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From: [Jim Fenton](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 7 - 23 MAY 2023
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 10:50:53 AM

Council members -

I am writing to comment on the proposal to decrease the number of meetings for certain commissions, specifically the Complete Streets Commission.

The number of meetings and the size of the commission should be determined by the commission's workload. If the commission is addressing items that the Council feels inappropriate or otherwise not a good use of their time, Council has the visibility to see that (through its liaison) and should address that directly.

Arbitrarily reducing the number of meetings and/or commission membership based primarily on comparison with other cities in the area is not good policy. Other cities differ in size, have different divisions of responsibility between staff and commission, and in the case of Complete Streets, have different types of roads.

Please focus on the duties of the commissions, and let the number of meetings be in response to that.

-Jim Fenton
Former member, Complete Streets Commission

From: [Seema Lindskog](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #7 May 23 2023
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:27:42 PM

Respected council members,

I am writing today to urge you to allow the Complete Streets Commission to keep meeting monthly instead of cutting back to 6 meetings a year as proposed by staff.

The Complete Streets Commission meetings always have a very thorough and extensive agenda. They have a large responsibility with important issues to address such as the Education and Encouragement Program, Safe Routes to School, coordination of multi-city projects like Foothill/280/Homestead, and more.

Thank you for everything you do for this city,
Seema

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi
This message is from my personal email account. I am only writing as myself, not as a representative or spokesperson for any other organization.

From: [louise saadati](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #7 for 5/23/23
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:58:49 PM

Please do not decrease the number of meetings or involvement of the Los Altos Bike Ped Commission including by decreasing the number of meetings. The Bike Ped Commission is composed of volunteers who don't cost the city money for their expertise, time or work. It's critical that Walk Bike is kept at a high priority in Los Altos for the safety of the children and all residents. Also, their work is critical to help with the connectivity of Los Altos to the surrounding cities.

Let's fully utilise all the important and critical contributions from the Commission by increasing NOT decreasing their involvement with the city staff and city.

Thank you,
Louise Saadati

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Shearin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item #7 for May 23, 2023
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:00:48 PM

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers:

I ask tonight that you do not reduce the responsibilities or number of meetings of the Complete Streets Commission. It takes time to plan city streets to make them safe and functional everyone—cars, bikes, transit, and pedestrians--needing to use them. Please give the commission time to do its work effectively for the city.

It's clear that there are many projects and issues that the Commission needs to stay on top of. The Education and Encouragement program in Los Altos is just getting started, and needs more work to be fully operational. Safe Routes to School is incredibly important for keeping our children safe which actively getting to school, and needs nurturing. The commission needs to meet regularly to coordinate projects with other local municipalities, such as along Foothill Expressway or Cristo Rey Drive near Rancho San Antonio.

Keeping the number of meetings and responsibilities for the Complete Streets Commission as is will allow the Commissioners to effectively do their work, and is the best option for Los Altos.

Thank you for considering my input, and your work on behalf of Los Altos.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Shearin

From: [Lorien Cunningham](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #7 - May 23 2023
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:16:21 PM

Dear Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and esteemed Council Members,

I write to you today in my capacity as both a 16 year resident of Los Altos and a recently retired fellow elected official representing Cupertino Union School District where I served as a Trustee from 2018-2022. In my work as an advocate for our students and families I have collaborated with both Council and members of the Complete Streets Commission many times in the past on issues of mutual importance to our constituents, particularly Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS). In a decade of involvement with SRTS and in my time as an elected official in our community, transportation and in particular the safety and condition of the active transportation routes were consistently one of the top priorities I'd hear about from residents after our schools themselves. People in this town care A LOT about transportation safety and quality, and I think this is most evident in the fact that it's made the list of top council priorities more consistently than almost any other issue over the past several years.

It is in that spirit that I want to applaud the City of Los Altos for the incredibly important work done by the Council and our Complete Streets Commission (CSC) on tirelessly identifying, studying, planning and implementing a robust and intentional program of prioritized improvements. Much progress has been made in the past several years, but there is so much more to be done. I feel it's critical that the Complete Streets Commission continues to provide regular, explicit, well informed and timely citizen involvement into the development and oversight of transportation policy and improvements.

As a resident I rely on my fellow engaged citizens on the CSC to be our voice on recommendations to Council, and sharp eye on how our taxes are best invested into policy, design, improvements, and maintenance of transportation facilities, and transportation related programming such as SRTS support. I'd like them to keep the same cadence, and I'd like to see the Council explicitly codify the advisory role of CSC to Council on all forms of transportation including planning and programming. As a former elected, I very much support that our agency budgets are a statement of our values and priorities, and as a taxpayer I care deeply that study and improvement of active transportation facilities and SRTS are a funding and staffing priority in our city.

Best,
Lorien Cunningham
Retired Trustee, Cupertino Union School District 2018-2022
Los Altos resident

From: [Maya Bronicki](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Staff recommendation regarding the Complete Streets Commission
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:19:09 PM

Honorable Los Altos elected officials,

Our family lived in South Los Altos since 2011. All these years, I have been a parent volunteer and an advocate for increased roads safety. I have been involved in the efforts at Montclair Elementary, Cupertino Middle School, and in the last 8 years at Homestead High School.

The advocacy efforts often involved work with the city of Los Altos. I have interacted with staff, elected officials, and commissioners. The progress achieved already is remarkable but there is much still to do. The city has put it high on the agenda to ensure the safety of students travelling to and from school and our community. This commitment that we have heard from you during your campaigns and as an integral part of your work since conflicts with the suggestion to decrease the work and efforts by restructuring the Complete Streets Commission and cutting down the number of meetings.

Over the many years of volunteering, I have worked with the cities of Sunnyvale and Cupertino as well as Los Altos and was always proud to feel that Los Altos was committed to SRTS efforts. I urge you to continue supporting our community and keep the SRTS work strong at Los Altos by choosing to reinforce the mandate of the Complete Streets Commission,

Thank you for your continued support and let's move forward together!

Maya Bronicki

A Los Altos resident, mother of 4 and community volunteer.

From: [Tim Oey](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Don't reduce Complete Streets Commission
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:37:58 PM

They still have a lot to do still and active transportation is our best bet for solving climate change AND reducing traffic deaths and injuries AND improving health AND solving our housing crisis AND eliminating traffic congestion AND saving our world for our kids.

Keep the Complete Streets Commission going at full pedal. Thanks!!

Tim Oey
Who eats and bikes through Los Altos frequently

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From: [Alon Golan](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #7 May 23 2023
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:44:22 PM

Dear Los Altos Councilmembers,

As a Los Altos resident, I would like to share my concern regarding the push to render some committees less efficient. Specifically, our Complete Streets Commission has been playing a vital role in the way us residents can get to our destinations in the city. Allowing the committee to only meet very infrequently, as well as have less members, would not serve us well going forward. The City Council priority of Environmental Sustainability will be negatively affected as a result.

Also, us residents of South Los Altos have always felt somewhat less well served. E.g. we have the smaller library; when there's a dog park trial it's not in our area, etc. Our kids do not go to MVLA schools, and naturally have different transportation needs. On the other hand, we are going to have at least as much new housing development in South Los Altos going forward as other parts of the city, and we need to prepare for these changes. The committee has been an essential tool giving us a voice. Your move to make it less effective will be detrimental to our involvement in the democratic process governing our city. It also cuts off city staff and city council from essential resident input.

Please leave the Complete Streets Commission meeting frequency, member count and agency unchanged.

Respectfully,
Alon Golan
Los Altos

From: [Jian He](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Please keep the bike and ped commission meetings
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:47:26 PM

Hello Los Altos city council,

I am a parent of Saint Francis High School. Many students and parents are biking to school or work.

I heard you are voting to cut back the bike/ped commission meetings, which are critical for the safety of biking and walking on the busy streets, especially foothill expressway, where my husband was hit by cars three times when biking to work. Please vote for keeping the monthly meetings.

Thank you!

Jian

From: [JOEL WOLF](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item Number 7
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:52:02 PM

Dear Council Members

I write this email to express my objections to a reduction in the number of Complete Street Commission meetings from 12 to 6 each year. This commission is very important in developing the Los Altos bike/pedestrian infrastructure; meeting every other month would greatly affect this goal. The commission performs important work when it comes to coping with climate change which affects everyone every day; promoting walking and biking works to reduce our CO2 emissions.

Thank you for your consideration

Joel Wolf