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Los Altos Mayor Enander and Distinguished Council Members,

Subject: Council 03/22/2022 Study Session for Draft Complete Streets Master Plan [CSMP]

CSMP Needs Balance!

Draft CSMP presented by staff is not a workable master plan! It only contains two elements. Update of existing Pedestrian and Bicycle master plans to be multimodal are the only two. It does not contain a traffic element that is required for workable CSMP. Any change to our streets needs to consider all three elements. Los Altos is a small village with limited resources and must focus on priorities. We residents need all three elements [pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic] in plan to help you focus on priorities.

I recommend you continue correcting errors in draft plan for pedestrian and bicycle elements and modify Complete Streets Commission work plan to develop traffic element of CSMP based on “Complete Streets” multimodal concepts. Addition of traffic element will ensure CSC and staff work plans will include all three elements and provide “one stop shopping” for residents requesting improvements.

Almost all Los Altos residents have issues with cut-thru commuter traffic on residential streets. Los Altos has good traffic “bones” like San Antonio, Foothill Expressway and bordered by 280, 85, and El Camino. Main traffic plan element challenge is to keep traffic on those high capacity roads and not jumping off onto residential streets. Another challenge is increase of traffic from residents in new very high-density housing zones like Sherwood Triangle, Downtown triangle, Loyola Corners, Woodland, and Homestead. Also increase of residential traffic due to AB9 type projects. One of the key requirements of obtaining traffic grants is having a master plan. It is possible that high-density housing developers will fund traffic enhancements if there is a plan.

Los Altos has struggled for many years to provide a Commissions / Staff Resource that will focus on traffic. Twenty-five years ago we had a Traffic Commission that had a very light focus on traffic. After more than 10 years it was dissolved and moved to Planning and Traffic Commission who had almost no interest in traffic. After a few years, traffic was moved to Complete Streets Commission where traffic issues do not very often appear on agendas. Giving CSC responsibility to develop traffic element for CSMP will help them focus more on traffic.

Thank you for your consideration!

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