



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
7:00 PM – Special Joint Meeting
MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS –
701 LAUREL STREET – MENLO PARK

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

Committee Members: Mark Cummings, Joseph Davis, Sriram Iyer, Gary Lauder (Vice Chair)
James McLaughlin (Chair)

Councilmember Liaison: Michael Lempres

Staff: Acting Chief of Police Joseph Wade, Sergeant Anthony Kockler, P.W. Director Mike Kashiwagi

- The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.
- All members from the Town of Atherton were present except Committee Members Iyer and Davis, who had excused absences.
- The following members were present from the City of Menlo Park:
 - o Committee Chair Philip Mazzara
 - o Committee Vice Chair Michael Meyer
 - o Committee Member Penelope Huang
 - o Committee Member Adina Levin
 - o Committee Member Maurice Shiu
 - o Committee Member Bianca Walser
- Also present were the following staff members from the City of Menlo Park:
 - o Nikki Nagaya, Transportation Manager
 - o Rene Baile, Transportation Engineer
 - o Angela Obeso, Associate Engineer

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

- Two (2) Menlo Park residents made public comments before the committee members.
- Gary Lauder, Vice Chair of the Atherton Transportation Committee, addressed the Menlo Park committee members on the recommendation to make the Highway 101/Willow Road interchange project less important than the Bayfront Expressway intersections. Vice Chair Lauder also requested improvements to neighboring roadways, at developer expense, before new developments are created.

3. NEW BUSINESS (20 minutes)

- 3a. a. Willow/101 Interchange
b. Advanced Notification regarding areas of overlapping interest (ie – Greenheart)
c. Installing bike lanes on the Middlefield Road and Marsh Road corridors
d. Overview of the ECR Complete Streets Project - Atherton staff
e. Status of the HAWK Beacons @ Isabella and Alejandra - Atherton staff

Item 3a(a):

- The Highway 101/Willow Road interchange project was presented by Associate Engineer Obeso from the City of Menlo Park.

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- CalTrans is responsible for the project from the design phase to the build phase.
- The City of Menlo Park is the sponsor for this project.
- The contract to build will be awarded in January of 2017.
- PG&E relocations will occur from January of 2017 until May or June of 2017.
- CalTrans construction will begin in April or May of 2017 and conclude sometime in 2019.
- There will be a 24-hour shuttle service for pedestrians and bicyclists, paid for by CalTrans, for those who need to cross Willow Road during the construction period.

Item 3a(b):

- Town of Atherton Mayor Michael Lempres, Councilmember Liaison, discussed Advanced Notification.
- Mayor Lempres would like early notice on when projects in Menlo Park will occur. Mayor Lempres would like the Town of Atherton to be part of the conversation.
- Mayor Lempres talked about the “Greenheart Project” and the recommendation for the Town of Atherton to install signal lights in Atherton.

Item 3a(c):

- The Menlo Park Transportation Committee placed the item of bicycle lanes on Middlefield Road and Marsh Road on the agenda.
- Mayor Lempres said a cap could be placed on the new Marsh Road culvert to convert it into a bicycle lane.
- Mayor Lempres said there are currently no plans to do this, nor are there any current funding plans.
- Town of Atherton Public Works Director Michael Kashiwagi discussed the Atherton Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and the Class II bicycle lanes on Middlefield Road.
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi said a cap on the Marsh Road culvert could only accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists, not vehicles.

Item 3a(d):

- Public Works Director Kashiwagi provided the members with a handout from **W-Trans** which discussed the ECR Complete Streets Project.
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi provided a verbal presentation on the project.
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi stated the project is just getting started.

Item 3a(e):

- Public Works Director Kashiwagi went over the function of the Pedestrian Hybrid Signal.
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi discussed the first Pedestrian Hybrid Signal at El Camino Real and Almadral Avenue (joint funding between the Town of Atherton and the Menlo Park Fire District).
- Public Works Director Kashiwagi said thirteen (13) more Pedestrian Hybrid Signals will be installed in San Mateo County by CalTrans.

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- One (1) signal will be installed at El Camino Real and Alejandra Avenue, and one (1) signal will be installed at El Camino Real and Isabella Avenue.
- Both signals are currently under construction and should be operational in the spring of 2017.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- The Town of Atherton Transportation Committee Members adjourned at 9:31pm.
- The City of Menlo Park Transportation Committee members continued with their meeting to discuss Menlo Park specific items, including an annual report on committee member attendance records.

Respectfully Submitted –

Sgt. Anthony Kockler

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