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From: [Tom Shoup](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Marisa Lee](#)
Subject: San Antonio Bike Lane funds match
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 12:04:32 PM

Dear Council,

I'm writing to support spending the \$1.8MM matching funds for the OBAG 3 grant to design a Class IV protected bike lane along San Antonio. While the design and building of such bike lanes is costly, we have to continue to make cycling safer and therefore more attractive as a means of transportation. My experience biking on San Antonio, which I avoid by going out of my way, is that it is a biking desert, it's just too dangerous given the speed of traffic and narrow width of the existing curb lane. Since San Antonio is a desirable route to feed bike traffic to various schools (Egan, Bullis Charter, LAHS, Almond Elementary) and municipal facilities (Library, Community Center, etc.) it makes sense to undertake this project. This project would also help get bikes off the sidewalk, which is a problem around the Almond intersection.

Los Altos Ave. might appear to be a better alternative because it has a lot less car traffic, but it's on the edge of the populated area given its proximity to Foothill and I think too many riders wouldn't go out of their way to use it.

The Federal Highway Administration guideline for Class IV bikeways is a 7' bike lane and a 3' separator with vertical barrier. Since the City wants to keep the traffic lanes as is, this requires an additional 4' into the curb and sidewalk area along San Antonio. I think we should be bold and do just that and not be tempted to go down to the minimum FHWA recommendation. But we'll see how this plays out as the design is created.

Very truly yours,

Tom Shoup
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From: [Jim Wing](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10 MEETING DATE 06/13/2023
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Los Altos Mayor Meadows and Distinguished Council Members,

Council Meeting Date 06/13/2023 Agenda Item 10 Caretaker House CF-01049 Budget Increase

Would you please increase budget to \$120K? Increase is needed to provide following items to make project complete:

- Creekside septic tank and drains need to be decontaminated per Clean Water Act / EPA guidelines. Most of this effort is soil testing and soil replacement. Staff may not be aware of recent US Supreme Court rulings in Maui and Rapanos that made getting a permit more costly. Keep in mind, State Law cannot override Federal Law like Clean Water Act. My estimate \$25K.
- Los Altos Parks summer camps / archery and Grassroots Ecology use Caretaker House for storage of emergency medical supplies, summer camps supplies, Grassroots Ecology small tools, archery supplies and secure place for staff personal items while working. A secure storage structure of 150 square feet is needed. My estimate \$20K.
- Provide underground electrical utility from University to support Redwood Gove water systems and new storage building. Presently electrical utility comes from Los Altos Hills electrical power pole at end of Fremont Road with over 300 feet overhead electrical cable mostly supported by two trees. This is a fire hazard that must be eliminated. My estimate \$15K.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Wing, Milverton Road, Los Altos