

From: [Todd Collart](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:06:10 AM

Complete Streets Commission:

I am writing in regards to the proposed parking restriction around all of Los Altos High School.

I have been a resident at the corner of Panchita Way and Arbuelo Way since 1994. I am opposed to the proposed traffic restriction program, and view this as an overreaction to a few resident complaints. I understand that Panchita and surrounding streets have a lot of school related parking during the day, during special events, and during baseball games. However, these times are limited and should not disrupt or limit homeowners ability to park on their own street, Furthermore, I think erecting tons of signs and poles ruin the aesthetics of the neighborhood and has the potential to impact home values.

Thank you for considering my concerns,

Todd Collart
206 Arbuelo Way

From: [David Marek](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Heidi Swartz](#)
Subject: Transportation/parking around LAH
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:53:11 AM

Complete Streets Commission,

I am writing in regards to the proposed parking restriction around all of Los Altos High School. I have been a resident of Panchita Way for nearly ten years, and my son is a freshman at LAH.

The proposed traffic restriction program lacks some details, but the proposal implies that residents will not be able to park in restricted parking zones from 8 am to 12 pm. Is it true that the restriction applies to residents and non-residents alike? If so, this doesn't help solve the problem. It only cause a severe inconvenience to residents.

There is no mention of whether the parking restrictions could be lifted in the future when construction at the high school is completed and more parking will be available on campus.

Although I realize that Panchita and surrounding streets get a lot of school related parking during the day, during special events, and during baseball games, I prefer not having the parking restrictions for the following reasons;

- 1) I like the option of parking my car on the street and allowing visitors to my house to park on the street.
- 2) I find that having parked cars does generally make drivers drive more slowly down Panchita, but this is just anecdotal. The narrower a street becomes with parked vehicles, the slower vehicles tend to drive down the street, a form of traffic calming if you wish.
- 3) Restricting parking on the streets near Los Altos High School will cause parking to occur on streets further away from the high school, generating the same set of resident complaints listed under your Agenda Item #2.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and ideas.

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From: [Pierre Pasturel](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:14:12 AM

Hi Art - Please forward this other public comment below to the Complete Streets commissioners. Thank you.

Before giving a recommendation to the city council, I encourage you to poll all impacted residents (i.e., residents who live where the new parking restriction would be imposed, residents who live within a block or two who might be indirectly impacted by school parking that might be pushed to their streets, and residents where the current restrictions are being imposed on Merritt and Valencia and other streets) in order to determine if at least a simple majority of residents are in favor or against any newly proposed parking restrictions.

The poll, however, should be sufficiently detailed and specific about the proposed parking restriction policy so that residents understand how this might impact them (Ex., signs near or in front of their houses and not being allowed to park on the street during the restricted hours and visitors not being able to park on the street during restricted hours).

When I helped organize my section of Panchita Way to have a single-story overlay, the city required us to have a 2/3 majority to approve the single story overlay. The process was rigorous and the vote was conducted by the city. I also propose you recommend to the city council that the city conduct a vote by impacted residents to determine if a 2/3 majority of residents approve before they vote on the parking restrictions.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Pierre Pasturel
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On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 12:14 AM Pierre Pasturel <pasturel@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Complete Streets Commission,

I am writing in regards to the proposed parking restriction around all of Los Altos High School. I have been a resident of Panchita Way for 25 years and I am also a former Los Altos Traffic Commissioner when there was a Traffic Commission. I am also a teacher at Egan Junior High.

The proposed traffic restriction program lacks some details:

- 1) The map on page 5 of the agenda (first page for Agenda Item 2) does not mark where the new proposed parking restrictions would be implemented. For example, how far up Panchita, Los Ninos, Distel, and Casita will the restriction be placed? As far as Alvarado? As far as Marich? Is this yet to be decided and, if so, will there be another meeting where residents can voice their opinions about the proposed parking restriction areas?
- 2) The proposal implies that residents will not be able to park in restricted parking zones from 8 am to 12 pm. Is it true that the restriction applies to residents and non-residents alike? I believe the city wanted to avoid the cost of implementing a resident parking permit on Valencia and Merritt.

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2) I dislike the aesthetics of poles with parking restriction signs on Panchita. If signs are erected, can they be placed at property boundaries to avoid having poles directly in front of houses?

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From: [Panchita Wangs](#)
To: [Transportation](#); citycouncil@losaltosca.gov
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:38:58 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Los Altos residing on Panchita Way. LAHS students regularly park in front of my house, blocking my driveway and leaving trash. In the morning, it can be slow to get out of my driveway due to the backup of cars and students being dropped off. I am very grateful to see this issue getting attention.

I would be in favor of this proposal if there can be some caveats and clarifications:

Will residents still be able to park on the street in front of their own homes? Perhaps displaying vehicle registration or a permit?

If not, I would be heavily against this proposal, as parking in the spots in front of our house is part of why we bought here.

I would be very interested to hear more details of this proposal before making a final decision. (I didn't see this information in the meeting agenda)

Thank you for your consideration and for the attention.

Best,
Derek and Helen Wang
449 Panchita Way

From: [Pierre Pasturel](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:15:52 AM

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Pierre Pasturel
471 Panchita Way

From: [Donna Petkanics](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Cc: [Donna Petkanics](#); [Jay Gerstenschlager](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 2 - MEETING MAY 29, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:34:44 PM

Hello,

My husband and I reside at 75 N Gordon Way, Los Altos, CA 94022, which is 3 blocks from Los Altos High School. Due to the current parking restrictions that are already in place within 1 block of the high school on North Gordon Way, up to Angela Court, the staff and students currently use up all the parking spaces in front our house, starting at the corner of Angela Court and often also parking in our cul de sac on Galli Court, where we have our driveway. As noted in the presentation, the cars block our walkway, our mailbox and make it difficult to drive out of the cul de sac when they park on the corner of the street.

We object to the proposal of having parking restrictions only within one block of the high school, as that simply pushes the parking down to our house and to our neighbors homes which is not fair. We all bought our homes with knowledge that we were close to the high school. We think a better solution is for the high school to provide adequate parking for staff and public transportation options for students and staff. The school has more than doubled in enrollment since we bought our home and has not adequately created appropriate infrastructure for the increased enrollment. Perhaps they should find off site parking and offer a shuttle bus?

Also, for all homes within walking distance of the high school, Los Altos City could provide for permitted parking spaces for residential parking only during school hours, with marked parking spaces, leaving room for walkways, mailboxes and commercial vehicles who need access such as gardeners, cleaning services and other service providers.

Best regards,

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From: [Mike Photo](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:32:38 PM

Hello,

I am a 35+ year resident of Jardin Drive.

The parking problem under discussion is created by the high school. It should be resolved by the high school. Specifically, the problem should be resolved within the financial and land resources of the high school.

I find it completely inappropriate that the high school is allowed to impinge on the quality of life of its neighbors simply to avoid the financial repercussions of its activities. In my opinion, the whole notion that 50% of a public right-of-way (Jardin Drive) is currently dedicated to the use of the high school is a misappropriation of resource. If there is a safety issue there, the high school should be responsible to fix it.

Michael Milley

From: [pamela hartman](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: Re: Los Altos High School parking and traffic comments
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:38:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yes. Thanks.

On Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 01:35:07 PM PDT, Transportation <transportation@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. Hartman,

Do you want me to forward this email to the Complete Streets Commission as a public comment?

Thank you,



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From: pamela hartman <pjhartman48@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:53 PM
To: Transportation <transportation@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Los Altos High School parking and traffic comments

My husband and I have lived on Los Ninos for over 50 years. The traffic and parking situation has become unbearable. Students and parents are speeding up and down our street. It is unsafe to try to drive or walk between 7:50am and 8:45am on weekdays. There is a repeat performance in the afternoon starting around 2pm and ending around 4pm.

Your pictures from the PDF file accurately show the parking problem but I don't see that completion of the construction is going to add much in the way of parking unless you are building a garage. It does not take 15 minutes to walk to Los Altos High from Alvarado.

It would also be helpful if the person who documented the PDF file had a better command of English. I do not understand the last comment at all.

"The purpose of the 1 block radius is to discourage students parking further way from the school."

I hope you can come up with something better for the next school year and also fix Jardin.

Pam Hartman

From: [Lisa Collart](#)
To: [Transportation](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #2 - 5/29/24
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:52:43 PM

Hi Complete Streets Commission,

I am writing in regards to the proposed parking restriction around all of Los Altos High School. I have been a resident of Arbuelo Way since 1999. I am very concerned about blanketing our neighborhood with "no parking" signs... I certainly would be completely opposed to one in front of my own home. I want my 85 year old mother to be able to come over and park in front of my house without worrying about being ticketed, not to mention other friends and family. Or me, for that matter! I certainly hope residents will be polled before any drastic measures are taken.

Thank you so much for reading.

-Lisa Collart
206 Arbuelo Way, Los Altos