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Los Altos Mayor Meadows and Distinguished Council Members,

Council 04/25/2023 Meeting Agenda Item 08 Commission Powers, Membership and Meetings

As a 55-year Los Altos “member of public” attending Commission meetings, I support staff recommended changes except for Complete Streets Commission [CSC] Recommended Powers that do not allow public comment on traffic circulation. In my opinion main advantage of these changes is to free up staff time to do their assigned jobs and not spending many hours preparing commission meeting staff reports, attending meetings and educating commission members.

I recommend adding the following to CSC Recommend Powers:

- **Shall Advise the council on project and budget priorities for traffic circulation-related capital improvements.**
- **Shall have option to request Traffic Police Officer to attend meeting for input if traffic circulation projects are on meeting agenda.**

We residents need an informal public forum to comment and “plant seeds” on traffic circulation related issues. A couple examples are:

- Southbound First congestion at Main caused by left turns to eastbound Main. Queuing often is more than 8 cars.
- Left turn signal phase-shift at University / El Monte to reduce accidents of about one per year. Recent left turn signal phase-shift at Foothill Expressway Edith and Main has successfully eliminated root cause of several accidents.

Complete Streets Master Plan [CSMP] does not include traffic circulation related items. Rubric for ranking CSMP projects does not have a traffic scoring factor, so all traffic items would receive zero priority score. Collector Streets Traffic Calming Master Plan does not include traffic circulation items. Only other logical commission to add traffic circulation is Planning. California State law requires Planning Commission responsibility for Los Altos General Plan Traffic Element.

Prior Los Altos Traffic and Planning Commissions had a Traffic Police Officer at meetings when traffic circulation was on agenda. Almost all commission members, consultants, and staff did not have full knowledge of agenda item 24/7 traffic dynamics and California Vehicle Code traffic law. Traffic Police officer had that knowledge and helped commission members make good data based decisions.

Thank you for your consideration!

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