



MINUTES
ATHERTON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
HOLBROOK PALMER PARK – MAIN HOUSE
150 Watkins Avenue

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL** (5 minutes)
Committee Members: Carol Collins, Joseph Davis, Sriram Iyer (Vice Chair), Gary Lauder (Chair)
Steve Meller.
Councilmember Liaison: Michael Lempres
Staff: Chief of Police Steven McCulley, Sergeant Anthony Kockler, PW Director Robert Ovadia

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.
- Committee Members Collins and Davis were not present.
- Councilmember Liaison Lempres was not present.

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

- There were no Public Comments.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** March 12, 2019 meeting minutes
July 9, 2019 meeting minutes

- The minutes were approved as submitted without discussion.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**
OLD BUSINESS

- 4a. Consideration of Encinal School Crossing Improvements Robert Ovadia

Follow up from the July meeting. The Encinal School Safe Routes Committee, a group of parents at Encinal School, previously requested consideration of safety improvements along Encinal Avenue near the school. Staff will present results of a traffic engineer's analysis, with recommendations for potential improvements, including relocation of the crosswalk fronting the school and the potential installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the Encinal Avenue/Felton Drive intersection.

- Public Works Director Ovadia provided an update on this issue.
- No date has been set for the Public Outreach Meeting.
- There was no action item for the Transportation Committee to discuss
- Public Comments were made by the following persons:

- 1) Joshua Gossett, 146 Felton Drive, Menlo Park
 - He was opposed to the relocation of the crosswalk.
- 2) Russell Moore, 160 Encinal Avenue, Atherton
 - He was concerned about the increased amount of lanes by moving the crosswalk to the intersection of Encinal Avenue and Felton Drive.
- 3) Elizabeth Blois, 100 Felton Drive, Menlo Park

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- She was opposed to the school crossing improvements.
- She would like the names and addresses of all those opposed to this item listed.
- She stated the school crossing guard was opposed to this item.
- She stated the Encinal School PTA was opposed to this item.
- She provided a note from 136 Encinal Avenue to Public Works Director Ovadia.
- She stated the school crossing guard has not seen traffic backups this school year.

- 4) Manual Paz Arribas, Waverly Street, Menlo Park
 - He suggested repainting the current crosswalk and adding shark teeth to the street.
 - He requested more visibility for the crosswalk.
- 5) Jen Wolosin, 2 Alder Place, Menlo Park
 - She asked to expedite the school crossing improvements due to safety concerns.
- 6) Unknown resident on Encinal Avenue
 - She stated there was no consistency for walkers and bicyclists on Encinal Avenue.
- 7) Carrie Payne, Manager for the crossing guard company
 - She offered her assistance, if needed, for a second opinion of the school crossing.
- 8) Thurman Logan, School Crossing Guard, 474 O'Connor Street, Menlo Park
 - He passed out a letter to members of the Transportation Committee.
 - He discussed his observations of the current school crossing location.
 - He suggested repainting the current crosswalk and adding shark teeth to the street.
 - He requested lights be installed at the current crosswalk.
 - He believes the location of the current crosswalk is fine.

4b. Consideration of Parking Restrictions – Toyon Road Robert Ovadia

Follow up from the July meeting. Residents along Toyon Road have requested consideration of parking restrictions along Toyon Road between Oak Grove Avenue and Ringwood Avenue.

- Public Works Director Ovadia provided an update on this issue.
- There was no action item for the Transportation Committee to discuss.
- Public Works Director Ovadia will be sending outreach letters to residents in the area.
- Chief McCulley stated he did not support this item.
- Chief McCulley supported the idea of a school-moved “A-Frame” sign which states “No Student Parking”, similar to what Menlo College does along Alejandra Avenue.

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- 4c. Consideration of Pedestrian Improvements – Valparaiso Ave Chief McCulley

Follow up from the July meeting. Sacred Heart Schools has submitted a request for the consideration of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the intersection of Valparaiso Avenue at Elena Avenue. The schools intend to deploy a crossing guard at the intersection and are requesting the in installation of RRFB's as an additional safety device.

- Chief McCulley provided an update on this issue.
- Public Works Director Ovadia said the City Council was not opposed to the lighting, but was not willing to fund the lighting.
- Public Works Director said the City Council asked staff to look at the crosswalk to make visibility improvements.
- Public Works Director Ovadia said the Town of Atherton would be willing to issue an encroachment permit for portable warning lights.
- Public Works Director Ovadia said this item would not be listed on future Transportation Committee agendas.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no New Business.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Police Traffic Unit (10 minutes)

- a. Monthly Report for March 2019 – A. Kockler
- b. Monthly Report for April 2019 – A. Kockler
- c. Monthly Report for May 2019 – A. Kockler
- d. Monthly Report for June 2019 – A. Kockler
- e. Monthly Report for July 2019 – A. Kockler
- f. Monthly Report for August 2019 – A. Kockler

These items discuss the monthly traffic reports for March, April, May, June, July and August of 2019.

- Chief McCulley provided a quick overview of the monthly traffic reports.
- These reports were not discussed by the Transportation Committee members.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- There were no Future Agenda Items.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no Public Comments.

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9. **NEXT MEETING DATE** Tuesday, November 12, 2019

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Anthony Kockler

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