



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/7/2024
Time: Special City Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Special Session

A. Call To Order

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Doerr, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren

C. Closed Session

C1. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
Agency designated representatives: City Attorney Nira Doherty, Steve Mermell
Unrepresented employee: City Manager

D. Call To Order

Mayor Taylor re-called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

E. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Doerr, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren

F. Report from Closed Sessions

No reportable actions.

G. Presentations and Proclamations

G1. Proclamation: Mental Health Month

Mayor Taylor introduced the proclamation (Attachment).

John Butler SMC Mental Health Month Planning Committee accepted the proclamation.

G2. Proclamation: Jewish American History Month

Mayor Taylor introduced the proclamation (Attachment).

G3. Proclamation: Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mayor Taylor introduced the proclamation (Attachment).

H. Study Session

H1. Provide direction on a proposal to install Flock fixed Automated License Plate Readers citywide (Staff Report #24-080-CC)

Police Chief Dave Norris made the presentation (Attachment).

- Maya Sewald spoke in support of Flock fixed Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) citywide.
- Steve Wagstaff spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Shirley Chiu spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Liz King spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Soody Tronson spoke in opposition of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Brian Kissel spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Derek Marsano spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Dee Dee Dickey spoke in support of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.
- Randy Avalos spoke in opposition of Flock fixed ALPRs citywide.

The City Council received clarification on the supplemental law enforcement grant, data sharing and privacy for Menlo Park, Flock and the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) and retention, applicable records released for Public Records Act requests, privately owned Flock cameras and closed-circuit television (CCTV) and Flock tools.

The City Council discussed false positive stops reporting, data security, reducing NCRIC report holding timeline, civil liberties, cost, police department personnel and camera location.

The City Council directed staff to return with a pilot program, review NCRIC report holding retention and include reporting with current police department quarterly report outs.

Regular Business

I. Call To Order

Mayor Taylor re-called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

J. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Doerr, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin
Absent: None
Staff: City Manager Justin I. C. Murphy, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Judi A. Herren

K. Agenda Review

Staff will provide updates to Consent item M3. after Regular item N1.

L. Public Comment

- Gregg Spears spoke on the RV (recreation vehicle) concerns on Campbell Avenue (Attachment).
- Soody Tronson spoke in support of restarting the short-term rental topic conversation.

M. Consent Calendar

- M1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for March 26, April 2 and 16, 2024 (Attachment)
- M2. Waive the second reading and adopt an ordinance setting speed limits on certain streets (Staff Report #24-072-CC)
- M3. Authorize the city manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Caltrain to develop design and environmental clearance documents for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing project (Staff Report #24-074-CC)
- M4. Adopt a resolution to authorize the city manager to apply for funding from the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Staff Report #24-075-CC)
- Pam Jones spoke in support of grant funding related to tree planting and uniformity of tree canopy citywide.
- M5. Receive annual City Council goal setting workshop final report (Staff Report #24-076-CC)

ACTION: Motion and second (Doerr/ Wolosin), to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item M3., passed unanimously.

N. Regular Business

The City Council took a recess at 8:28 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

- N1. Adopt a resolution to establish “no parking” zones on Middle Avenue, make buffer bike lanes permanent, and continue Nealon Park frontage parking as a pilot for the Middle Avenue Complete Streets project (Staff Report #24-073-CC)

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Chen made the presentation (Attachment).

- Bill Kirsch support in support of safer streets with consideration of bicycles (bikes).
- Katie Behroozi spoke in support of backend parking.
- Jacqui Cebrian spoke in support of Option A and additional bike racks.
- Sandy Napel spoke in opposition of the Blake Street closure.
- Sally Cole spoke in support of the project and increased safety.
- Gregory Faris spoke in support of permanent buffer bike lanes.
- Neil Wolf support of opening Blake Street.
- Sue Kayton spoke on concerns related to children's safety issues from backend parking and speed limit changes.
- Michael Barclay spoke in support of Option B.
- Matthew Rascoff spoke in support of reduced speed limits, increased enforcement and making the piolet permanent.
- Olga Afanasiev spoke in support of the underpass and permanent bike lanes.
- Emily Bailard spoke in support of the pilot and Option A.
- Katherine A. spoke in support of the new bike lane and Option A.
- Ross Silverstein spoke in support of additional bike racks at Nealon Park, making the bike lanes permanent and Option A.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of piloting backend parking.
- Jeff Piper spoke in support of the Blake Street closure and the pilot.
- Brendan Visser spoke in support of the project and in Option A.

The City Council received clarification on backend versus front end parking, activation of the 25-mph (miles per hour) zone, Middle Avenue and Olive Street intersections and the Complete Streets Commission (CSC) recommendation.

The City Council discussed Little House and New Community Church and general feedback, enforcement, the Menlo Park City School District (Attachment), parking reduction, signage and traffic volume of Stanford.

The City Council directed staff to pursue Option A and review of parking space sizes.

ACTION: Motion and second (Nash/ Doerr), to adopt a resolution to establish "no parking" zones on Middle Avenue, make buffer bike lanes permanent and continue Nealon Park frontage parking as a pilot for the Middle Avenue Complete Streets project, passed 4-1 (Combs dissenting).

M3. Authorize the city manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Caltrain to develop design and environmental clearance documents for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing project (Staff Report #24-074-CC)

Public Works Director Azalea Mitch made the presentation (Attachment).

- Adina Levin requested clarification on the costs and soft costs.

The City Council received clarification on soft costs industry standard and budget and grant availability.

The City Council discussed factors driving cost.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wolosin/ Nash), to authorize the city manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Caltrain for \$2,000,000 to develop engineering design and environmental clearance documents for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing Project, passed unanimously.

The City Council continued items N4. and O1. to a future City Council meeting.

N2. Consider and adopt resolution approving the water supply assessment for the Parkline mixed-use masterplan proposed project and project variant (Staff Report #24-077-CC)

Principal Planner Corinna Sandmeier made the presentation (Attachment).

The City Council received clarification on city water saving efforts.

ACTION: By acclamation, the City Council extended the meeting past 11 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Doerr/ Wolosin), to adopt a resolution approving the water supply assessment prepared for the Parkline mixed-use masterplan proposed project and the project variant pursuant to and in compliance with California Water Code §§10910 to 10915, passed unanimously.

N3. Resolution to reduce the Utility Users Tax (Staff Report #24-071-CC)

Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte made the presentation.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/ Nash), to adopt a resolution extending the reduction of the Utility Users Tax to 0% pursuant to §3.14.130 of the Menlo Park Municipal Code, passed unanimously.

N4. Introduce and waive the first reading amending Municipal Code Section 2.04.160 Salaries – Established to modify City Council compensation (Staff Report #24-070-CC)

O. Study Session

O1. Provide direction on updating the City Council Procedures Manual (Staff Report #24-078-CC)

P. Informational Items

P1. City Council agenda topics: May 2024 (Staff Report #24-079-CC)

P2. Police department quarterly update – Q1 January – March 2024 (Staff Report #24-069-CC)
(Informe de Personal #24-069-CC)

Q. City Manager Report

City Manager Justin Murphy reported out on the May 9 second of two Enviro Just meeting, May 11 housing resource fair, May 14 special City Council meeting and May 18 BHCC opening.

R. City Councilmember Reports

None.

S. Adjournment

Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Assistant to the City Manager/ City Clerk Judi Herren

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting June 11, 2024.

Proclamation

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are among the most common health conditions and more than half the world's population will live with a mental health condition in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, one out of every eight San Mateo County adults likely had serious psychological distress in the past year. From 2019 to 2021, San Mateo County youth in grades 7 and 11, reported chronic sadness and hopelessness (29% and 43%, respectively) in the past 12 months; and

WHEREAS, every day, millions of people face stigma related to mental health and substance use conditions and may feel isolated and alone, going years before receiving any help; if left untreated, have life expectancies 25 years shorter than the general population; and

WHEREAS, while mental health conditions are common across all types of demographics, certain communities face inequitable access to services, including people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, youth, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use conditions are treatable health conditions, and persons who have mental health and substance use conditions can recover and lead full and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is the first in the country to pass a resolution in January 2024 declaring loneliness a public health crisis and pledging to promote social connection in our communities. Given this public health priority, the theme for 2024 May Mental Health Month is Heal Through Connection; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Office of Diversity and Equity, Mayors Mental Health Initiative, and partners are collectively organizing activities that our community can participate in throughout the month, including free in-person and virtual events, advocacy days, and social media campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park's City Council wishes to increase the public's knowledge of signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use conditions, professional and self-help resources and self-care practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Cecilia Taylor, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, hereby recognize May 2024 as Mental Health Month, to enhance public awareness of mental health to help end the stigma and direct members of the community to resources and support for mental health and substance use conditions.



Cecilia Taylor, Mayor
May 7, 2024



Proclamation

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush issued the first Presidential Proclamation in 2006 designating May as Jewish American Heritage Month and every United States president since that time has issued similar proclamations annually; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, Jewish refugees fleeing oppression and discrimination abroad have fought for religious freedom, defining bedrock principles upon which America was built; and

WHEREAS, Union soldiers celebrated Passover in the midst of the Civil War, Jewish suffragists fought to expand freedom and justice, and Jewish faith leaders linked arms with giants of the Civil Rights Movement to demand equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans enrich every part of American life as educators and entrepreneurs, athletes and artists, scientists and entertainers, public officials and activists, labor and community leaders, diplomats and military service members, and more; and

WHEREAS, there is also a history of racism, bigotry, and other forms of injustice towards Jewish Americans, including attacks on synagogues, bricks thrown through windows of Jewish businesses, swastikas defacing cars and cemeteries, Jewish students harassed on college campuses, and antisemitic conspiracy theories are rampant online; and

WHEREAS, our communities strive to heal these wounds and overcome these challenges, acknowledging and celebrating the crucial contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our collective struggle for a more just and fair society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park recognizes both the continuity of the Jewish people and the intergenerational responsibility we have to heal the community for our children; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we honor Jewish Americans who, inspired by Jewish values and American ideals, have engaged in the ongoing work of forming a more perfect union; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Cecilia Taylor, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, hereby recognize May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in celebration of the enduring heritage, culture, values, and contributions of Jewish Americans .



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Cecilia Taylor, Mayor
May 7, 2024

Proclamation

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress in 1992, is a time to reflect and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 6 million individuals of Asian or Pacific Islander descent, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hold the fastest population growth rate among all racial and ethnic groups in our country; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI community has a long and rich history in California, migrating during the Gold Rush Era and planting their roots in the San Francisco Bay Area ever since, brave immigrants who, motivated by the promise of possibilities, picked up their lives and found new homes here; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize that throughout history AAPI communities have been the target of violence, disenfranchisement, and other xenophobic policies such as the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the internment of Japanese Americans, and the “alien ineligible for citizenship” status imposed on Asian immigrants into the 1950s and 1960s – all of which have been systemic and wrongful violations of their rights; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, hope, and hard work of the APPI community as educators and entrepreneurs, athletes and artists, scientists and entertainers, public officials and activists, labor and community leaders, diplomats and military service members, and more, have enriched our communities through their ingenuity and creativity while navigating significant cultural and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, despite the immeasurable ways Asian American and Pacific Islanders enrich this country, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes that have left too many families afraid to leave their homes and too many loved ones traumatized; and

WHEREAS, we must all confront past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of our APPI friends and neighbors and acknowledge that AAPI communities are an invaluable part of the rich fabric of our communities at large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Cecilia Taylor, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, hereby recognize May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in celebration of the diversity of cultures, breadth of achievement, and remarkable contributions of the AAPI community.



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Cecilia Taylor, Mayor
May 7, 2024



POLICE DEPARTMENT - STUDY SESSION FIXED ALPRS

Chief Dave Norris



OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATION



- Re-engage our ongoing discussion on Fixed ALPRs
- Understand and address questions and/or concerns from our public and City Council
- Receive direction from the City Council:
 - If acceptable, direction to proceed with preparation for Public Safety deployment of fixed Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) through the 2024-25 Budget Process



MENLO PARK PD – QUICK REFRESHER - ALPR

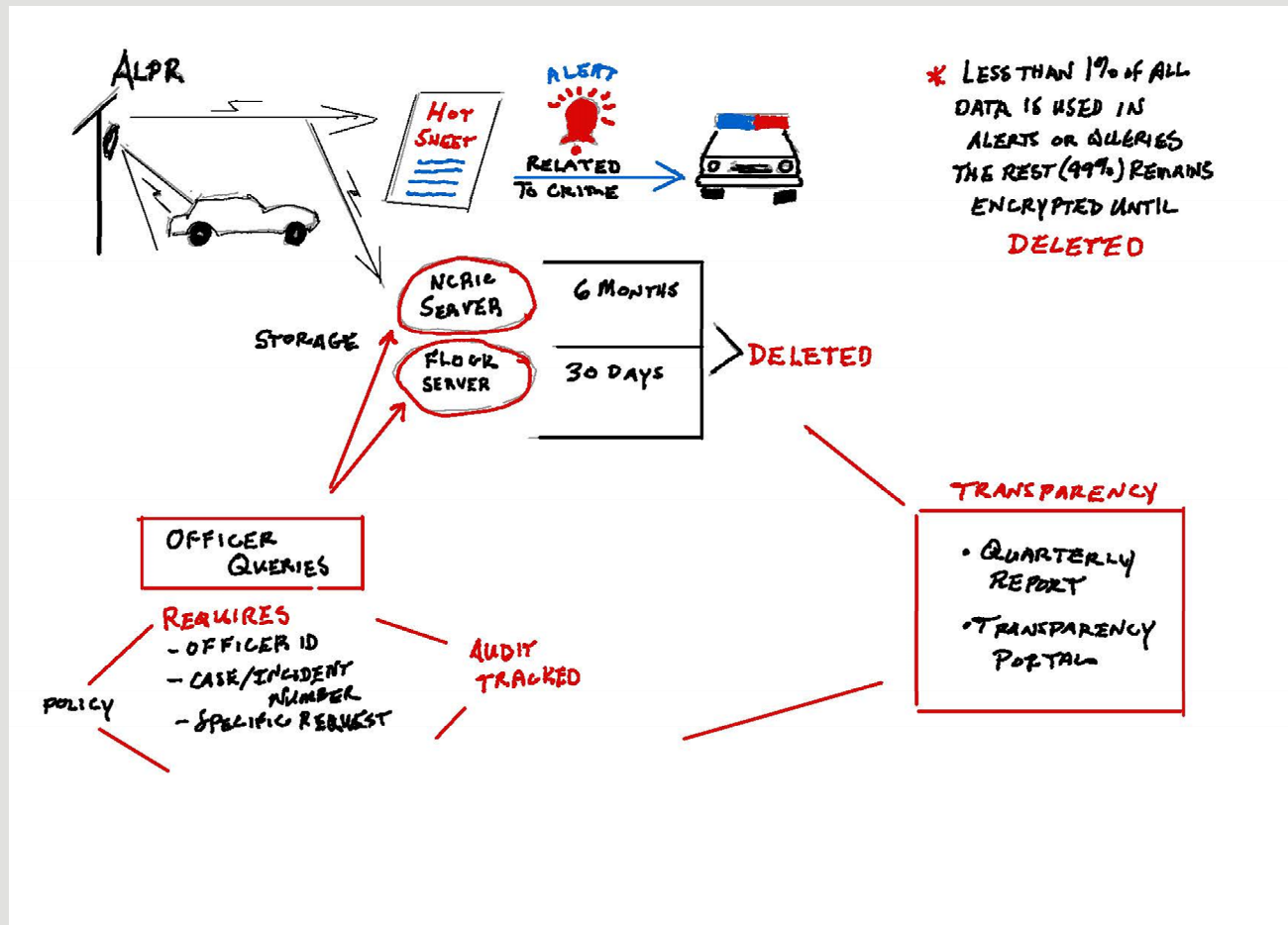


Automated License Plate Readers at Menlo Park PD:

- “Mobile ALPRs” for the past 10 years
 - 3 vehicles currently deployed with ALPR technology
 - ALPR data retention to restricted to 6 months by City Ordinance since 2014.
- MPPD in agreement with Flock Safety for access to Flock ALPR data from Law Enforcement partners, with access approved by mutual agreement between participating agencies (all in CA)



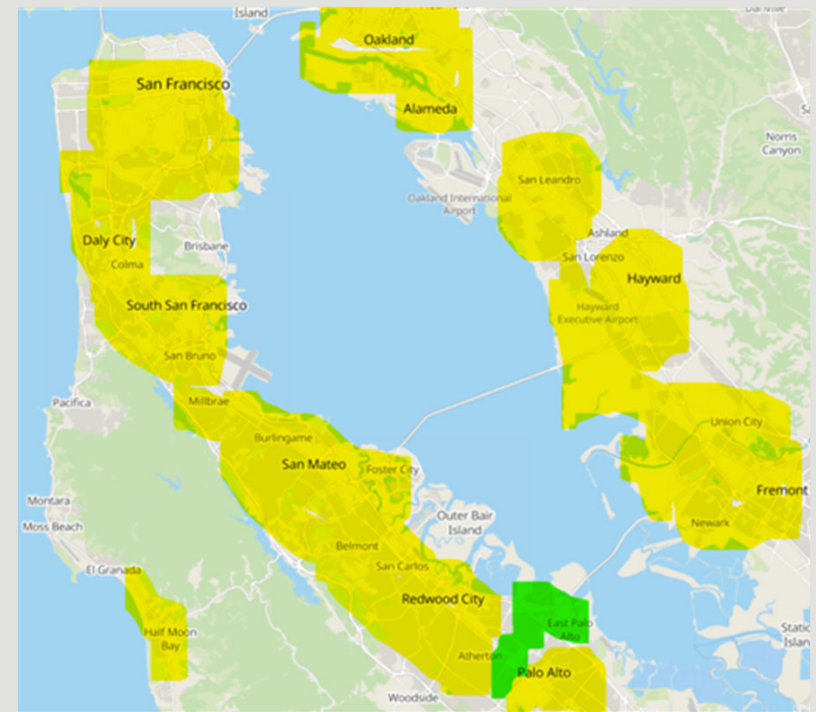
REFRESHER - ALPR AT-A-GLANCE





WHY FLOCK?

- Far less expensive per unit, allows for strategic deployment
- User-friendly, robust database
 - Lum, Merola, et al., George Mason Univ. 2010
- Fixed ALPRs are far more objective and indiscriminate than mobile ALPRs
 - Strategic locations 24-7-365 vs. dependent on random patrol
- Law Enforcement information sharing
 - Leads to more follow-up arrests
 - Ozer, Univ. of Cincinnati 2016
 - Koper & Lum, George Mason Univ. 2019
- TRANSPARENCY PORTAL



Flock ALPR Coverage Planned and Implemented – Bay Area



WHY FLOCK, CONT'D -

- Proven and tested crime fighting and public safety tool:
 - Strategic and Objective Placement
 - Deterrent to criminal activity
 - Proactive Deterrence –
 - Real time alerts to established crime-related vehicles entering our neighborhoods
 - Signage alerts the criminal element to this crime control asset in our community
 - Case Closure and Service to Our Residents - enormous and time-saving supplement to investigative activity.
 - Leads to seizure and return of property and vehicles.
 - Results in arrests of criminals victimizing our community

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- Koper & Lum, George Mason Univ. 2019





WHY FLOCK, CONT'D -

▪ Does Flock Work? – Post-Implementation Data:

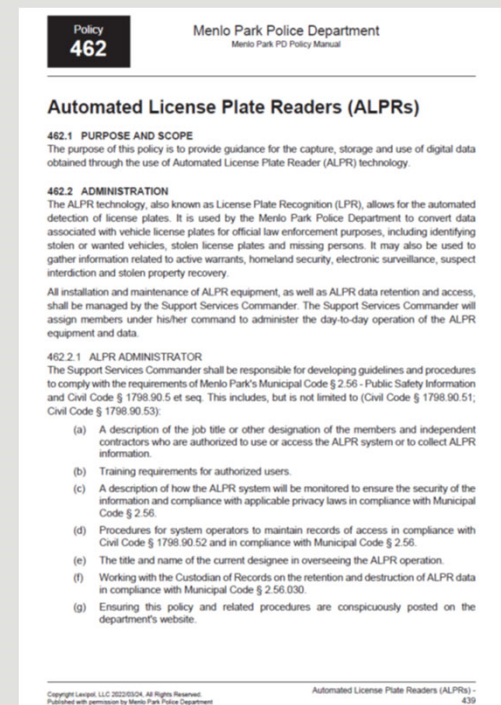
- Case Study – Foster City
 - Implemented in 2021
 - 2022 – Property Crime down 28%, Overall Crime down 13%
 - 2023 – Property Crime still down, Overall Crime down another 12%
- Case Study – South San Francisco
 - Implemented in 2022
 - In 2023:
 - Vehicle burglaries and stolen vehicles both down 12%
 - Commercial burglaries down 43%
 - Catalytic converters down 62%
- Case Study - Grover Beach, CA
 - Implemented in 2023
 - Since deployment, Thefts down 23%, Overall Crime down 17%



CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FLOCK



- MPPD Lexipol Policy – ALPRs (462)
 - Several sections describing the collection & retention, release & sharing, relationships with other agencies, and audits & accountability will be reviewed and revised.
 - Specific direction requiring confirmation of any “flags” or “hits” prior to action, when safe (current policy)
 - Proposed changes were included in the staff report in detail.
 - Commitment to security and accountability, with training of all personnel
 - Audits and transparency, including Quarterly Reporting
 - Strict sharing guidelines including no investigations related to immigration or enforcement that violates CA Laws



CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FLOCK

CONT'D



- Municipal Ordinance (Chapter 2.56)
 - Several sections describing the definition of terms, use of ALPR systems and data storage / retention, prohibited uses, auditing and reporting, and agency policy.
 - Add 30-Day retention for Flock Database
 - Add Quarterly Reporting Requirement
 - Require agreement by “sharing agencies” to abide by MPPD Policy
 - Sharing guidelines will include no investigations related to immigration or enforcement that violates CA Laws
 - A revised Municipal Ordinance will be in place prior to any utilization of an updated ALPR deployment.

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Chapter 2.56

PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

Sections:	Purpose:
2.56.010	Definitions.
2.56.020	Automated license plate reader data use.
2.56.030	Prohibited use of automated license plate reader and data.
2.56.040	Automated license plate reader auditing and reporting.
2.56.050	Public safety camera system data use.
2.56.060	Prohibited use of public safety camera system and data.
2.56.070	Public safety camera system auditing and reporting.
2.56.080	Adoption of department policies.
2.56.090	

2.56.010 Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the proper use of data and recordings gathered by the city through the use of automated license readers and the public safety camera system. (Ord. 1007 § 2 (part), 2014).

2.56.020 Definitions.
For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

- (1) "Automated license plate reader" or "ALPR" means technology, also known as license plate recognition, which provides automated detection of license plates.
- (2) "Data" means information gathered by the automated license plate reader in the form of license plates and metadata (location and time license plate was viewed).
- (3) "Public safety camera system" means cameras that record images only and not sound and that are placed in strategic fixed locations within the city at the direction of the chief of police and with the approval of the city council for the purpose of detecting and deterring crime, to help emergency services personnel maintain public order, to help manage emergency response situations during natural and manmade disasters, to monitor pedestrian and vehicle traffic activity, to assist in the preparation of traffic reports, and to assist city officials in prosecuting and/or defending civil or administrative actions.
- (4) "Recordings" means the recorded images, without sound, recorded by the public safety camera system. (Ord. 1007 § 2 (part), 2014).

2.56.030 Automated license plate reader data use.
(a) Data will be securely transmitted to the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center ("NCRIC") as part of a multi-jurisdictional public safety program created to assist local, state, federal and tribal public safety agencies and critical infrastructure locations with the collection, analysis, and dissemination of criminal threat information, provided NCRIC has executed an agreement with the city agreeing to comply with the retention/destruction provisions set forth in this section.

(b) Data transmitted to NCRIC from the police department shall be kept no more than six (6) months, and then destroyed, unless retention of specific identified license plate data is necessary for an active criminal case or pursuant to a valid court order.

(c) Data may only be accessed by law enforcement personnel who are approved to access the data and who have undergone required NCRIC training for legitimate law enforcement purposes only, such as when the data relates to a specific criminal investigation or department-related civil or administrative action.

The Menlo Park Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 1098, passed July 11, 2023.



COST BREAKDOWN



Flock Project Costs -

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Flock Falcon ALPR Cameras (35 at about \$3000 ea.)	\$105,000
Flock Advanced Search Operating System	\$7,500
<u>Total Ongoing –</u> Cameras and Detection, Software & Secure Data Storage	\$112,500
Professional Services Implementation Fees (First Year Only)*	\$20,750
Total First Year	\$133,250
Two Year Total	\$245,750

This is MPPD's recommended camera deployment.

- Although not recommended, a lesser deployment was included in the staff report
- If desired, we can do a longer contract, per Flock.

* PD to cover First Year \$20,750 Implementation through COPS-SLESF Grant Funds

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FLOCK

CONT'D



■ Resources Used in Development of this Second Discussion on Fixed Automated License Plate Readers:

- Los Altos PD Policy and Ordinance
- Review of local news about data breaches of a public safety agency in our area
- ACLU Model ALPR Policy
- ACLU Article “How to pump the brakes”
- NYU Policing Project Model Policy
- NYU Policing Project White Papers on ALPRs and “Lateral Surveillance”



- Discussion with Police Chiefs from the California Police Chiefs Association and the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff's Association
- Discussion with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, PPSEI - Police Professional Standards, Ethics, and Image Committee



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THANK YOU

M. Gregg Spears

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All Photos



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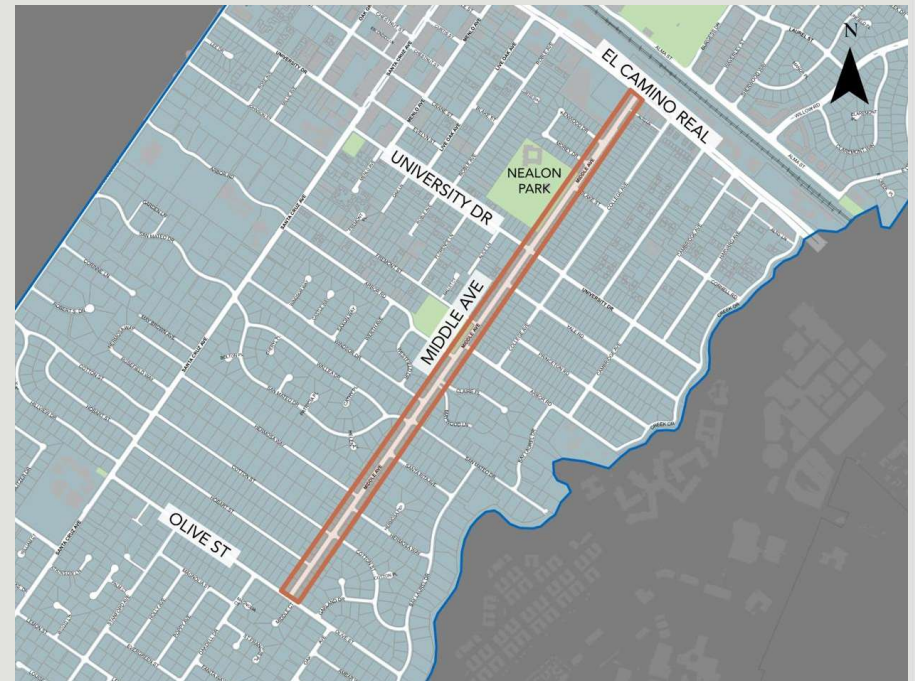
RECOMMENDATIONS ON MIDDLE AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

May 7, 2024



AGENDA

- Project goals
- Background
- Project summary
- Data collection summary
- Recommendations
- Other considerations
- Project schedules





PROJECT GOALS

- Enhance bicyclist and pedestrian visibility and improve safety of all users
- Provide safe and comfortable cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and encourage sustainable mode of transportation
- Increase accessibility of the corridor by supporting improvements related to Middle Plaza and ongoing study of the grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing





BACKGROUND

- March 3, 2022 – Conducted community kick-off meeting
- Oct. 18, 2022 – City Council approved traffic calming measures
- Feb. 14, 2023 – City Council approved the bike lane pilot
- Oct. 2023 – Installed buffer bike lane pilot





PROJECT SUMMARY - BUFFER BIKE LANE PILOT



- Olive St. to El Camino Real



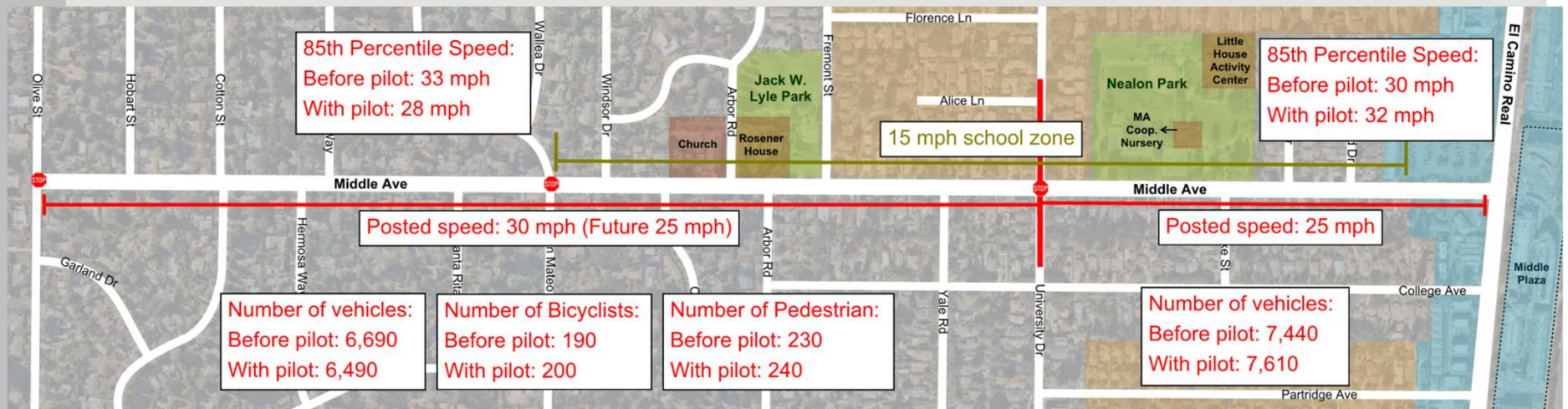


PROJECT SUMMARY – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES





DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY – VOLUMES AND SPEEDS



Before pilot data collection: February to April 2023

With pilot data: March 2024



DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY - COLLISIONS



Before pilot (Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2023)



After pilot (Oct. 2023 - current)



All collisions had no or minor injuries. All pedestrian/bicyclist collisions had minor injuries.



DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY - PARKING OCCUPANCY



#% Maximum percent parking occupancy over several observed dates/times

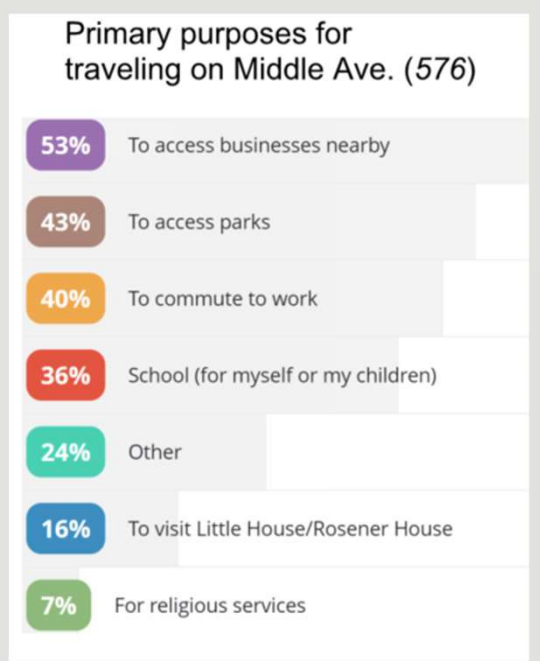
Data collection period: March/April 2024



DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY - PUBLIC SURVEY



- Drivers: Nearly 90% indicated no change to their driving patterns.
- Parking experience: 29% had no trouble finding parking, 38% had trouble finding parking, and 33% had not tried to park on Middle Avenue.
- Bikers: 60% felt safer, 26% felt no change, and 14% felt less safe
- Pedestrians: 36% felt safer, 50% felt no change, and 14% felt less safe





RECOMMENDATIONS – OLIVE ST. TO UNIVERSITY DR.



- Permanent buffered bike lanes - no parking zone on both sides



- Arbor Rd. reached ≥ 95 percent parking occupancy on Sundays
- Maximum parking occupancy on other cross streets (i.e., Westfield Drive, Fremont Street and Windsor Drive): ≤ 50 percent



RECOMMENDATIONS - UNIVERSITY DR. TO ECR

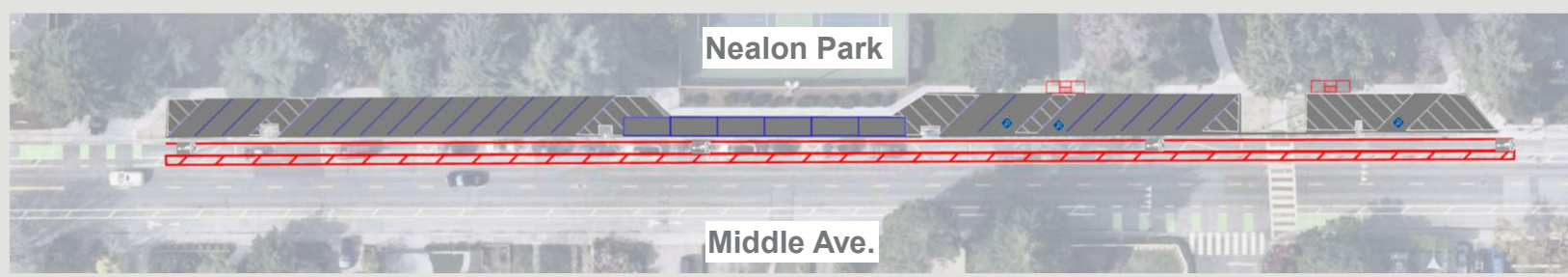


- Pilot Nealon Park frontage: back-in angle parking, shift buffered bike lanes (fall 2024)
- Permanent buffered bike lanes - no parking zone on both sides





RECOMMENDATIONS - UNIVERSITY DR. TO ECR



- Alleviate Nealon Park parking lot and frontage parking demand (i.e., occupancy reached ≥ 95 percent)
- Improve children loading/unloading conditions for park users and nursery families
- Improve sight visibilities

Nealon Park frontage parking inventory		
Parking configuration	Total regular spaces	Total accessible spaces
Perpendicular parking (Pre-pilot)	46	3
Parallel parking (current configuration)	14	3
Back-in angle parking (proposed configuration)	26	3



RECOMMENDATIONS – BACK IN ANGLE PARKING



How does it work?

Just like parallel parking:

1. Signal a right turn to warn other drivers.
2. Pull past the parking spot and stop.
3. Reverse into the parking spot.



Stanford Ave.








OTHER CONSIDERATIONS - NEALON PARK PARKING LOT



Existing: 26 diagonal spaces
Proposed: 37 perpendicular spaces

Legends:

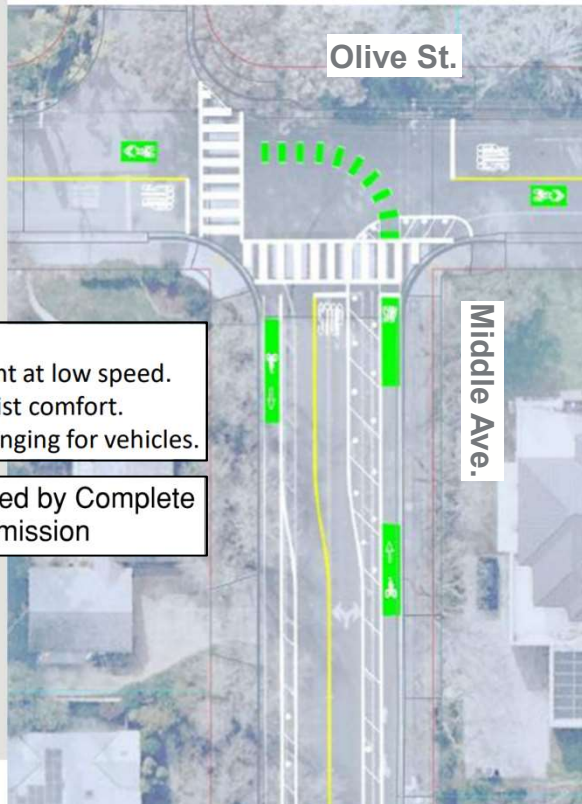
-  Existing asphalt path
-  Existing concrete path
-  Proposed parking layout / path





OTHER CONSIDERATIONS - AT OLIVE ST.

**Option A:
Protected Intersection**

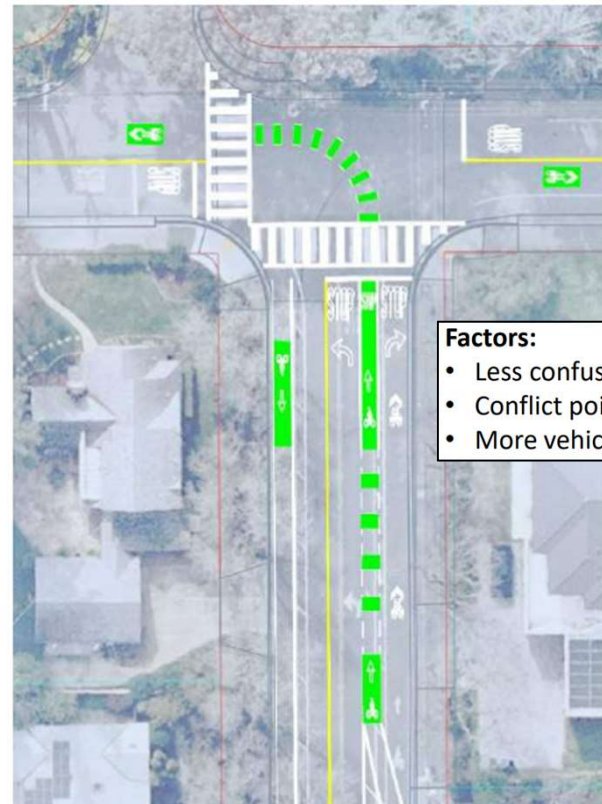


Factors:

- Conflict point at low speed.
- More bicyclist comfort.
- More challenging for vehicles.

Recommended by Complete Streets Commission

**Option B:
Bend Out + Right Turn Pocket**



Factors:

- Less confusion at stop sign.
- Conflict point at higher speed.
- More vehicle capacity.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS - CROSSING SAFETY / CIRCULATION



- Continue to monitor



PROJECT SCHEDULES

- May 7: City Council actions

Trial (e.g., Nealon Park parking lot / frontage parking)

- Design: summer 2024
- Construction: fall/winter 2024

Permanent (e.g., buffer bike lanes, traffic calming, resurfacing)

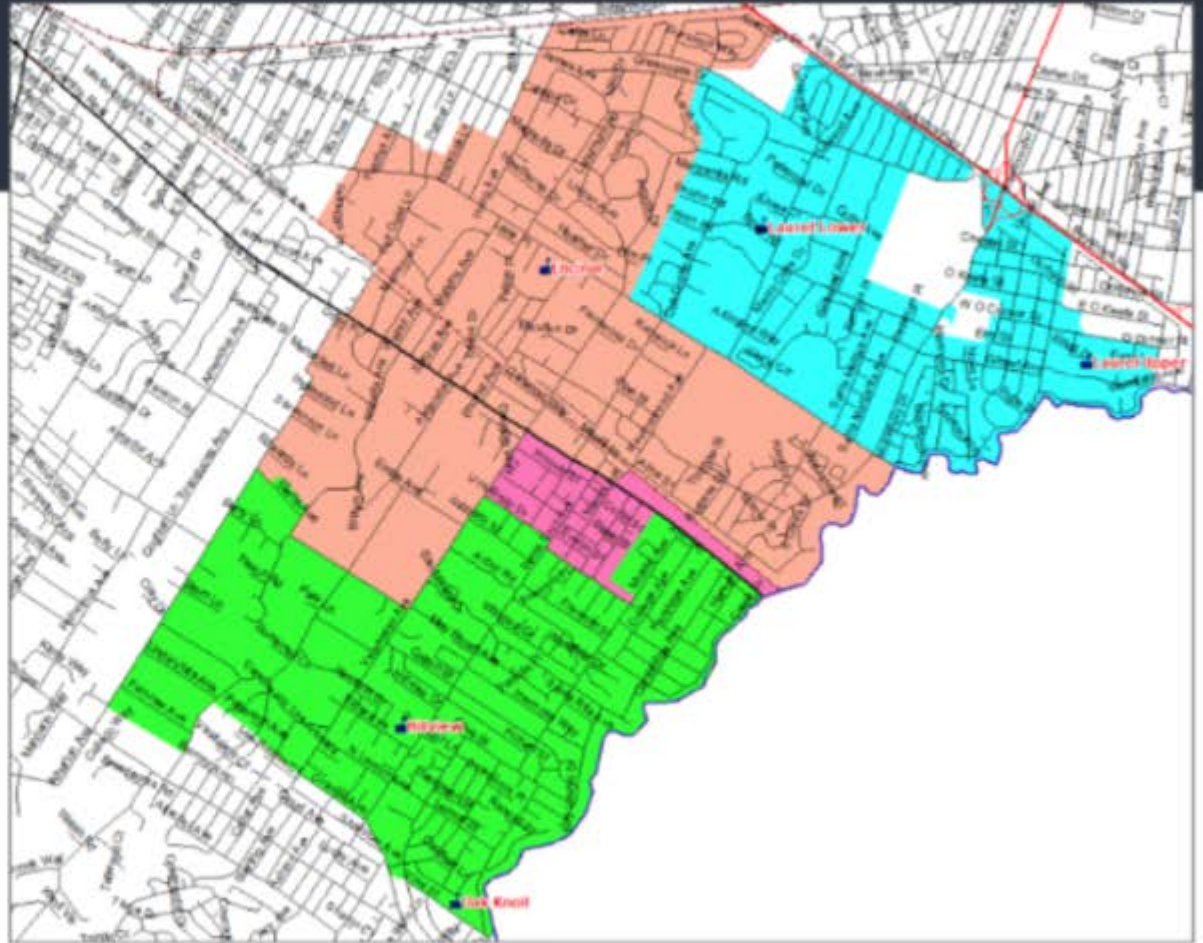
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THANK YOU

Current Recommendation: Downtown Corridor + Middle Plaza

This map outlines MPCSD's current school attendance boundaries in color. The **pink** area of this map is the attendance area currently being recommended to shift from Encinal to Oak Knoll.



Map courtesy Menlo Park City School District. Green is Oak Knoll School. Orange is Encinal School. Blue is Laurel School. Screenshot courtesy Menlo Park City School District.



MIDDLE AVENUE CALTRAIN CROSSING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

May 6, 2024





PROJECT UPDATE



- Design and construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing of the Caltrain railroad in the vicinity of Middle Avenue
- August 29, 2023 – City Council approved the proposed design
- May 6, 2024 - Purchase of a portion of 700-800 El Camino Real
- Caltrain coordination on next steps





ON-GOING CALTRAIN COORDINATION - COSTS



- Construction
 - 2023 range: \$23 to \$35 million
 - 2024 estimate: \$34 million
 - \$15 million utilities (fiber, electrical)
- Soft costs (design, environmental, project / construction management)
 - 2023: \$2.2 million
 - 2024 February: \$6.1 million
 - 2024 March: \$28 million
- Total project cost: \$62 million





ON-GOING CALTRAIN COORDINATION – PHASING



- Phase 1 – advance preliminary design, complete environmental clearance, engage in contractor selection process, independent cost estimator, value engineering
 - Complete by spring 2025
 - U.S. Department of Transportation - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
 - KEY DECISION POINT: Update to council on cost and schedule → seek direction on next steps
- Phase 2 – utility relocation design and design at 65%
- Phase 3 – utility relocation construction and final design
- Phase 4 – undercrossing construction
 - Summer 2026 to 2028



RECOMMENDATION



- Staff requests that the City Council authorize the city manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Caltrain for \$2,000,000 to develop engineering design and environmental clearance documents for the Middle Avenue Caltrain Crossing Project



THANK YOU!