



**MINUTES**  
**ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**  
**6:00 PM – Regular Meeting**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 94 ASHFIELD ROAD**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL (5 minutes)**

Committee Members: Larry Sweeney (Chair), Gary Lauder (Vice Chair), James McLaughlin, John Ruggeiro, Mary Widmer  
Councilmember Liaison: Michael Lempres  
Staff: Police Chief Edwin Flint, Sergeant Anthony Kockler, P.W. Director Mike Kashiwagi

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.
- Committee members Ruggeiro and Widmer had excused absences.
- Police Chief Flint had an excused absence.
- All other members were present.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public Comment for items not on the agenda (10 minutes)**

- An unknown resident from Park Lane discussed the possibility of installing speed bumps on Park Lane. The resident objected to their installation, claiming the speed bumps would make it dangerous for pedestrians, pedestrians using walkers, and pedestrians using canes.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of January 2016 meeting**

- The minutes were approved as submitted without changes or discussion.

**4. PRESENTATIONS (10 minutes plus Q&A)**

Review and comment on second draft of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

Report: M. Kashiwagi

Recommendation: Recommend approval of NTMP to City Council

- Public Works Director Kashiwagi introduced this item.
- Keith Higgins from Hatch Mott MacDonald handled the presentation.
- Keith Higgins provided the committee members with an updated copy of the NTMP prior to the presentation, along with an additional printout of the changes which were made.
- A question and answer session took place between the committee members, Public Works Director Kashiwagi, Keith Higgins, and Sergeant Kockler.
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi clarified issues within the NTMP for the committee members.
- Much discussion took place between the committee members over the revised NTMP.
- Additional changes will be made to the NTMP, and the NTMP will again be discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting on May 10, 2016.

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**5. NEW BUSINESS (20 minutes)**

Discuss parking restrictions – Rebecca Lane

- No resident from Rebecca Lane was present.
- Committee Chair Sweeney recommended using “No Stopping” signs versus “No Parking” signs for designated time periods during the day.
- Committee Chair Sweeney will speak with resident who filed the complaint to discuss possible solutions.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**6a. OLD BUSINESS (20 minutes)**

- a. Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan (T/C Item of Interest)  
Status update on Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan – M. Kashiwagi
- b. Contemporary traffic issues (T/C Items of Interest)
- c. Status of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon – M. Kashiwagi
- d. Roundabout – Alameda de las Pulgas/Atherton Avenue – M. Kashiwagi

6a(a): The intersection of El Camino Real and Selby Lane was looked at for possible safety improvements. A public meeting was held at Selby Lane School last week and approximately 48 people were in attendance. Feedback was obtained from the community. Additional community meetings will be held to discuss possible safety improvements.

6a(b): This item was not discussed.

6a(c): The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon is currently waiting for CalTrans’ approval of the shop drawings. The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon will hopefully be operational in mid to late May of 2016.

6a(d): The issue of Roundabouts went to the City Council in January of 2016 for direction. The City Council gave direction to expand the scope of review to include the entire length of Alameda de las Pulgas from Camino Al Lago to Stockbridge Avenue. Las Lomas School is currently looking at the intersection of Alameda de las Pulgas and Camino Al Lago for possible improvements as they want to reconfigure their parking lot. Committee Member Lauder, Public Works Director Kashiwagi and Keith Higgins discussed the use of Roundabouts.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7a. Police Traffic Unit (10 minutes)**

- a. Monthly Report for January 2016 – Sergeant Kockler
- b. Monthly Report for February 2016 – Sergeant Kockler

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- Sergeant Kockler went over the Police Traffic Reports for January 2016 and February 2016.

7b. **Public Works Updates** Hoover/Valparaiso Crosswalk- solutions to problems with ground mounted warning lights – M. Kashiwagi

- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler discussed the current operational issues with the in-ground pedestrian crossing lights at Valparaiso Avenue and Hoover Street.
- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler presented a letter from the Victoria Manor Homeowners to the committee members.
- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler discussed a new system of crosswalk lights.
- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler provided the committee members with printed information on the Carmanah R920 Series lighting system, along with a photo of a crosswalk lighting system currently being used in the City of San Jose.
- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler said the Carmanah R920 Series double-sided crosswalk lighting system could be installed at this location for \$10,500 (hardware and installation).
- Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler said it would cost approximately \$30,000 to replace the current in-ground pedestrian crosswalk lighting system with a new in-ground pedestrian crosswalk lighting system.
- A discussion took place between the committee members and Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler.
- No action will be taken at this point. Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler will conduct more research on lighted crosswalk systems, and will work with the Victoria Manor Homeowners on this issue.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no public comments.

- Councilmember Liaison Lempres discussed the proposed mixed-use development project in Menlo Park, located on El Camino Real between Glenwood Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue. This development is going to be 420,000 square feet and will include a 1,000 vehicle parking lot. Councilmember Liaison Lempres was concerned about cut-through traffic and the fact that Menlo Park wants Atherton to install traffic signals at El Camino Real and Watkins Avenue, and at Middlefield Road and Glenwood Avenue to help alleviate traffic. Councilmember Liaison Lempres wanted the Transportation Committee members to review the EIR documents and submit written concerns to the City of Menlo Park prior to the closing date – believed to be April 4, 2016. It was decided the Transportation Committee members would independently review the EIR documents and submit their own written comments, without discussion, to Public Works Director Kashiwagi for review and submission to the City of Menlo Park.

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9. **NEXT MEETING DATE** Tuesday, May 10, 2016

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Kockler, Traffic Sergeant

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