



**SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 8/27/2019  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**City Council Chambers**  
**701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

City Councilmember Catherine Carlton participated by phone from:  
Ideate Camp  
545 and J  
Blackrock City, NV 89412

**6:30 p.m. Closed Session (City Hall - “Downtown” Conference Room, 1st Floor)**

**A. Call To Order**

Mayor Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Combs, Nash, Taylor, Mueller  
Absent: Carlton  
Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Deputy City Manager/ Public Work Director Justin Murphy, Police Chief Dave Bertini, Outside Counsel Barbara Kautz, City Clerk Judi A. Herren (excused at 6:31 p.m.)

CL1. Closed session conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) – one case

Attendees: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Deputy City Manager/ Public Work Director Justin Murphy, Police Chief Dave Bertini, Outside Counsel Barbara Kautz

**Regular Meeting**

**A. Call To Order**

Mayor Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Carlton (excused at 9:22 p.m.), Combs, Nash, Taylor, Mueller  
Absent: None  
Staff: City Attorney Bill McClure, City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Clerk Judi A. Herren

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Report from Closed Session**

No reportable action.

**E. Presentations and Proclamations**

**E1. Certificate of recognition: Steven Foley**

Chief Bertini presented Steven Foley with a Challenge Coin and Chief's Commendation and displayed a video.

Mayor Mueller read the certificate of recognition and Steven Foley accepted (Attachment).

**F. Public Comment**

- Fran Dehn announced the recipients of the Golden Acorn awards: Cafe Zoë (Business Excellence Award), Tour de Menlo (Community Service Award), MidPen Housing (Professional Leadership Award), St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room (Unsung Hero Award), Tarlton Properties (Environmental Stewardship), and West Bay Recycled Water Project – Sharon Heights (Environmental Stewardship).

**G. Consent Calendar**

City Councilmember Nash pulled item G1.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor pulled item G2.

**G1. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance prohibiting commercial cannabis land uses and personal outdoor cultivation within Menlo Park ([Staff Report #19-176-CC](#))**

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Combs/ Carlton) to approve the second reading and adoption of an ordinance prohibiting commercial cannabis land uses and personal outdoor cultivation within Menlo Park, passed 4-1 (Nash dissenting).

**G2. Authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed Menlo Portal project with approximately 320 multi-family dwelling units, 33,100 square feet of office, and 1,608 square feet of commercial space at 115 Independence Drive and 104 and 110 Constitution Drive for the amount of \$198,305 and future increases as may be necessary to complete the environmental review for the proposed project ([Staff Report #19-173-CC](#))**

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor was concerned that an EIR was on the consent calendar.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Combs/ Nash) to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed Menlo Portal project with approximately 320 multi-family dwelling units, 33,100 square feet of office, and 1,608 square feet of commercial space at 115 Independence Drive and 104 and 110 Constitution Drive for the amount of \$198,305 and future increases as may be necessary to complete the environmental review for the proposed project, passed unanimously.

**G3. Authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Redwood City for annual**

maintenance of Atherton Channel ([Staff Report #19-174-CC](#))

- G4. Authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with Chefables in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the delivery of food services at the Belle Haven Child Development Center for fiscal year 2019-20 ([Staff Report #19-178-CC](#))
- G5. Adopt Resolution No. 6520 authorizing the city manager to sign a second contract amendment with the State of California Department of Education to Reimburse the City up to \$1,117,860 for child care services at the Belle Haven Child Development Center for fiscal year 2018-19 ([Staff Report #19-179-CC](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Taylor/ Nash) to accept the consent calendar except items G1 and G2, passed unanimously.

## H. Regular Business

- H1. Receive post adoption review and report of safe city ordinance and direct staff to prepare an ordinance to sunset the safe city ordinance as it is now preempted by current state law ([Staff Report #19-175-CC](#))

Chief Dave Bertini made the presentation.

The City Council received confirmation that state laws go further than the Menlo Park ordinance.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Combs/ Carlton) to receive post adoption review and report of safe city ordinance and direct staff to prepare an ordinance to sunset the safe city ordinance as it is now preempted by current state law, passed unanimously.

- H2. Approve updates to the City's rail policy to consider the Dumbarton transportation project and Caltrain business plan efforts ([Staff Report #19-172-CC](#))

Nikki Nagaya made the presentation (Attachment).

- Rick Johnson spoke in support of the rail policy.
- Steve Van Pelt provided suggestions and revisions to the rail policy.
- Eileen McLaughlin provided revisions to the rail policy.
- Diane Bailey spoke in support of the rail policy.

The City Council directed staff to remove the term "commuter rail" from the documents and requested that renderings be made available on future reports. The City Council discussed exploring a hybrid option after the fully elevated study concludes. Mayor Mueller provided a Rail Subcommittee update.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Combs/ Taylor) to approve updates to the City's rail policy to consider the Dumbarton transportation project and Caltrain business plan efforts, passed unanimously.

- H3. Select concept 3 as the preferred alternative for the Middle Avenue pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing project ([Staff Report #19-176-CC](#))

Senior Transportation Engineer Angela Obeso made the presentation (Attachment).

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Taylor/ Carlton) to select concept 3 as the preferred alternative for the Middle Avenue pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing project, passed unanimously.

H4. Introduction of Ordinance No. 1057 adopting updated building codes and local amendments to the 2019 California Energy Code to require higher levels of building electrification and solar production for newly constructed buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions effective January 1, 2020 ([Staff Report #19-181-CC](#))

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky, Building Official Chuck Andrews, and Sustainability Specialist Joanna Chen made the presentation (Attachment).

- Ryann Price spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Steve Van Pelt expressed concerns about the reliability of the electric grid.
- Adam Stern spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Tom Kabat spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Diane Bailey spoke in support of the ordinance.
- James Payne spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Andrew Morcos requested the high-rise residential recommendation be modified.
- Ronen Vengosh spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Dashier Leeds spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Scott Shell spoke in support of the ordinance and provided additional modifications.
- Fran Dehn spoke in support of reach codes but in opposition of the inclusion of restaurant cooking appliances.

The City Council requested that all new builds be electric ready and to remove the dryer appliance exception. The City Council discussed an appeal process to the Environmental Quality Commission for commercial businesses to request non-electric appliances. The City Council received information regarding the resiliency of electric and the dangers of natural gas.

Item H4 was continued to September 10 for reintroduction with updates directed by City Council.

City Council took a recess at 9:07 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

H5. Authorize the issuance and sale of 2019 general obligation refunding bonds (2001 Election) for the purpose of refunding outstanding general obligation bonds, Series 2009A and 2009B, and approve related documents ([Staff Report #19-180-CC](#))

Finance and Budget Manager Dan Jacobson and Management Analyst II Kristen Middleton made the presentation (Attachment).

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Nash/ Combs) to authorize the issuance and sale of 2019 general obligation refunding bonds (2001 Election) for the purpose of refunding outstanding general obligation bonds, Series 2009A and 2009B, and approve related documents, passed 4-0-1 (Carlton absent).

**I. Informational Items**

- I1. City Council agenda topics: September to November 2019 ([Staff Report #19-170-CC](#))

No action or discussion.

**J. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Jerome-Robinson announces a housing study session on November 15.

**K. City Councilmember Reports**

- K1. Verbal report from City Council subcommittees on planning and zoning

Subcommittee member Nash made the report (Attachment).

Subcommittee member Taylor made the presentation (Attachment).

**L. Adjournment**

Mayor Mueller adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of September 24, 2019.



# Certificate of Recognition


Presented to

## Steven Foley

Whose heroic, life-saving actions the morning of May 26, 2019, prevented the death or great bodily injury of his three friends, by assisting them out of his burning vehicle. The City of Menlo Park proudly recognizes Steven Foley for his incredible bravery and quick selfless actions which saved his friend's lives

Presented this twenty-seventh day of August 2019



  
Ray Mueller, Mayor





# RAIL POLICY UPDATES

August 27, 2019



## EXISTING POLICIES

- 2016 Circulation Element Policies 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5
- 2018 Rail Policy & Position Statement
  - Rail Subcommittee Mission Statement
  - Statement of Principles
  - Position Summary
  
- Consider updates to Rail Policy & Position Statement related to Dumbarton Transportation Project and Caltrain Business Plan



# DUMBARTON TRANSPORTATION PROJECT



- Provide rail service
- Transit stop locations
- Type of transit to be provided
- Service frequencies
- Noise and vibration impacts
- Grade separations and crossing improvements
- Traffic impacts



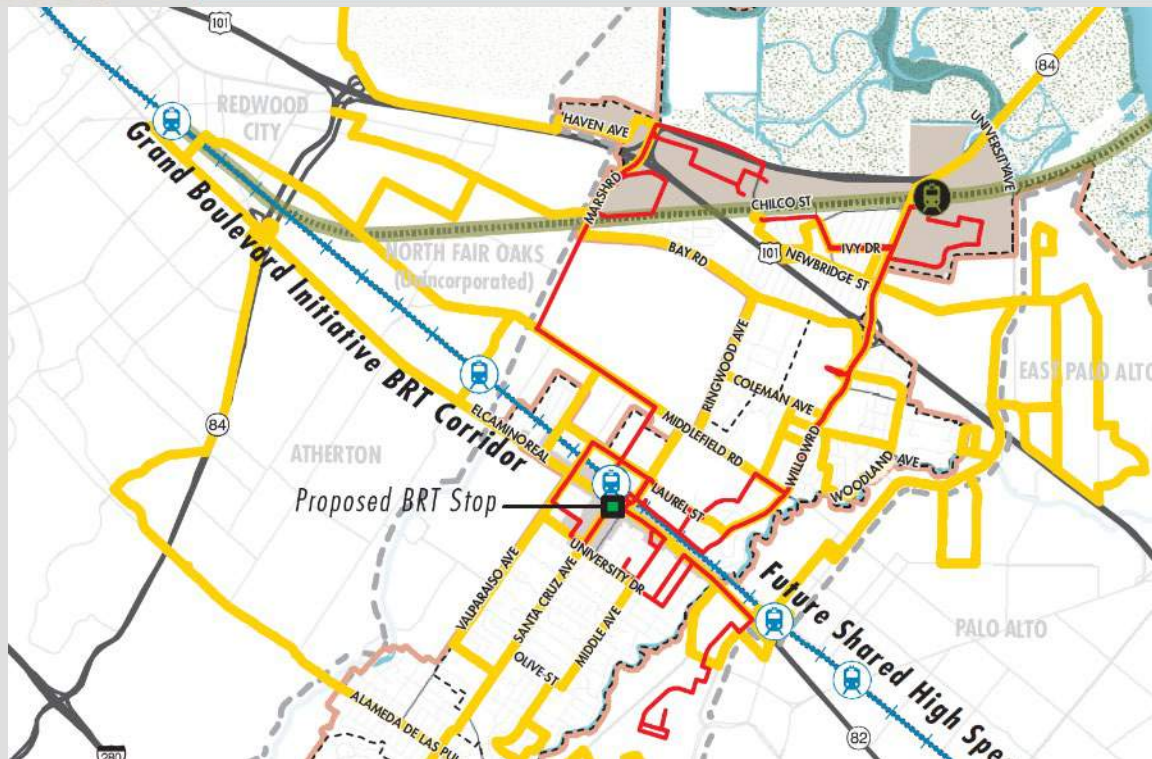
# CALTRAIN BUSINESS PLAN

- Train service frequency
- Adjacent station service frequency
- Infrastructure needs to support additional trains
- Grade separations and crossing improvements
- Traffic impacts





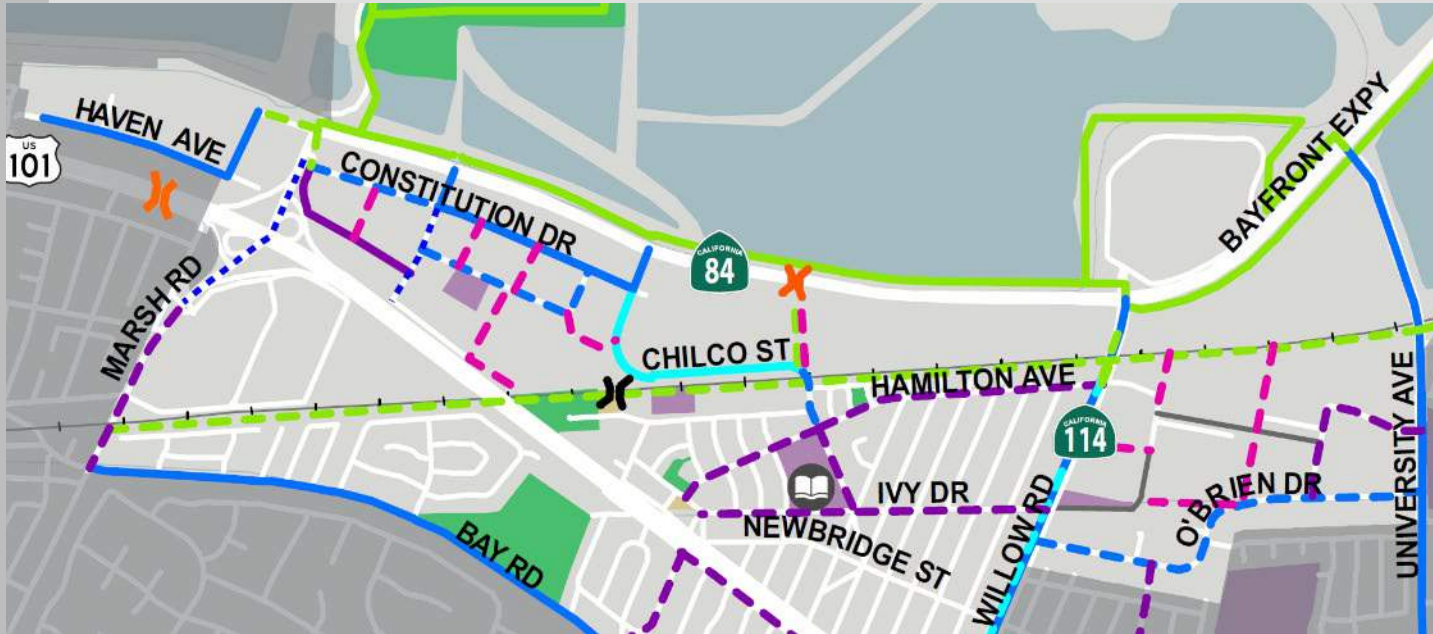
# PROPOSED TRANSIT SERVICE







# DRAFT PROPOSED BICYCLE FACILITIES



## Proposed Bike Network

- Bike Bridge
- Rail Crossing
- Class I Bike Path
- Class II Bike Lane
- Class III Bike Route
- Class IV Separated Bikeway
- Paseo

## Existing Bike Network

- Class I Bike Path
- Class II Bike Lane
- Class III Bike Route
- Class IV Separated Bikeway





## MILESTONES & REQUESTED ACTION



Task	Schedule
Rail Subcommittee: Provide feedback on approach	April 22, 2019
Complete Streets Commission: Review and recommend draft policy modifications	May 8, 2019
Rail Subcommittee: Review and recommend draft policy modifications	July 16, 2019
<b>City Council:</b> <b>Adopt updated rail policy</b>	<b>August 27, 2019</b>



## PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

- No changes to mission statement
- Modify statement of principles to:
  - Reference quality of life considerations
  - Incorporate Dumbarton corridor consistently
  - Consider sustainability
  - Promote increasing transit ridership and traffic congestion reduction, first and last-mile connections, and service hours
  - Encourage moderate fares
- Modify rail policy to:
  - Establish two summaries: Caltrain and Dumbarton
  - Caltrain: support maximizing number of trains that stop within Menlo Park
  - Dumbarton: support activation of rail, under conditions as described



## PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: DUMBARTON



- Electric trains, minimizing emissions, noise and vibration
- Minimal right-of-way acquisition
- Railroad/roadway grade separations:
  - At Marsh Road, Willow Road and University Avenue
  - Minimizing local circulation and access impacts
  - Improved bicycle and pedestrian connections
- Best practice at-grade improvements at Chilco Street
- Transit service is limited to rail within the existing right-of-way owned by Samtrans
- Bicycle and pedestrian pathway is not precluded
- Transit stop is provided within Menlo Park, preferred location on the east side of Willow Rd and possible second stop in Belle Haven neighborhood
- Advocate for maximizing the number of trains that stop within Menlo Park
- Include reference to sea level rise, protection of natural resources and habitat



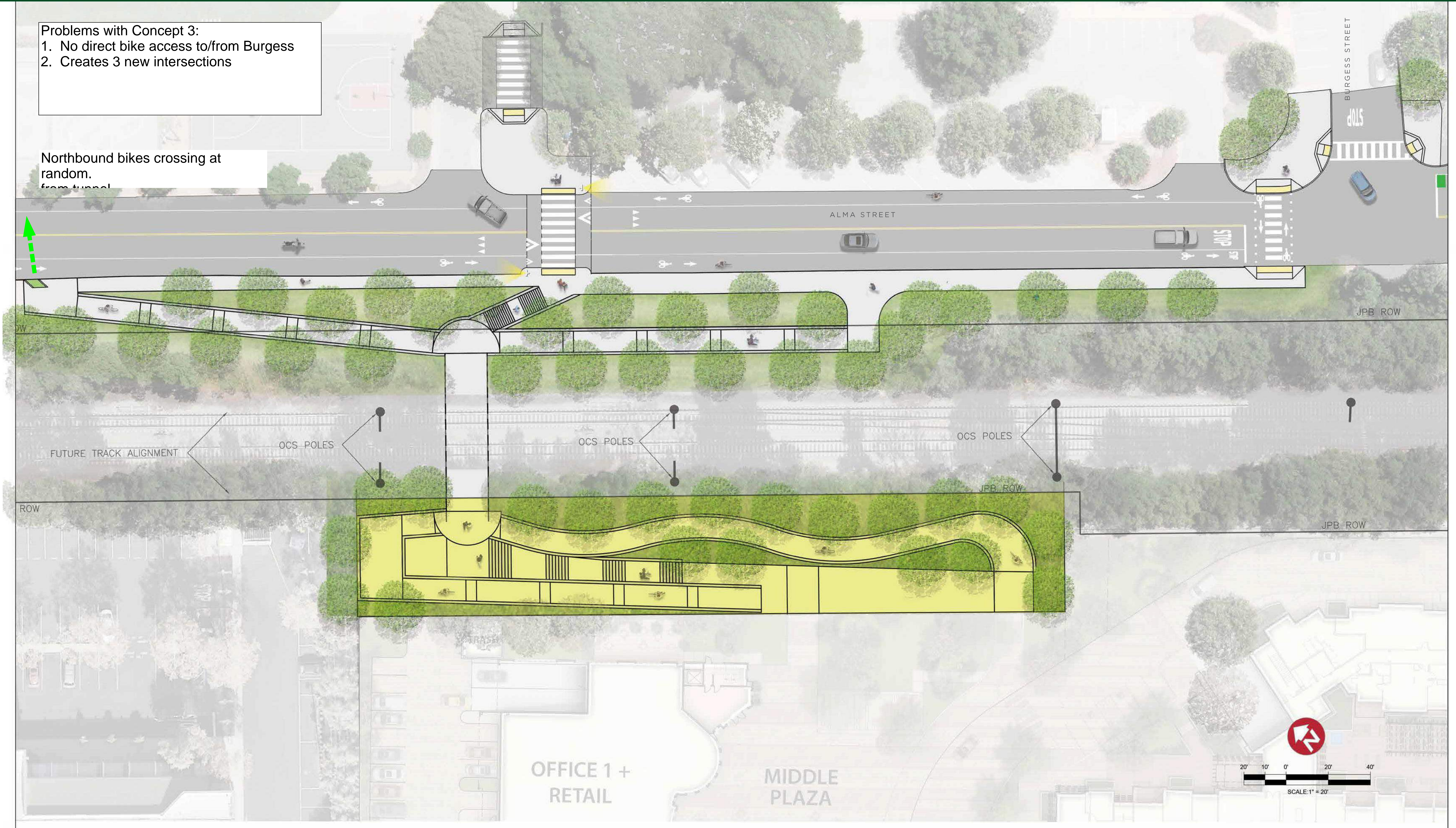
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# Middle Avenue Undercrossing - Concept 3 Plan

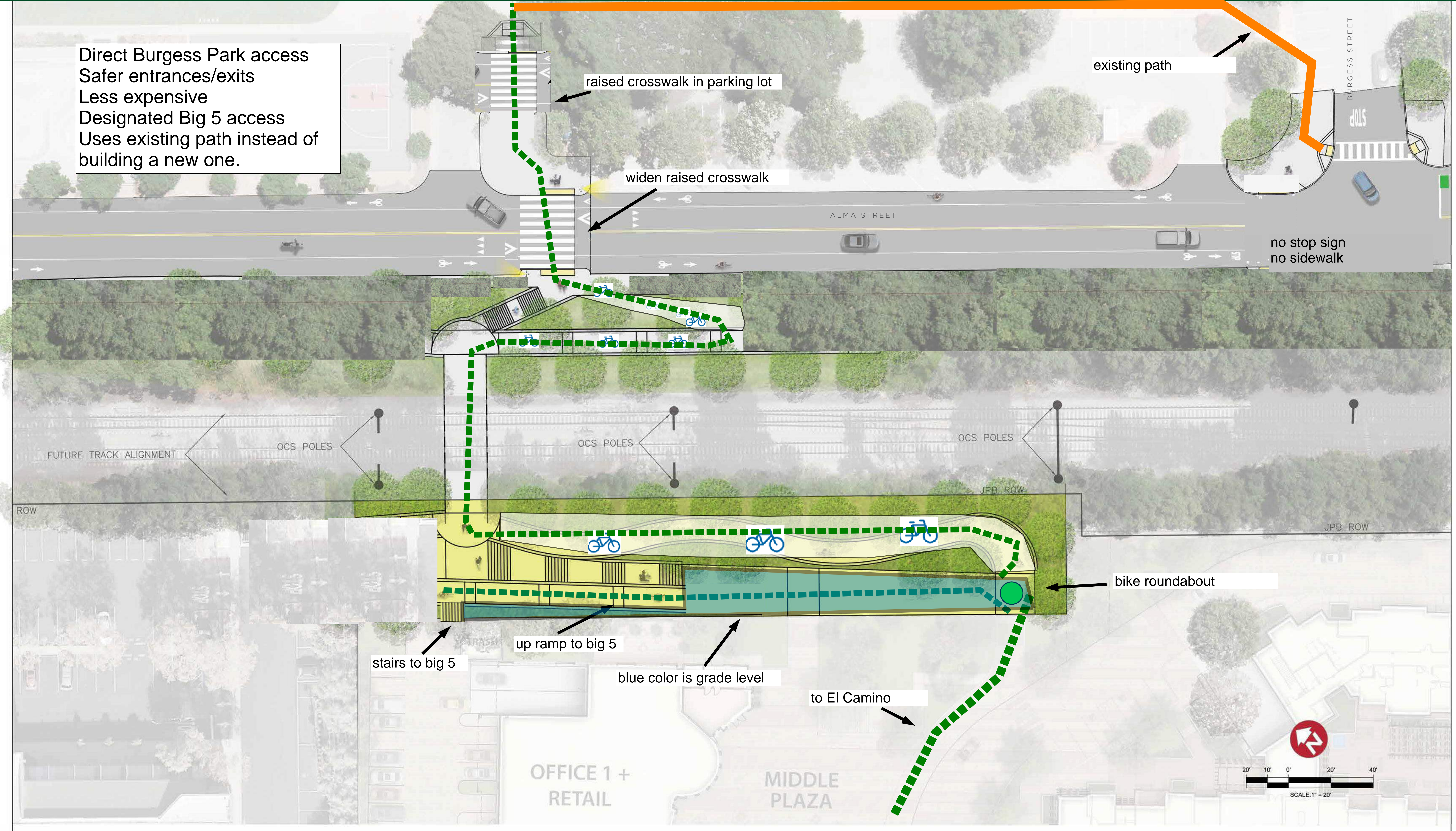
Problems with Concept 3:  
1. No direct bike access to/from Burgess  
2. Creates 3 new intersections

Northbound bikes crossing at random from tunnel





# Middle Avenue Undercrossing - Concept 3A



## Middle Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Rail Crossing Study







Concept 3A in context with Burgess Park. Directly connects existing park paths with Tunnel for a safer, more integrated solution for destinations as pool, library, city hall, rec centers and fields.





# ADOPT 2019 LOCAL ENERGY CODE

Proposed requirements for new buildings starting January 1, 2020





## TEAM

- Staff:
  - Chuck Andrews, Building Official
  - Joanna Chen, Sustainability Specialist
  - Rebecca Lucky, Sustainability Manager
  - Cara Silver, Assistant City Attorney
  
- External Support
  - Abhijeet Pande, Vice President, Research and Technology Commercialization Advanced Energy at TRC
  
- Environmental Quality Commission



# BACKGROUND





## CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

- Updated every 3 years (code cycles)
  - New code cycle is effective on January 1, 2020
  
- Mandatory for all cities to adopt
  
- Creates an opportunity for local governments to adopt local building code amendments (Reach Codes)
  - Reach Codes are optional
  - Advance local environmental goals and conditions, such as reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector
  - Must be cost effective and more energy efficient than state codes
  - Align with new code cycle start date



## REACH CODE OPPORTUNITY

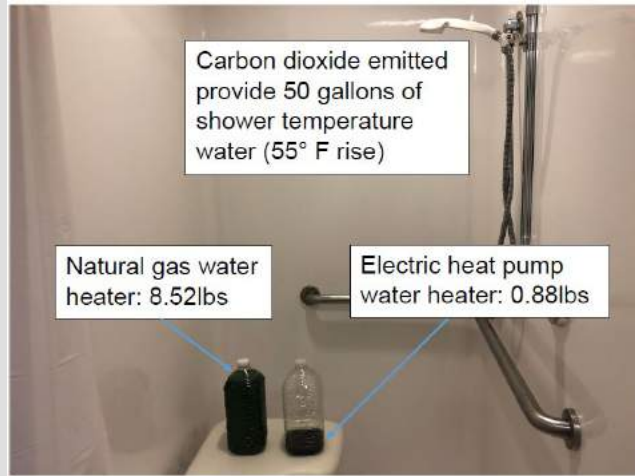
- City Council adopted a Climate Action Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 27 percent below 2005 levels by 2020
  - Buildings account for 55% of the community’s total emissions (196,000 tons/yr)
  - Over 80% of a building’s energy is used for heating space and water powered by natural gas that is a fossil fuel contributing to climate change
  
- Peninsula Clean Energy provides 50% renewable and 90% carbon free electricity
  - 100% GHG (carbon) free by 2021
  - Lower electricity rate than PG&E
  
- State is requiring power providers to achieve 100% GHG free electricity by 2045

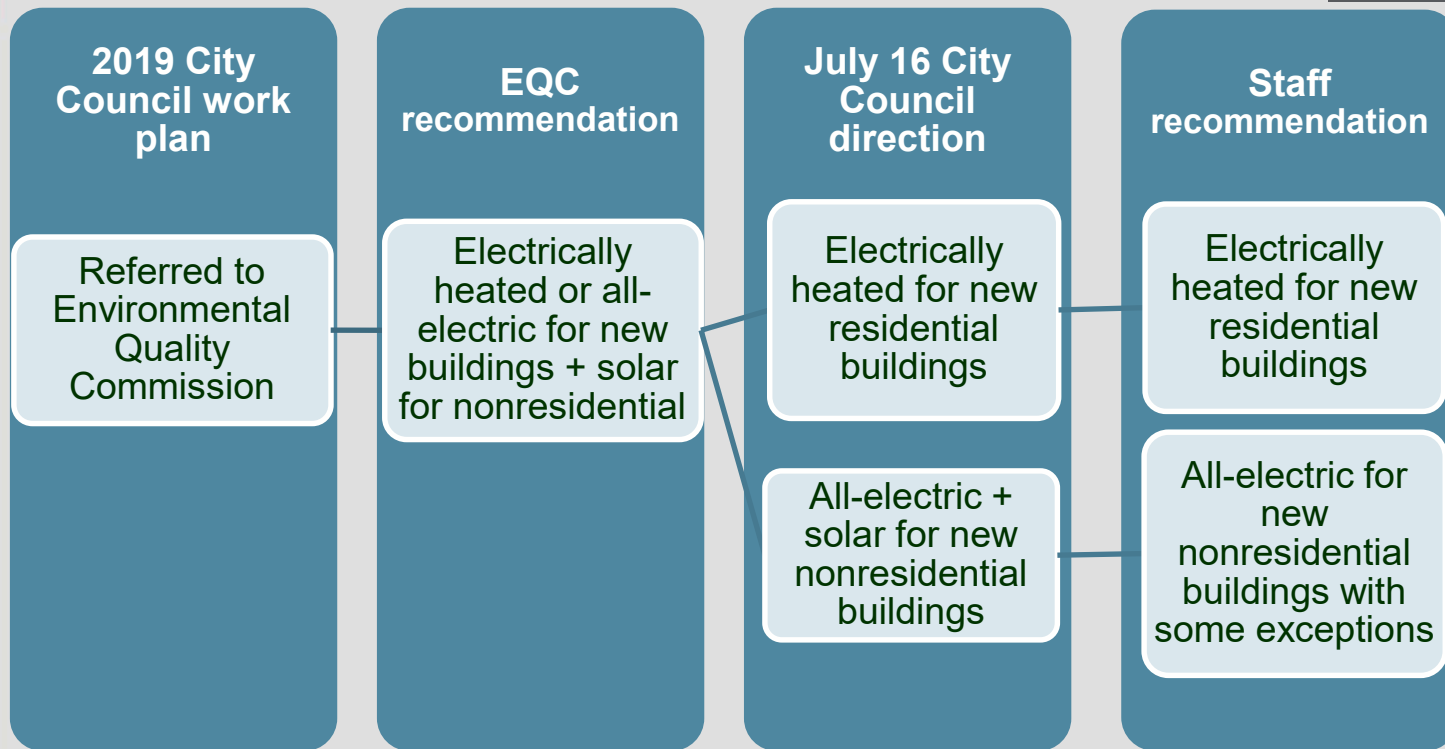




## MENLO PARK FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Increased development leads to increased greenhouse gas emissions
  - Anticipated new 100 residential buildings and 21 nonresidential buildings
  - 212,876 tons of GHG emissions or up to 6,000 ton increase per year







# PROPOSED REACH CODES





## NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

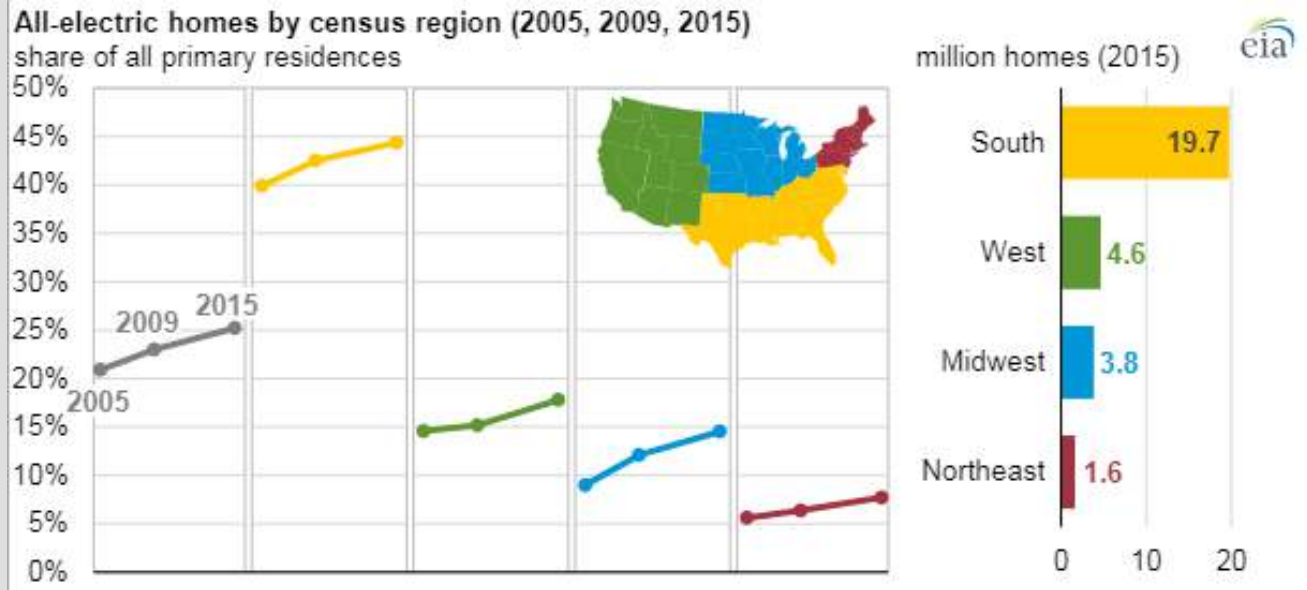
- New single family homes and multifamily buildings (3 stories or less)
  - New buildings from ground up
  - At minimum must be electrically heated (space conditioning and water) or an option to go all-electric
- For example, a newly constructed house can use a gas cooking appliance, fireplace, and clothes dryer, but have to install all-electric space heating and water heating appliances







# ONE IN FOUR U.S. HOMES IS ALL ELECTRIC



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration; 2005, 2009, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Surveys



## NEW NONRESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC REQUIREMENTS

- Require new nonresidential buildings and new high rise buildings to have on-site solar production

Square footage of building	Size of panel
Less than 10,000 sq ft	Minimum of 3-kilowatt PV systems
Greater than or equal to 10,000 sq ft	Minimum of 5-kilowatt PV systems

**EXCEPTION:** As an alternative to a solar PV system, the building type may provide a solar hot water system (solar thermal) with a minimum collector area of 40 square feet, additional to any other solar thermal equipment otherwise required for compliance with the California Energy Code

## NEW NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ALL-ELECTRIC

- Examples: hotels, offices, retail stores, and high-rise residential (greater than three stories)
- Required to be all-electric
  - Includes, but not limited to cooking appliances, clothes dryers and water and space heating appliances



Hunters Point Shipyard Block 52,  
San Francisco



Santana Row Lot 11,  
San Jose



270 Brannan,  
San Francisco



## EXCEPTIONS

- Life science buildings may use natural gas for space heating (water heating still must be powered by electricity)
  - Must provide evidence that an all-electric option is not feasible
  
- Public agency owned and operated emergency operations centers may still need natural gas
  - Must provide evidence that an all-electric option is not feasible or meets community needs in the event of an emergency
  
- Electric cooking appliances are exempt for for-profit restaurants
  - Staff recommends removing this exemption





## INDUCTION TECHNOLOGY BACKGROUND

- Introduced in 1933 (more than 80 years old)
- Popular in Asia and Europe
- Increase in demand of induction cooking appliances reduced prices and increase selection
  - Example; Consumer GE 30 inch gas cooktop (\$1,169.10) vs GE 30 inch induction cooktop (\$1,439.10)
- Induction technology has advanced progressively since the 1900s
  - Induction cooktops now have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities

## COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC STOVETOPS/OVENS COOKING

- Commercial food industry is leading the way
  - French Laundry
  - Celebrity Chef Curtis Stone
  - Top 10 rated cooktops are all induction stoves (2018 Consumer Reports)
- 2x to 3x more efficient than gas cooktops, making it the most energy efficient cooking appliance





## INDUCTION STOVES/OVENS

- Benefits:
  - Cook food faster
  - Lose less heat in the process
  - Enhance indoor air quality (produces 30 times less indoor air pollutants than natural gas cooktop does)
  - Automatically turns off when pot is removed
  
- Remove exception because induction stoves are increasingly high performing, more efficient, and safer in the food industry



# COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY





## COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY RESULTS

### Cost savings between all-electric and natural gas building

Building Prototype	Construction Savings	Operational Savings
Single Family Home	Up to \$5,349	\$4,416
Multifamily- three stories or less (per dwelling unit)	Up to \$2,337	\$1,864
Office	\$82,330 savings	\$52,738
Retail	\$24,111 savings	\$22,661
Hotel	\$1.3 million savings	\$1.24 million





## RESULTS CONTINUED

- Operational savings was calculated using time dependent valuation developed by the California Energy Commission
  - Long term projected costs of energy (including peak periods)
  - Value of GHG reduced
  - Expressed over the life of the building
  
- Other important local factors that can lead to greater savings
  - PCE has lower electricity rates than PG&E
  - Study used the lowest rated energy efficiency appliances
  - On-site solar requirements reduce operational costs
  
- Anticipated annual utility would be lower than projected in the study



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





## PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public meetings	Newspaper	City resources
Environmental Quality Commission meetings (February, May, June 2019)	The Almanac (July 16 and 24, 2019)	Community Development Department
City Council meeting (July 16)	San Jose Mercury News (August 25, 2019)	City's website



## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FROM JULY-AUGUST

- Feedback from property owners, developers, residents, energy providers, non-profits, contractors, architect
- High support from community
- Few not in support

## HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL

- High rise residential building stakeholders
  - State code does not support large central electric water heating systems
  - Central electric heat pump water heaters not commonly used and has technical challenges
- Multiple case studies show these building types are feasible and the state codes do provide alternative pathways for compliance



Casa Adelante, 2060 Folsom, SF  
127 residential units, 9 stories



A photograph of a street scene. In the foreground, there are green plants with red flowers. In the background, there is a building with a sign that says "harvest" and another sign that says "TABAC". There are also some outdoor chairs and a person walking in the distance.

# RECOMMENDATION



## RECOMMENDATION

### Staff recommendation based on City Council Direction in July

### Additional staff recommendation

New homes and three stories or less apartments/condos are required to be electrically heated or all-electric

None

New nonresidential buildings required to be all-electric with on-site solar production

Remove exception for for-profit restaurants cooking appliances based on induction stoves/ovens being higher performing and more efficient than gas, increasing consumer trends for induction cooking appliances, and safer for cooks and building occupants

Exceptions:

- (a) life science for space heating
- (b) emergency operations centers
- (c) for-profit restaurants cooking appliances



**THANK YOU**







# 2019 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

August 27, 2019





# AGENDA

- General Obligation bond overview
- Original bond measure
- Refunding process and options
- Next steps





## GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERVIEW

- General Obligation bonds (GO bonds) allow funds to be raised for projects in addition to the City's general operating budget
- Bonds are repaid through an ad valorem tax levied each year beyond the base 1% property tax

# MENLO PARK'S ORIGINAL BOND MEASURE



- In 2001, two-thirds of registered voters approved a ballot measure to issue bonds for the renovation and expansion of parks and recreation facilities
- Under the Measure T bonding authority the City issued:
  - 2002 Bonds; 2012 Bonds
    - \$13,245,000, Series 2002
    - Refunded in 2012
  - 2009 general obligation bonds
    - \$1,080,000, Series 2009A
    - \$9,360,000, Series 2009B
  - The City has \$14,315,000 of remaining “new money” bonding capacity under Measure T



## REFUNDING PROCESS AND OPTIONS

- The 2009 GO Bonds are eligible for optional redemption as of August 1, 2019
- Rates will be determined at the time of sale, estimated at 3.1 percent; currently between 5.0 and 7.02 percent
- Reduces override tax rate for taxpayers, saving those taxpayers money
- Overall savings
  - Annual debt service savings averaging approximately \$124,800
  - Net present value debt service savings totaling approximately \$2.06 million, or 21 percent of the principal outstanding



## NEXT STEPS

- Council can authorize or decline the issuance and sale of 2019 GO bonds to refund outstanding 2009 GO bonds
- If authorized, the City will hold a competitive sale and reduce future override tax rates
- If declined, the City may pursue refunding at a later date and debt service remains unchanged





**THANK YOU**



## GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND OVERVIEW

- 2009 bond refunding available after August 1, 2019
- Potential savings is result of lower rates on debt service – estimated at 3.10 percent vs 5 to 7.02 percent on current issues
- Net present value of savings estimated at \$2.06 million
- Taxpayers realize all savings as override tax levy is lower
- City may authorize or decline to authorize
  - Authorize now – City will sell refunding bonds in competitive sale and reduce future debt service payments
  - Decline to authorize – City may consider at later date

# OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT



- General obligations (\$16.6M) are:
  - 2009 General Obligation Bonds \$ 9.8M
  - 2012 General Obligation Refunding Bonds \$ 6.7M
- The City serves as fiduciary for debt issued by the Successor Agency of the former redevelopment area (RDA) of the City
  - As of June 30, 2019, the Successor Agency’s outstanding debt was \$42.06 million
  - San Mateo County provides sufficient revenue to the Successor Agency annually to meet debt service requirements

The Subcommittee on Districts 2 – 5 Planning and Zoning recognizes that non-residential development often has adverse impacts from the jobs-housing imbalance, and we seek to address barriers to developing additional housing in districts 2-5 to mitigate some of those adverse impacts. We will review aspects of the existing zoning ordinance that may create obstacles to building more housing -- including building heights, floor area ratios, on-site parking and units per acre. We will identify areas where we can change zoning classification in order to promote additional housing close to essential services and transit. We will explore building affordable housing on city land in districts 2-5. Our city has finite resources and we are prioritizing within those constraints. With this in mind, our first task is to work on the Downtown Specific Plan and possible opportunities at any large parcels remaining in districts 2-5.

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TO: Ray Mueller, Mayor  
Catherine Carlton, Councilmember  
Drew Combs, Councilmember  
Betsy Nash, Councilmember  
Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Manager

FROM: Cecilia Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem

DATE: 27 August 2019

SUBJECT: Subcommittee for District 1 Recommendations

To date we have had two meetings with staff and two meetings with community members. Because the issues are embedded in the practices towards one area of our City, I believe we need to expand the scope of the subcommittee. Here are my recommendations:

1. Open up Connect Menlo and the General Plan to review zoning policies and practices to make adjustments as appropriate.
2. Incorporate both SB 1000 and AB 617. “These tools require both cities and counties that have disadvantaged communities to incorporate environmental justice policies into their general plan, either in a separate EJ Element or by integrating related goals, policies, and objectives throughout other elements upon the adoption or revision of two or more elements concurrently. This will include the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality, and the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity, civil engagement (community engagement), Prioritization of improvements and programs addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities. These new legislative requirements are consistent with principles of good planning and the obligations that planners seek equity and equality and ensure greater inclusion of all people in public decision-making”. This language was pulled directly from the SB 1000 documents.
3. Air Quality Monitors Installed and Measurements taken regularly
4. Formal requests:
  - a. Workshops on EIR’s. With the intent of educating the public on the policy, process and procedure required by law to ensure an inclusionary process.
  - b. Study sessions on all EIR’s to ensure linking all development impacts.
  - c. Joint meeting with the Planning Commission, to discuss publicly Commissioners’ prospective on all related policies.
5. Development of a robust Emergency Evacuation/Access Plan for the entire City and beginning with District 1.
6. Define and Update community amenities list

7. Develop a “Blue Ribbon” Committee (suggested by Lynne Bramlett) focused on developing solutions for council to consider. We need to hold multiple community conversations where ideas can be discussed and sharpened with community input.
8. Transportation infrastructure needs to be provided first before development continues, along with immediate solutions.

My moral responsibility is to protect the health and safety of the City and my immediate community. Access and inclusion have not been met. It is clear based on the transportation issues.

While we have discussed preserving the neighborhood character of one area of our city, how have we preserved the character of the Belle Haven neighborhood. As documented, the Belle Haven neighborhood was created through redlining, maintained through limited standard loans, target for subprime loans, and most recently advertised as “investment property.” It was once a majority of family-oriented residents in roughly 1400 homes. Now I fear it is become a transient community with constant turnover. Each year you have a new neighbor.

We change what we do and how we live based on the way we are treated.

We must remember that policy is the benchmark for change. Access and inclusion consists of the impact of climate change, the impact on communities of color, the impact on education, impact on technology, and impact on equity.

We need to work on behalf of the community. We need to demonstrate that the city staff, through Council direction, will operate in the best interest of all community by addressing their concerns. We need to be mindful that structural and systemic racism still linger in our policies, procedures, and practices. And now we have the opportunity to take action and change. Adopting TIERS is a beginning.

This is an effort to move towards transparency.

Cecilia Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem  
City Council  
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