



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
AND
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2019
RJ BRYANT SERVICE CENTER
41 MILES AVENUE
LOS GATOS, CA
7:30 A.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public may address the Commissions on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Commissions, remarks shall be limited to three minutes.)*

OTHER BUSINESS *(Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)*

1. General Plan Update (Discussion of Commissioners provided comments)
(Attachment 1 – General Plan Memo to BPAC & TPC Commissioners – Staff direction)

ADJOURNMENT

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**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TRANSPORTATION & PARKING
COMMISSION & BICYCLE &
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 03/14/2019
SPECIAL MEETING
ITEM NO: 1

DATE: MARCH 7, 2019
TO: TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION AND BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: MATT MORLEY, PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN 2040 COMMISSION INPUT TO THE GENERAL PLAN
ADVISORY COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction to staff on input to the General Plan Advisory Commission for the 2040 General Plan update.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has undertaken the update to its General Plan. Part of the process includes significant outreach to gather input from stakeholders. To facilitate meaningful and effective communication from Town Commissions, staff is facilitating the process with the goal of providing combined input from the commissions in a letter to the General Plan Advisory Commission.

DISCUSSION:

Over the past several months, Commissioners have been asked to provide input to Town staff. Staff has compiled that input (Attachment 1). Staff has taken some latitude in interpreting, refining, and grouping the input. The next step is for the Commissions to review the input and provide feedback to staff. Staff recommends the following topics for discussion:

1. Does the information as presented reflect the input of the Commission as a whole?
2. Are there additions, modifications, or deletions that should be made?
3. Is the format effective? Would combined input from both Commissions be more effective?
4. Any other areas of insight the Commissioners would like to discuss.

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CONCLUSIONS:

Following input from the Commissions, staff will work towards a final version for distribution and consideration at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Letter to the General Plan Advisory Commission



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March 7, 2019

General Plan Advisory Committee

The Transportation and Parking Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission have been actively following the General Plan 2040 Update process. In the interest of fulfilling their role as representatives of the Town's residents and advisory to the Town Council, the Commissions have worked together to provide input into the process. The following recommendations reflect several months of deliberation.

The Transportation and Parking Commission provides the following input to the General Plan Advisory Committee with respect to the development of the General Plan 2040.

The following Goals (TRA-X) from the General Plan 2020 continue to be relevant, with the noted emphasis:

TRA-1 To develop transportation systems that meet current and future needs of residents and businesses.

- Improve multi-modal connectivity across Highway 17 to link east and west Los Gatos.
- Provide for innovative traffic management systems and approaches.
- Support regional policy and infrastructure to relieve local cut through traffic.

TRA-2 To create and maintain a safe, efficient, and well-designed roadway network.

- Utilize context sensitive traffic control devices such as electronic speed signs and RRFBs.
- Develop complete streets within the Town that include landscaping and shared space for bicycles, cars, pedestrians, and transit.
- Integrate unincorporated county pockets and program safety improvements to bring these areas up to Town standards.
- Ensure signalized intersections utilize current technologies for efficiency.

TRA-3 To prevent and mitigate traffic impacts from new development.

- Ensure ongoing measurement and reporting for conditions of approval associated with new development.
- Leverage new development to improve existing transportation infrastructure.

TRA-5 To ensure that Los Gatos streets are safe for all users, including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

- Create or update crosswalks with enhanced lighting, view angles, and traffic calming.
- Enhance nighttime safety in heavily used pedestrian areas through street lighting.
- Enhance Safe Routes to Schools

TRA-6 To improve traffic flow in the downtown and reduce the effect of downtown traffic on nearby commercial and residential areas.

- Ensure Los Gatos High School and local business engages to mitigate impacts from traffic and parking from business, school, and event use.

TRA-8 To improve mass transit within Los Gatos

- Encourage and incentivize the use of transit.

TRA-9 To reduce reliance on the automobile by promotion alternative modes of transportation in the transportation system.

- Allow for innovative solutions for first mile – last mile connections.
- Install protected bike lanes where they can facilitate multi-modal transportation.
- Explore community bussing, shuttles, or other transit alternatives.

TRA-10 To encourage increased levels of bicycling and walking.

- Incorporate the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan into the General Plan
- Actively fund implementation of the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Regulate prominent placement of bike racks and vehicle charging locations.

TRA-11 To provide a safe and efficient system of bicycle and multiple use trails throughout the Town, creating a non-motorized connection to recreational commuting destinations.

- Improve wayfinding for non-vehicle modes.

TRA-12 To ensure a well-designed and well-maintained system of trails that connects the Town and open space areas.

TRA-13 To provide adequate parking for existing and proposed uses, and to minimize impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods.

- Balance parking restrictions with traffic flow, safety, and parking supply.
- For new development, encourage underground parking and discourage surface lot parking.

TRA-14 To ensure that there is adequate parking in Downtown to meet the needs of Los Gatos residents and visitors.

- Explore adjustments to time limited parking.
- Explore paid parking.

These additional insights are provided outside of the previous goals:

- Utilize the input of Commissions for guiding Council decisions.
- Prioritize green house gas reducing opportunities.
- Increase residential density downtown.
- Promote design that enhances conflict free pedestrian access to commercial buildings.
- Prohibit commercial drive-throughs.
- Enhance downtown sidewalk width to allow for sidewalk dining and cafes.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission provides the following input to the General Plan Advisory Committee with respect to the development of the General Plan 2040.

TRA-2 To create and maintain a safe, efficient, and well-designed roadway network.

- All thoroughfares to have traffic calming structures installed every 500 meters.

TRA-5 To ensure that Los Gatos streets are safe for all users, including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

- Cyclists and similar users have appropriately placed push-to-cross buttons or detection sensors at all traffic signals.
- Major thoroughfares will have Class IV Bikeways.
- Widen Blossom Hill Bridge over 17 as well as the connecting roads to include dedicated bikeways.
- Refurbish the pedestrian bridge over Highway 17 including enhanced signage and improved approaches.
- Class IV bikeways and sidewalks on all streets within 1000 meters of a school.
- Prioritize improved bicycle infrastructure on Lark Avenue, Roberts Road East, Main Street, and University Avenue.
- Design driveway and alley crossings of sidewalks so that pedestrians and drivers can see one another 2 meters before the actual intersection.

TRA-8 To improve mass transit within Los Gatos

- Support VTA Light Rail Vasona Extension to Los Gatos.

TRA-10 To encourage increased levels of bicycling and walking.

- Fully fund and implement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

TRA-11 To provide a safe and efficient system of bicycle and multiple use trails throughout the Town, creating a non-motorized connection to recreational commuting destinations.

- LG Creek Trail to be on both sides of the creek north of Lark Ave to provide access to Light Rail.
- Class IV bikeways on Winchester Blvd north of Highway 85 to serve active transportation users connection to St. Tomas Expressway.
- New pedestrian bridge over Highway 17 north of Lark Ave.
- Convert the Los Gatos Creek Trail to a 24/7 all-weather multi-use path that is lit at night.
- Reconstruct the Highway 9 at Highway 17 interchange including accommodation for bikes and peds including access to the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

These additional insights are provided outside of the previous goals:

- Set a town-wide maximum speed limit of 25 MPH.
- Increase enforcement of traffic laws focusing on speed limits, stop signs, signals.
- Integrate traffic cameras at intersections.
- Minimize pedestrian wait time at intersections, targeting a maximum of two minutes.
- Limit school hours to daylight hours.

Sincerely,

/s

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