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From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Item #2 Council Meeting June 13,2023 MTC matching funds San Antonio Rd
Date: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:06:12 PM

Dear Council Members

Item #2 on the consent calendar for June 13,2023 is asking Council to approve \$1,824,524 for matching funds with a grant from MTC to put in bike lanes on San Antonio Rd..Although it is very tempting to get a seven million dollar grant, I ask that you pass on this project.

The reasons are as follows:

1.No one who lives on San Antonio Rd is aware or has participated in conversations about this project. There has been no community engagement or input that will dramatically effect the residents living on San Antonio Rd.

2 There are major changes proposed that will have negative effects on drivers and bicycle riders. San Antonio Rd is an Emergency Evacuation route. Cars need to pull over to the right to allow ambulances and fire trucks to pass. Having Class IV bike lanes with vertical structures such as bollards or concrete barriers is extremely dangerous.The City already rejected this idea on Foothill Expressway when that project took place. Bicyclists and motorists agreed not to have any barriers put in place.

3. The City simply cannot afford nearly \$2,000,000.We all know we can't afford to fix the police station, the roof on the fire station or the roof on the History Museum and much more. For the coming year, according to our City Manager (on a zoom call with LACC) the city will only have \$250,000. for all of next year in excess funds. Our reserves are well below where they are required to be. God forbid, that if one or two emergencies occur simultaneously, the City would not be able to respond adequately.

4.The plan calls for median reconstruction. There are trees planted all along San Antonio Rd that should not be removed.The trees provide noise mitigation are the homes of many birds and small animals.

5. There have been no serious accidents or fatal injuries on San Antonio Rd.

6. The sidewalks do need repairs as the concrete is cracked and presents a tripping hazard but we do not need to go over the top and go with plans in the Complete Street MasterPlan that was done by a consultant, who threw in everything (all possibilities) including the kitchen sink.

I have included the video on traffic calming, road safety and road diets to illustrate how well intentioned ideas can go terribly wrong..

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2PamppHOHTs>

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips

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From: [Bruno Delagneau](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: item 2 on June 13 council agenda: San Antonio road project
Date: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:26:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Council members,

Please approve matching funds from the city to obtain grant funding from the MTC to upgrade the San Antonio corridor including adding protected class IV bike lanes instead of the current unprotected class II.

In order to reduce Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT), a critical element in reducing Green House Gases (GHG) from the transportation sector, we need our residents to use alternative transportation, including biking. San Antonio road is an important corridor linking El Camino real to downtown and Foothill Expressway. It's also a key access road for Los Altos High school, Egan Junior High and Bullis charter school. It's a 4 lane street with vehicles traveling at speed often exceeding 40 miles per hour. Current bike lanes are unprotected, in some areas narrow and generally dangerous. Dedicated and protected bike lanes will improve the safety of bikers (including our kids) and help increase adoption.

Thank you!



Bruno Delagneau, MD

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From: [Dr. Susan Gyn](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: San Antonio Protected Bikeway and Streetscape Project
Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023 12:06:31 PM

Dear City Council of Los Altos,

As a long term resident of Los Altos and a daily pedestrian on our streets, I support the proposal for a protected bikeway and streetscape project on San Antonio Road. It is a good investment for the future of our area and will allow more people to safely navigate our neighborhoods, reducing dependency on motor vehicles and in some small way helping our climate goals.

Thank you for considering these issues,
Matthew Lam, C.P.A.

From: [Pat Marriot](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #2 JUNE 13, 2023
Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023 1:08:12 PM

Council Members:

There's no such thing as free money. Getting a \$7M grant sounds good, but it's going to cost us almost \$2M that we don't have plus an unknown cost in staff time – all for a project that is undefined except for six bullet points in a staff report:

- Class IV protected bikeways
- Improved integration between transit and bicycle lanes
- Median landscaping
- High visibility crosswalks
- Pedestrian enhancements
- Median reconstruction

Where's the plan that shows the detail? What "pedestrian enhancements" are included? What does "median reconstruction" mean? Will the trees remain?

In 2009 the city paid Gates + Associates for a Loyola Corner Streetscape Plan that's sitting on a shelf somewhere. I don't know the cost because the contract has disappeared. In 2018 a Miramonte plan went awry because residents couldn't agree on sidewalks. Loyola Corners and Miramonte are more in need of streetscape work than San Antonio Road.

However, my main concern is the city's financial position. At the LACC meeting last week, the city manager said, "We have \$2.6 million in unbudgeted ongoing costs and we've drawn down our general fund reserve to 15.6 percent. Our CIP funding shortfall to start next year is going to be about six and a half million dollars \$6.5M."

He talked about depreciation: "Most of our assets are fully depreciated ... City Hall has an asset fully depreciated ... the police station is fully depreciated. ...Today we don't have the ability to replace the roof on the fire station."

He also noted it's difficult to engage people in budget and finance conversations and there's "kind of a reflexive reaction to say well we trust the city manager or we trust our Council people so we're not going to engage -- we're going to let them handle it."

True. However, some of us do pay attention to city finances because it's our money that's being spent. We see the shabby state of the civic center and we're glad the city manager is planning for maintenance – at last.

So I have to wonder why San Antonio road needs streetscaping and why we should spend \$2M in the face of all our other financial issues.

Sincerely,

Pat Marriott

From: [Sam Cousins](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 2 - 06/12/23
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:07:30 AM

Councilmembers,

My name is Samuel Cousins. I am an incoming senior at Los Altos High School and I am writing to urge you to approve final funding for the N. San Antonio Rd. Complete Streets Project. This project would be an absolute game changer for kids like me who yearn for the independence to travel throughout our town without the need of a vehicle or a parent to drive us around. This project would not only connect all three of the schools I've attended - Los Altos High, Egan, and Almond - to downtown, allowing our city's kids to independently access the community connection that downtown offers, but would also connect the residential areas near downtown, some of the densest housing in our city, to safe, dignified routes to schools which they are zoned to attend. I have many friends who, even in recent weeks, have experienced danger and insecurity trying to safely travel by bicycle to our high school, and your approval of this project would breathe exciting new life into the active travel potential our city streets have to offer.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Every step forward has real positive impact on the lives of kids in this area, and it means a lot.

- Sam Cousins

From: [Colin Urmson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 2 - 06/13/23
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 11:27:58 AM

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