application – M. Kashiwagi
- d. Status of Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan – M. Kashiwagi
- e. 2015 Transportation Committee Work Program - Committee and Staff

5a(a): A meeting was held on May 11, 2015 to set the parameters for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Councilmember Lempres said he would like the Transportation Committee to be consulted on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

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5a(b): The City Council approved the design for the Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon at El Camino Real and Almendral Avenue. An initial meeting with CalTrans has been held and construction may begin by the end of 2015 with the signal operational in 2016. The Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon for El Camino Real and Isabella Avenue may possibly go to bid by the end of 2016.

5a(c): The Town of Atherton submitted a grant application in late October of 2014. The Town was not successful in obtaining the grant.

5a(d): The City Council accepted the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan in November of 2014. A contract was awarded to a construction company by the City Council in March of 2015 to identify bicycle routes and lanes, as well as to implement the plan.

5a(e): - Chief Flint went over what the Transportation Committee members can and cannot do, and how the Transportation Committee members must act regarding Transportation Committee agenda items. Chief Flint is concerned about "Brown Act" violations and wants to make sure the Transportation Committee is on solid ground.

- The Transportation Committee discussed the items discussed by Chief Flint.
- The Transportation Committee discussed what their top priorities should be:

Committee Chair Sweeney:

1. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
2. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan
3. Continue considering issues which arise
4. Dealing with growth in neighboring jurisdictions

Committee Member Lauder:

1. Congestion alleviation

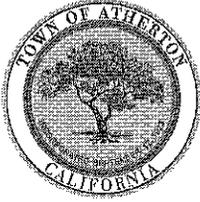
Committee Member McLaughlin:

1. Activity in surrounding communities

Committee Member Widmer:

1. Safety (speeds and bicyclists)
2. Education

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Committee Member Ruggiero:

1. Signage

Councilmember Lempres:

1. Growth around the Town of Atherton

- Committee Chair Sweeney asked how to deal with the growth around the Town of Atherton. Public Works Director Kashiwagi gave the following suggestions:

1. Quantify it – take counts and demonstrate increases
2. Learn and understand the legal limitations
3. Can complete studies, but the Town of Atherton must fund them

- The Transportation Committee decided their top priorities should be the ones mentioned by Committee Chair Sweeney:

1. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
2. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan
3. Becoming reactionary to issues which arise
4. Dealing with growth in neighboring jurisdictions

5b. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Review and Provide Recommendation Re: Menlo Park Wayfinding Project

The City of Menlo Park and Caltrans will be installing wayfinding signs to guide bicyclists from the Dumbarton Bridge to the Menlo Park Caltrain Station near Oak Grove Avenue. An alternative route under consideration would guide bicyclists through the Lindenwood section of Atherton using Ringwood Avenue to Frederick Avenue to Greenoaks Drive to Oak Grove Avenue. Menlo Park staff will provide an overview of this project and solicit feedback regarding the potential route through Atherton.

- Nicole Nagaya, P.E., Transportation Manager for the City of Menlo Park, delivered the above presentation.
- This project only deals with signs and maybe some new poles - no ground painting is included.
- The signage will be funded by CalTrans.
- The exact number of cyclists who currently use this route is unknown, however, some evidence shows the numbers are roughly the same as those cyclists who use Ringwood Avenue.

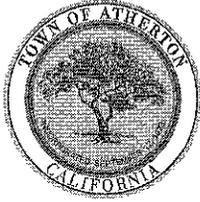
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- Committee Chair Sweeney was concerned over possible bicycle/vehicle conflicts.
- CalTrans is ready to install the signs after the Town of Atherton gives permission.
- It is unknown if the new route would be published on the Internet.
- Committee Chair Sweeney believed this issue should be brought before the Lindenwood Homes Association (LHA) for review.
- Councilmember Lempres would like to see some future bicycle usage projections.
- There was a discussion about the number of Menlo Atherton High School students that ride their bicycles to school, and how this number may increase with the expansion of Menlo Atherton High School.
- CalTrans would install the signs or would fund city staff to install the signs.
- Committee Chair Sweeney recommended a discussion with the LHA before a decision is made.
- Committee Member McLaughlin was concerned about safety issues with the proposed route.
- Committee Chair Sweeney was not convinced this is a safer route than Ringwood Avenue based on the roadway width, vehicle traffic, and lack of bicycle lanes.
- Committee Member Widmer was concerned over the speeds which bicyclists travel.
- Committee Chair Sweeney asked if the Town of Atherton staff has had a chance to look over this proposal.
- Committee Chair Sweeney suggested input be obtained from the LHA and residents and then this issue could be discussed again at the next Transportation Committee meeting. A recommendation would then be made.
- Committee Member McLaughlin suggested the Town of Atherton staff look over the proposal.
- The decision was made to place this item on the next Transportation Committee meeting agenda for discussion and recommendations based on the following:
 - 1) The Town of Atherton staff look over the proposal;
 - 2) The LHA look over the proposal;
 - 3) Determine how this proposal compares with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan.

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6. **STAFF REPORTS**

6a. **Police Traffic Unit**

- a. Monthly Report for March 2015
- b. Monthly Report for April 2015

- Sergeant Kockler went over the March 2015 and April 2015 Monthly Traffic Reports and answered questions from the Transportation Committee members.

6b. **Public Works Updates – None.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no public comments.

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE** Tuesday, July 14, 2015

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Kockler, Traffic Sergeant

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