

TO: Steven Son and the Los Altos Complete Streets Commission sson@losaltosca.gov, transportation@losaltosca.gov

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Dear Mr. Steven Son and Complete Streets Commission.

We are writing on behalf of Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos to urge you to include significant and impactful pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in the 2025 Complete Streets Commission Work Plan utilizing AB43 to reduce speed limits, creating a more people friendly town, reducing carbon emissions, and saving lives. Specifically, we ask that the city focus on the following areas:

1. San Antonio Road

- a. Prioritize the outreach and design process with urgency in order to utilize the \$7.3 million grant award. San Antonio Road bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements have been a top priority for the city for at least the past 13 years. Given the close proximity to downtown and city services and the fact that San Antonio Road is used daily for commuters as well as children riding to Los Altos High, Bullis Charter, and Egan Junior High School, safety improvements along this corridor cannot continue to be delayed.
- b. In the interim, evaluate speed reduction options on San Antonio Rd from Foothill Expressway to Almond Avenue utilizing new powers under AB43. With the city's offices, the library, community center, and downtown Los Altos' many shops along this stretch of road, it is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists with the current speed of vehicular traffic.

2. Foothill Expressway

a. Actively engage in <u>Santa Clara County's Foothill Expressway Multi-Modal Feasibility Study</u> in support of protected bicycle lanes and improved crosswalks and pedestrian protections through Los Altos. Main St, and Edith intersections on Foothill Expressway are particularly dangerous crossings to downtown, especially given the high volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Both Edith and Main street intersections are regularly traveled by young students crossing Foothill on their way to and from Los Altos High School and Egan Junior HS, justifying special attention to these areas.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these critical issues.

Sincerely, Jill Woodford Harry Guy Jen Denebeim Marc Sidel

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