



TOWN OF ATHERTON
TRANSPORTATION, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
4:00 PM

This meeting is being held virtually and in person

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL** (5 minutes)
Committee Members: Steve Baloff, Joe Davis, David Jones, Raymond Juballa, Jerome Leugers, Tom Owen, Vacancy (1).
Councilmember Liaison: Bill Widmer
Staff: Chief of Police Steven McCulley, Commander Dan Larsen, Sergeant David Metzger, PW Director Robert Ovidia
Call to order at 1600 hours with pledge of allegiance and roll call.
All were present except Commander Larsen and Sgt Metzger.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** Public comment for items not on the agenda (10 minutes)
No public comments.
3. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES** - N/A
4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

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- a. **Welcome and selection of Chair/Vice Chair** Robert Ovadia
Chair nomination for Jerry Leugers was made by Tom Owen and seconded by David Jones with all in favor.

Vice Chair nomination for Joe Davis made by Jerry Leugers and seconded by Steve Baloff.

- b. **Alameda de las Pulgas – bike safety** Robert Ovadia
Staff was contacted by a resident with concerns related to vehicular traffic encroaching into the bike lane on Alameda de las Pulgas in the southbound direction approaching Atherton Avenue. He indicated that he was nearly hit by a truck as it veered into the bike lane. Staff met with the resident in the field and visually observed several vehicles veering into the bike lane. The area of concern is along a curve and it appears that some vehicles migrate into the bike lane to minimize the turn as they approach the intersection. One option to help separate vehicular traffic from the bike lane would be to install channelizers to provide a physical barrier between the travel lane and bike lane. One draw back to the installation of channelizers is that the street sweeper would not be able to sweep along the curb in that area. Staff will also provide an update on other projects related to Alameda de las Pulgas. **The Committee will have an opportunity to discuss bike safety along Alameda de las Pulgas and may recommend installation of channelizers or other measures to improve bike safety in the area.**
Committee discussed the bike safety concerns on southbound Alameda approaching Atherton Avenue. At issue is cars traveling in the bike lane in the curve. Recommendation is to install reflectors in the curve.

- c. **Selby Lane Bike Lanes – Conceptual Design** Robert Ovadia
The Selby Lane Bicycle Lane Improvements project was approved in the 22-23 Capital Improvement Program. Staff will present the conceptual design for the proposed bike lanes, including proposed lane configuration, street widening and bike lane layout, as well as potential green infrastructure locations. The plan is presented to the committee for feedback on the overall project as well as discussion of public outreach efforts. The Committee will have an opportunity to discuss the project design, layout and related items and may provide feedback on the design and recommendations on the public outreach efforts.
General discussion and support of the proposed bike lanes on Selby Lane.

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- d. **El Camino Real** Robert Ovadia
The Town received a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) for a planning study to provide complete streets improvements along El Canino Real through the Town of Atherton (El Camino Real Gap Closure project). The project will be led by SMCTA with support from the Town. Staff is currently working with SMCTA in the selection of the design consultant. Caltrans is working with the City of Redwood City for the design of bike lane improvements (Class II and IV) along El Camino Real from Redwood City to Selby Lane. The conceptual layout of these improvements was previously shared with the Committee. Separately, Caltrans has reached out to the Town to discuss potential partnership(s) on improving safety along El Camino Real. Caltrans will be initiating a safety review of El Camino Real through the Town. **The committee will have an opportunity to discuss the various efforts along El Camino Real.**
General discussion and support for the El Camino grant funds the Town received from the County for safety improvements on El Camino Real.
- e. **Barry Lane** Robert Ovadia
At its last meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee discussed the potential installation of speed feedback signs and other traffic calming devices along Barry Lane. **The Committee will have an opportunity to discuss the traffic calming measures and may act to recommend installation of speed feedback signage or other calming measures along Barry Lane.**
General discussion on traffic safety concerns related to Barry lane in the area of the channel bridge. Curve ahead warning signs with suggested 20 mph were recently installed on each side of the bridge.
Suggestions for a speeded warning radar sign and speed humps.
Recommendation was to install the temporary speed humps and study the impacts.
- f. **Civil Grand Jury Report -Bicycle Safety** Steve McCulley
Chief McCulley presented the Civil Grand Jury report on countywide bicycle safety improvements. There was support of the report's findings and the recommendations.

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6. **STAFF REPORTS** Sgt. D. Metzger
Police Traffic Unit (10 minutes)

- a. Monthly Report for July 2023
- b. Monthly Report for August 2023

These items discuss the monthly traffic reports for July and August of 2023.

Committee members had no questions or concerns on the monthly Police Traffic reports for August and September 2023.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
No future agenda items.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE** November 28, 2023

10. **ADJOURNMENT**
Adjournment at 1725 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D McCulley
Chief of Police
Atherton Department of Police