

Complete Streets Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Date: 2/12/2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Teleconference and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Altman, Bailey, Ierokomos, Cole, King, Cebrian, Rascoff
Absent: None
Staff: Senior Transportation Planner Catrine Machi

C. Reports and Announcements

Staff announced that the April 9, Complete Streets Commission meeting will be held at the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC).

D. Public Comment

- Nancy Larocca Hedley spoke in support of traffic calming measures on Partridge Avenue.
- Bill Kirsch spoke in support of the Slow Streets Program and a comprehensive approach to traffic calming on College Avenue, Partridge Avenue and Cambridge Avenue.

E. Regular Business

E1. Accept the Complete Streets Commission minutes for Dec. 11, 2024 and Jan. 8, 2025 (Attachment).

ACTION: Motion and second (Cebrian/ Bailey), to accept the Complete Streets Commission minutes for December 11, 2024 and January 8, 2025, passed unanimously.

E2. Receive an update on the Middle Avenue Traffic Calming Implementation (Attachment)

Staff Machi made the presentation.

The Commission received clarification on the traffic calming elements at Blake Street, efficacy of speed feedback signs and the spacing of those signs, enforcement of speed and when vehicles are parked in the bike lanes and impact of cut-through traffic to neighboring streets to Middle Avenue.

- Laura Melahn spoke in support of moving the flashing beacons to the High Visibility Crossing at Arbor Drive, consideration of the impact of the traffic calming measures on Middle Avenue on nearby streets and pairing the Middle Avenue improvements with traffic calming experiments on

Allied Arts Streets.

- Bill Kirsch spoke in support of the Middle Avenue traffic calming plan and quick-build, trial traffic calming on College Avenue and Partridge Avenue.
- Paul Sullivan spoke in support of moving the flashing beacons to the High Visibility Crossing at Arbor Drive and simple, low-cost traffic calming on Arbor Road, College Avenue, Cambridge Avenue and Partridge Avenue.
- Michael Lambert spoke in support of increased enforcement at the stop sign on San Mateo Drive and Middle Avenue and speed cameras on Middle Avenue.

The Commission discussed stop compliance for bicyclists, project impacts to cut-through traffic in the neighborhood, safety and enforcement issues related to speeding and parking occurring in the bike lanes, additional traffic calming measures on nearby streets and bollard options to supplement the bike lane buffers on Middle Avenue.

The Commission requested more information on the placement and frequency of speed feedback signs, counts and speed data on Middle Avenue and neighboring streets, the addition of the raised crosswalk and flashing beacons at Yale Road and if the flashing beacons planned for Arbor Road crossing can be moved to the other Arbor Road crossing that does not have the raised crosswalk.

The Commission discussed the importance of addressing low-cost traffic calming on College Avenue and Partridge Avenue, further study of the installation of a stop sign at College Avenue and Arbor Road and exploring the use of bollards in the bike lane on Middle Avenue concurrent with the Middle Avenue improvements this summer.

F. Informational Items

F1. Update on major project status

The Commission received an update on the City Council action on Feb. 11, to support a grant application for future shuttle funding.

F2. Tentative Complete Streets Commission agenda

The Commission discussed adding a dialogue with the police department to share perspectives on various projects.

The Commission discussed rescheduling the April 9 meeting in Belle Haven, due to spring break for the Menlo Park School District, to April 16.

G. Committee/Subcommittee Reports

None.

H. Adjournment

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Catrine Machi, Senior Transportation Planner



MIDDLE AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS TRAFFIC CALMING IMPLEMENTATION

February 12, 2025

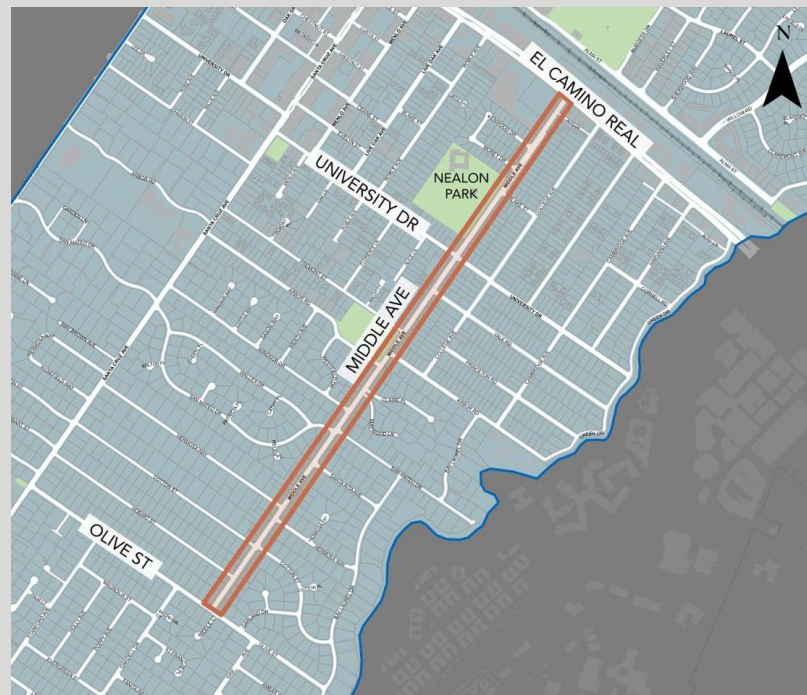
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AGENDA

- Background
- Traffic Calming Elements
- Design
- Next Steps

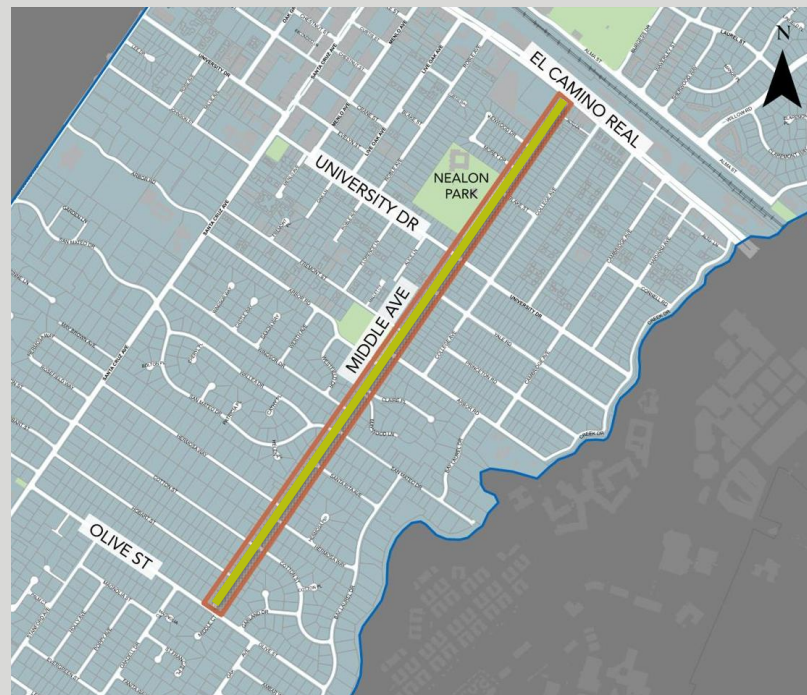
BACKGROUND

- Mar. 2021: Middle Avenue Complete Streets Project
- Oct. 2022: Traffic calming measures approved
- May 2024: Permanent buffered bike lanes approved



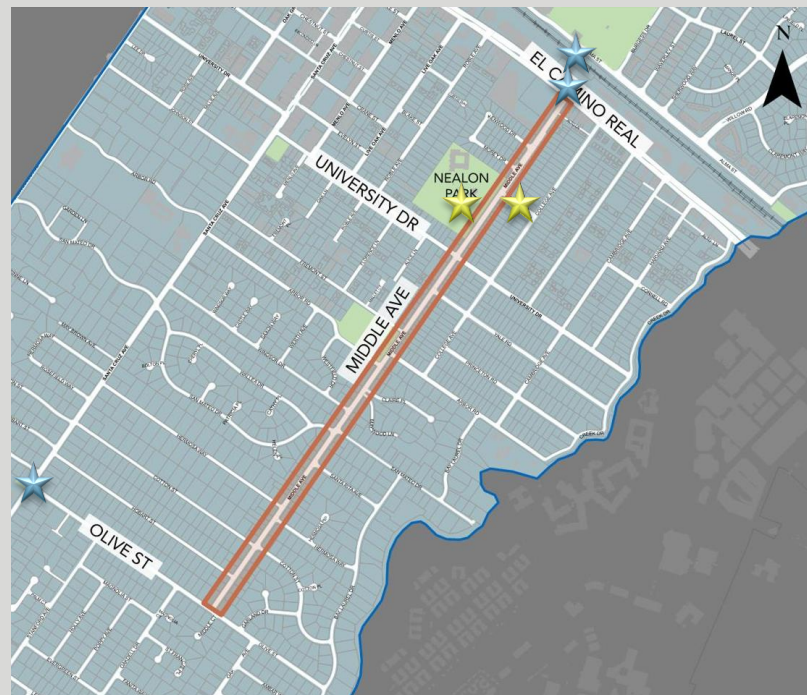
CURRENT

- ★ Summer 2025: Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Construction



FUTURE

- ★ Santa Cruz and Olive St. intersection improvements
- ★ Middle Caltrain Undercrossing
- ★ Middle/El Camino Real intersection improvements
- ★ Evaluate Pilot Projects



TRAFFIC CALMING TIMELINE

- Oct 2022 – CSC accepted staff recommendations for placement of specific elements
- 2023-2024 – Bikeway Design work
- 2025 – Final design of traffic calming elements



CORRIDOR TRAFFIC CALMING



- Traffic calming tools
 - Raised crosswalks
 - Speed humps
 - Flashing beacons (RRFBs)
 - Stop signs
 - Bulb outs



WHAT ARE THESE FEATURES?

- Raised Crosswalk with Flashing Beacons



WHAT ARE THESE FEATURES?

- Speed Feedback Sign
- High Visibility Crosswalk
- Bulb Out



High Visibility Crosswalk



Bulb Out



Speed Feedback
Sign

WHAT ARE THESE FEATURES?

- Speed Hump



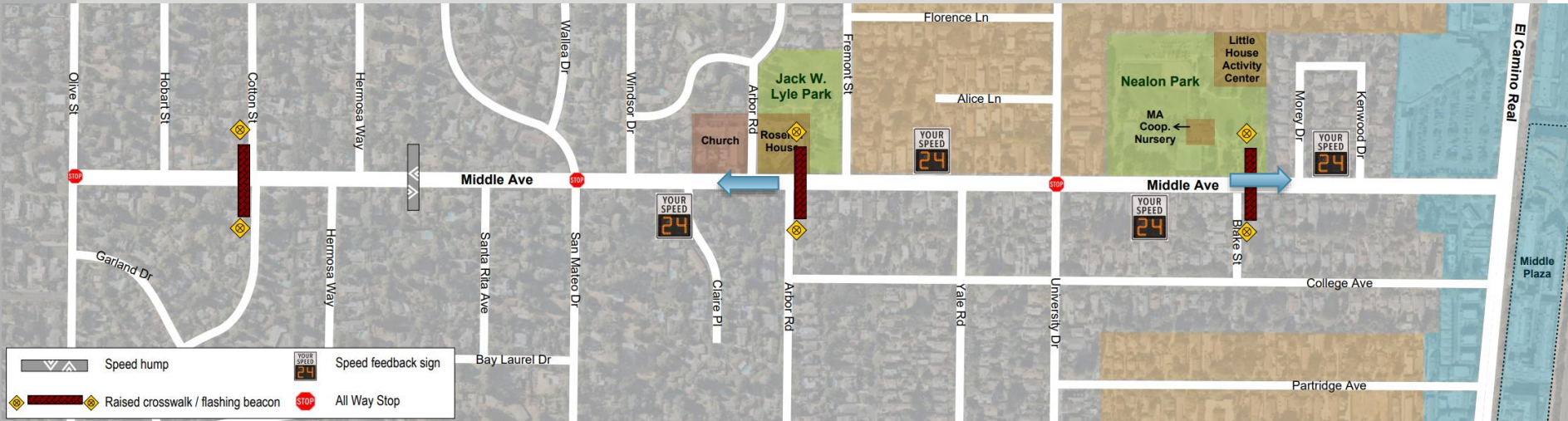
CHANGES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Location	Proposed Traffic Calming Measure
Blake Street	Raised crosswalk
	Flashing Beacons*
University Drive	Bulb-out/curb extension on middle Removed with adoption of buffered bike lane design
Arbor Road	Raised crosswalk
	Flashing Beacons
San Mateo Drive	All-way stop*
	Bulb-out/curb extension on Middle Removed with adoption of buffered bike lane design
Cotton Street	Raised crosswalk
Olive Street	Bulb-out/curb extension on Middle
Additional Measures	Speed hump, speed feedback signs

* Installed and will remain



CHANGES FROM CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TO ENGINEERING DESIGN



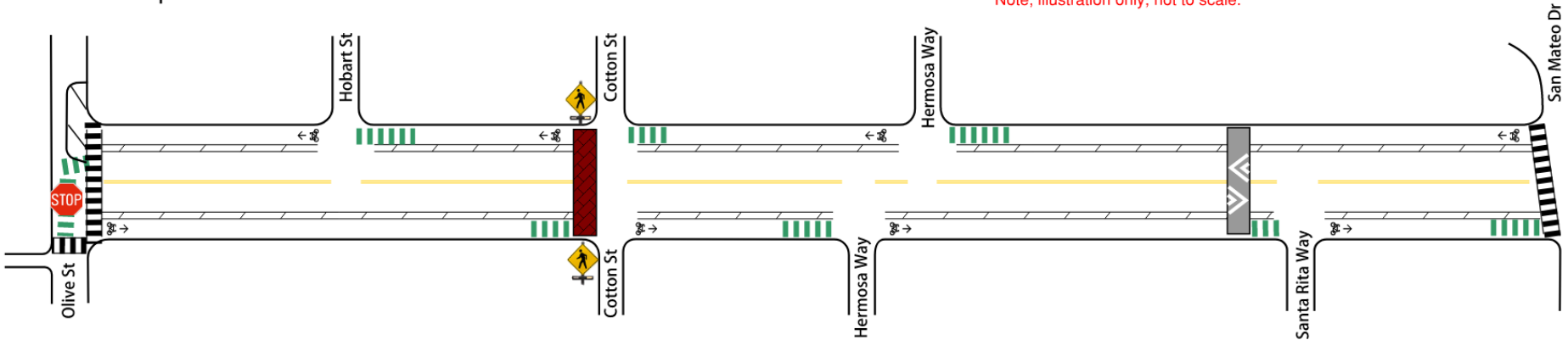









TRAFFIC CALMING DESIGN



Middle Complete Streets

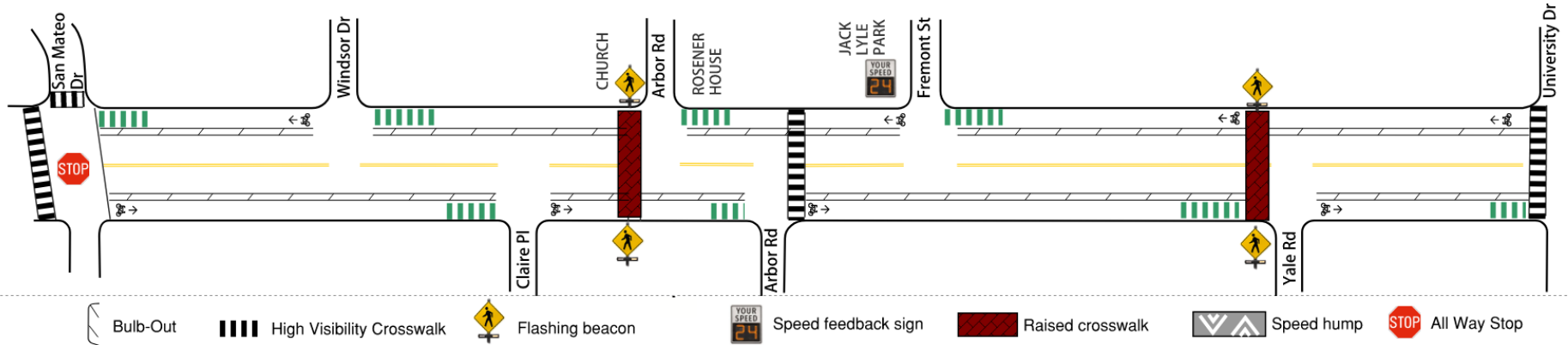
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-  Bulb-Out
-  High Visibility Crosswalk
-  Flashing beacon
-  Speed feedback sign
-  Raised crosswalk
-  Speed hump
-  All Way Stop

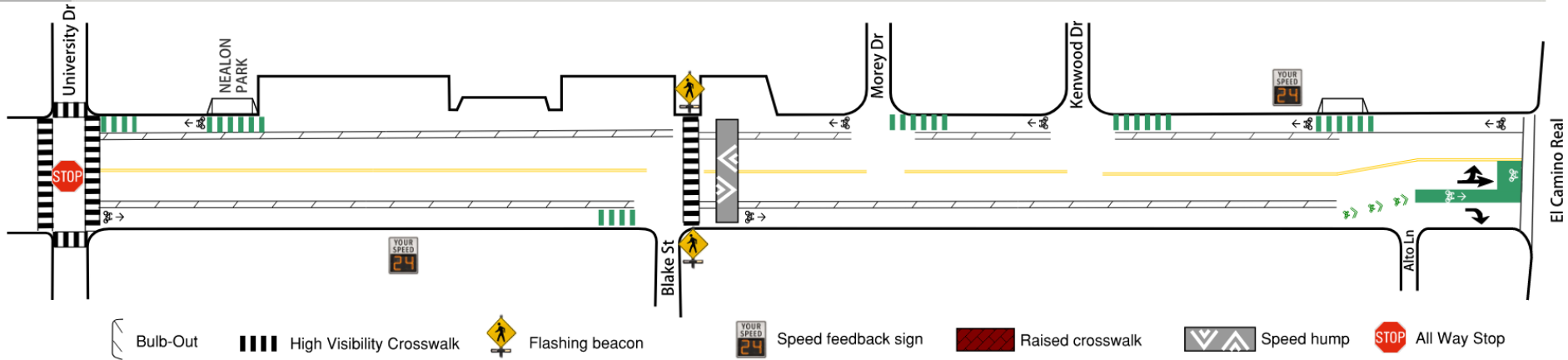


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PROJECT SPECIFIC - NEXT STEPS

- Advertise and award the contract for Middle Ave resurfacing and traffic calming implementation (Spring 2025)
 - Work will be partially funded through a TA Grant - \$1.2 million
- Construction – 70 working days (Summer 2025)
 - Target is to be substantially complete before school begins on August 20th



RELATED WORK - NEXT STEPS

- Olive and Santa Cruz Intersection Design (Summer 2025)
 - Construction is dependent on grant funding
- Gather community feedback on Pilot Projects: Blake St Closure and Back-in Angle Parking at Nealon Park (Fall 2025)
- Continue work on Middle Caltrain Undercrossing
- Continue work on Middle and El Camino Real intersection improvements
- Re-start Neighborhood Traffic Management Program – renamed Slow Streets (staffing dependent, TBD)



THANK YOU