Complete Streets Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/13/2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St. Menlo Park

701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call to Order

Chair Kirsch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Behroozi (arrived at 8:22 p.m.), Goldin, Kirsch, Lee, Levin (arrived at 7:07 p.m.),

Mazzara, Meyer, Walser, Weiner

Absent: None

Staff: Associate Transportation Engineer Kevin Chen, Junior Engineer Marlon Aumentado

Chair Kirsch welcomed the new Complete Streets Commissioner – Evan Goldin.

C. Reports and Announcements

Staff Chen announced upcoming City events and a summary of City Council actions on advisory commissions/committee organizational and transportation related items since the January 9, Commission meeting.

D. Public Comment

None.

E. Regular Business

E1. Approve the Complete Streets Commission regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2019 (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Lee/Walser) to approve the Complete Streets Commission regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2019, passed (7-0-1-1, Meyer abstained, Behroozi absent).

E2. Adopt a Resolution to install a passenger loading zone and red curb on Pine Street at Oak Grove Avenue (Staff Report #19-001-CSC)

Staff Aumentado provided a presentation (Attachment).

- Marie Moran requested that the project be postponed while the design feasibility of a vehicle cutout on Oak Grove Avenue is being assessed.
- Bette Bohler spoke in opposition of the project. Bohler also requested that parking be removed on

- one side of Pine Street to aid emergency vehicle access.
- Jen Wolosin spoke in support of the Oak Grove bike lanes and suggested working with the property owner to construct a new gate and pathway to allow building access from Pine Street.
- Phillip Bahr shared his email with the Commission, spoke in opposition of the project, and supported removing parking on one side of Pine Street (Attachment).

ACTION: Motion and second (Meyer/Mazzara) to adopt a resolution to install a 5-minute passenger loading zone and red curb on Pine Street at Oak Grove Avenue with an amendment to revert back if a vehicle cut-out on Oak Grove is feasible and constructed, passed (8-0-1; Behroozi absent).

E3. Discuss the Commission subcommittees

Chair Kirsch led a discussion and each subcommittee shared their goals and priorities.

ACTION: By acclamation, the Commission voted to:

- Select Commissioner Goldin to the Downtown Access and Parking Subcommittee
- Retitle Electric Vehicle Subcommittee to the Zero Emission Subcommittee
- Select Commissioner Goldin to the Zero Emission Subcommittee
- E4. Discuss the Complete Streets Commission goals and priorities for 2019 2020

Chair Kirsch led a discussion.

• Jen Wolosin spoke in support of obtaining a civil engineer for the capital improvement division under public works, dedicated to safe routes to school transportation infrastructure projects.

ACTION: By acclamation, the Chair and Vice Chair will summarize the feedback and provide staff a list of Commission goals and priorities offline.

F. Informational Items

F1. Update on major project status

Staff Chen provided updates on the transportation master plan, Ravenswood Avenue railroad crossing project, Middle Avenue pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing, Willow Road and U.S. Highway 101 interchange construction, and a construction bid for rectangular rapid flashing beacons at five locations.

G. Committee/Subcommittee Reports

G1. Update from Active Transportation Network Subcommittee

None.

G2. Update from Electric Vehicle Subcommittee

None.

G3. Update from Downtown Access and Parking Subcommittee

None.

G4. Update from Multimodal Subcommittee

Commissioner Levin provided meeting summary from a Silicon Valley Regional Rail Committee meeting that she attended.

G5. Update from Safe Routes to School Program Subcommittee

None.

G6. Update from Transportation Master Plan Subcommittee

None.

H. Adjournment

Chair Kirsch adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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- Background Information
- Analysis
- Proposal





BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Nov 13, 2018
 - City Council adopted resolution to approve the permanent installation of bicycle facilities and remove parking on Oak Grove Avenue
 - Council directed staff to move forward with implementation of a loading zone on Pine Street while the feasibility of a vehicle cut-out on Oak Grove is assessed











PINE STREET

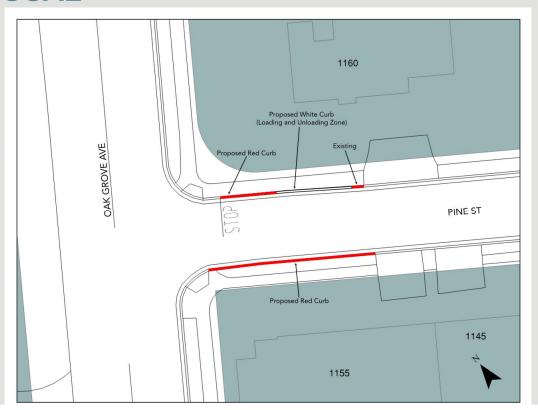








PROPOSAL







Staff recommends that the Complete Streets Commission adopt a resolution to install a 5-minue passenger loading zone (white curb and signage) and red curb (removing a total of three on-street parking spaces) on Pine Street at Oak Grove Avenue to provide a short-term loading area for adjacent residents



From:

Phillip Bahr <bahr5@outlook.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 3:17 PM

To:

transportation@menlopark.org

Cc:

Phillip Bahr

Subject:

"Potential White Curb Installation" (Pine Street, Transportation Meeting Agenda Item on

2/13/2019)

To Whom This Concerns:

I am in opposition to the proposal of the Potential White Curb Installation on Pine Street. The proposed Potential White (and Red) Curb Installation does not add parking, it removes parking.

REQUEST: I agree that we have a parking and access problem on Pine Street. What can I do to assist in a prompt resolution (say within the next thirty to ninety days)?

BACKGROUND: We have a bigger and yet connected problem on Pine Street. Safety and Accessibility. Pine Street is approximately twenty five feet in width. This width does not comply with current transportation standards. Cars and trucks oftentimes park illegally on our sidewalks and California Water Service meter covers. I've been told that the reason folks park on our sidewalk is to avoid getting their vehicles damaged. They've damaged our sidewalks, street tree planting areas and utility covers.

Vehicles also use our street as a short cut. I have witnessed cars darting across Ravenswood and Oak Grove onto Pine Street as they leave from a local business and school.

Of most concern, fire trucks and ambulances are unable to drive down our street in an emergency if cars are parked on both sides of the street. This is an unacceptable situation and the City was notified of this condition in 2017.

Kind Regards,

Phillip Bahr 1119 Pine Street, B Menlo Park, CA 94025

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