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From: [B. Heckmann](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: Proposed project: bones and streetscape design project
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:48:51 PM

Dear Marisa,
Dear City council team,

I recently learned about the proposed project along N San Antonio road.

As a Los Altos resident I believe making the streets safer, especially for bike users, is important.

I am looking forward to learning more about the project.

Best regards,
Bibiana Heckmann

From: [Alon Golan](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: San Antonio Rd Protected Bikeway
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:41:59 PM

Los Altos Councilmembers,

Please approve match for San Antonio Rd Protected Bikeway project funding.

For many decades, we have spent much of our public transportation money almost exclusively funding car infrastructure in our community. It is hard to maintain a vibrant community with all its facilities when one always needs to take private car transportation as the only means of the public to get around. Here are just a few examples where this is holding us back.

- We are unable to provide residents with a dog park because there is no other viable way to get to the library, but to drive, so instead, we have a few more parking spots.
- Most parents do not feel safe letting their kids walk or bike to school or to visit their friends, even short distances. So kids are confined to their homes and their parents' cars.
- There is not even one pedestrian zone in our downtown, and pedestrians, mainly elderly people, regularly get hit when crossing our downtown streets.

Riding a bike along car traffic protected only by paint, and without firm divider protection, is intimidating and dangerous. Many residents would rather bike to and around downtown, the library and nearby schools, but feel unsafe doing so. Adding protected bike lanes along San Antonio road would be a great first step allowing those neighbors to use their car less for short trips. This will in turn reduce parking needs and traffic congestion and danger in downtown and school areas that San Antonio road is serving.

Please approve funding match for the San Antonio Road Protected Bikeway.

Respectfully,
Alon Golan
Los Altos

From: [caroline.horn](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: North San Antonio bike project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:54:30 AM

Dear council members,

I am writing to support funding of the San Antonio bicycle project being discussed at tonight's City Council meeting. I also want to express my thanks to the city staff for writing a successful grant to provide most of the project's funding.

I'm a current member of the Los Altos High School PTSA sustainability committee. We have been searching for ways to encourage active transportation at the high school for the health of our students. About half of our students live in the cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto.

Because of the real and perceived dangers in high traffic corridors that cross El Camino, many of our students drive or are driven to school. This creates even more heavy traffic (and increased danger) during school drop off and pick up times.

A protected bike lane on San Antonio road would encourage many more students to walk or bike to school and greatly reduce the traffic around the high school. Furthermore, young people who bike to school actually become better drivers once they obtain a driver's license.

I urge you to please provide the matching funds for this project. It's a great investment in Los Altos!

Thank you very much,

Caroline Horn
Los Niños Way
Los Altos, California

From: [Sarika R](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: caroline_horn@hotmail.com
Subject: San Antonio Bike Project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 9:11:32 AM

Hi Council Members,

I'm writing this email to show my support for the funding of the San Antonio Bicycle project that will be discussed later tonight at the meeting.

I heard about this project through Green Team at Los Altos High and I am very passionate about getting more people to start biking to school and finding new ways to use anything but a car to commute to school. Every day, I try my best to bike the 2 miles that it takes to get to school, but with the traffic and lack of bike lanes surrounding my area, it makes it difficult for me to avoid the dangers of having to share the road with cars. Not only is it dangerous for kids to bike in car lanes, but it is also inconvenient for anyone who actually needs to commute with a car, because there is generally heavy traffic surrounding the school during drop off and pick up times, which are usually commute times for many working individuals.

Because of these reasons, many students at my school are unable to bike to school, or their parents don't let them due to the dangerous traffic and the amount of time it takes them to get to school. I have seen this in many of my friends and classmates, and it shows that there needs to be change in order to get more students to bike to school.

I think that it would be a great idea to invest in this project, both for the future of our planet, and the future of our student's lives. By providing funding, we can have healthier students, healthier air, and less traffic for commuters.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail and I hope that this can provide insight from a student's view to help make Los Altos a more sustainable neighborhood.

Thank you,
Sarika Rajan (freshman at LAHS and member of Green Team)

From: [Jeremy Minshull](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: North San Antonio bike project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:24:30 AM

Dear council members,

I want to congratulate the city staff for writing a successful grant to provide most of the funding for a San Antonio bicycle project, which will be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting. I also want to express my strong support for the project.

Although my children no longer attend local schools, we biked together to Almond Elementary School for over 10 years. Learning to bike has made them much more independent in their adolescence and young adulthood, even without having to own a car.

High traffic corridors that cross El Camino, such as San Antonio, are dangerous for cyclists. Consequently many Los Altos students drive or are driven to school. This creates even more heavy traffic (and increased danger) during school drop off and pick up times.

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Jeremy Minshull
Los Niños Way
Los Altos, California

From: [Safe Routes DTLA](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: [External Sender]Public Comment Agenda Item #2 - June 13, 2023
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 11:50:29 AM
Attachments: [San Antonio Grant Support Letter to Council - June 13, 2023.pdf](#)

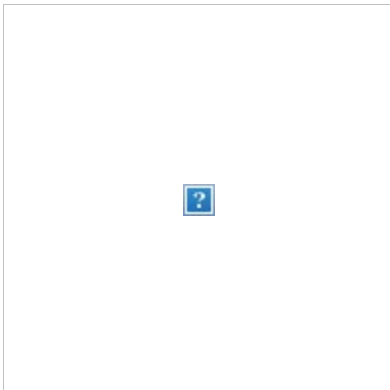
Dear Los Altos City Council Members,

We are writing on behalf of Safe Routes to Downtown Los Altos to ask you to vote in support of a resolution and commit to funding for the San Antonio Road bicycle and pedestrian safety improvement project. The OBAG3 \$7.3M grant award depends on our city's support. We know residents support bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements on San Antonio road based on previous community outreach efforts. Appropriately, this is a top priority in the city's approved Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP).

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We strongly encourage you to fund this project, to support climate change mitigation efforts, safe accessibility through and around town, and to implement the CSMP. This is a huge opportunity for our city. It would be a tremendous loss if we did not utilize the grant funds to make our city safer. Thank you.

Jill Woodford
Harry Guy
Jen Denebeim



June 13, 2023

TO: PublicComment@losaltosca.gov

Cc: mlee@losaltosca.gov

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From: [Sybil J. Cramer](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [caroline.horn](#); [Tracy Ferea](#); [John Scarboro](#); [Rachel Kohls-Lunt](#); [Amy Sabik](#); [Laura Larghi](#); [Adit Chintamaneni](#); [Axelle.Allanic@gmail.com](#); [Apple Inc.](#)
Subject: San Antonio Protected Bike Lane Project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:42:17 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote yes to provide matching funds to the grant for implementing a protected bikeway on San Antonio Road.

I have been a volunteer at Los Altos High School (LAHS) for many years as the Parent Liaison for the student Green Team Club and as founding chair of the PTSA Sustainability Committee. Half of the students at LAHS live in North Mountain View and the area of Palo Alto between Adobe Creek and SanAntonio Road.

To meet the City of Los Altos's CAAP goal of reducing green house gas emissions from gasoline vehicles, it is important to transition students who drive or are driven to school via San Antonio Road to bicycle to campus up San Antonio. But many are afraid to do so because traffic is so heavy on that roadway.

It is important to provide a safe, protected bikeway on San Antonio Road so more students can bike safely to campus along this route.

Again — Grant funding is available! However, the Council needs to approve matching funds for this project to move forward. I know others join me in urging each council member to vote "yes" to approve these funds.

Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Sybil Cramer
291 Margarita Court
Los Altos, CA 94022

Sent from my iPad

From: [Carl van Reis](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: In support of Class IV protected bike lanes on San Antonio Road
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 4:06:09 PM

I strongly support the implementation of Class IV protected bike lanes on San Antonio Road as discussed in the June 13th meeting packet. This plan would help us reach our climate goals by making biking more favorable with the increased safety. I personally do not feel safe biking from south to north Los Altos currently, but more Class IV lanes like these would allow me and others to comfortably visit downtown and the community center more often.

Thank you for reading,
Carl van Reis



June 13, 2023

Los Altos City Council
City of Los Altos
Los Altos City Hall
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022
PublicComment@losaltosca.gov

Re: Letter of Support for the N. San Antonio Rd. Complete Streets Project (Item 2 on the Agenda for June 13, 2023 City Council Meeting)

Dear Los Altos City Council,

On behalf of the Mountain View/Los Altos local team chapter of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, a local nonprofit building healthier and more just communities by making bicycling safe and accessible for all, we are writing in support of the North San Antonio Road Complete Streets Project.

The City's Complete Streets Master Plan recommends placing protected bike lanes (Class IV) along North San Antonio Road as a high priority project, and for good reason. Stretches of North San Antonio Road are used as Safe Routes to School (e.g., for Egan and LAHS). The northern portion of this road is also an important commercial center, so improved bicycling infrastructure would help relieve traffic congestion in the area.

Unfortunately, the current conditions on North San Antonio Road are very challenging for those who bike. The bike lanes are unprotected, and in some areas, quite narrow. Given that this road has a high volume of vehicular traffic and posted speed limits of 35 mph, this creates unsafe conditions for bicyclists. We note that NATCO recommends protected bicycle lanes on roads with high vehicular volumes *or* speeds greater than 26 mph. *See* <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/designing-ages-abilities-new/choosing-ages-abilities-bicycle-facility/>

The proposed North San Antonio Road Complete Streets Project also includes important infrastructure improvements for pedestrians, such as high visibility crosswalks. Given the number of students who

regularly cross North San Antonio Road when walking to school, these improvements would be much welcomed.

For these reasons, the Mountain View/Los Altos local team for SVBC strongly supports the North San Antonio Road Complete Streets Project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Mountain View/Los Altos Local Team.

cc: [Marisa Lee](#)

From: [Nadim Maluf](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: Please Approve N San Antonio Protected Bikeway and Complete Streets Project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 5:28:16 PM

Please, please, please, please, APPROVE the N San Antonio Protected Bikeway project and matching funds. I can't make my pleading simpler than this!

It's only once in a blue moon that we get opportunities such as this one to receive \$7.3M in grant monies. If the city does not grab this opportunity and approve matching funds, then we might as well shut down our aspirations for a bike-friendly city and go hide in shame!

Thank you
Nadim Maluf

From: [Suresh Venkatraman](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: San Antonio Rd. Complete Streets Project
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 6:24:45 PM

Dear Council-members,

I am writing in support of the proposed San Antonio bikeway and streetscape project. This is a significant step in advancing the Complete Streets Master Plan with significant outside funding. Congratulations to the city staff for their work in securing the grant. San Antonio services a large section of our residents with access to many key destinations that the staff has thoroughly outlined. Making San Antonio Rd. safe for bicyclists and pedestrians while maintaining traffic lanes make this project a win-win for all modes of transportation.

I would like to ask you to adopt the proposed resolution to accept the OBAG3 grant funds and approve the additional funding for the project. In the meanwhile, I would also encourage the city staff to continue to pursue additional grant funding opportunities to further secure this and other similar projects in the city. This project would serve as a model for pursuing other grants and will bolster our case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Suresh Venkatraman
Cuesta Dr. Los Altos, CA 94024