



## City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

Initiated By: Staff

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**Subject:** Enter into a maintenance agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to maintain Class IIB bicycle lane along El Camino Real within the City limits, and find that the Council's action exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that none of the circumstances under Section 15300.2 apply

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### COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☒ Business Communities
- ☒ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

### RECOMMENDATION

Enter into a maintenance agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to maintain Class IIB bicycle lane along El Camino Real within the City limits

### POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Does the City Council want to take on the maintenance of the Class IIB bicycle lane along El Camino Real from Caltrans?

### FISCAL IMPACT

Exact fiscal impact is unknown at this time. Staff cannot determine the frequency of replacing the delineators that Caltrans will install. At this time, Staff estimated annual maintenance of the bicycle lane to be approximately \$5,000.00 per year. The exact cost will be dependent on the frequency with which vehicles will hit them. The maintenance cost will come from the annual Street Operation appropriation.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The agreement that staff requests the City Council to approve consisted of maintenance of Class IIB Buffered Bike Lanes facilities, which are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).

The maintenance for the Class IIB bicycle lane is considered regular maintenance, so it is Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301(c) and that none of the circumstances under Section 15300.2 apply.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

None

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

California Transportation Department (Caltrans) will be resurfacing El Camino Real from the City of Palo Alto to the Mountain View boundary. As a part of the El Camino Real Road resurfacing project, Caltrans proposes to install Class IIB Buffered Bicycle Lanes within the City limits. To accommodate Class IIB buffered Bicycle Lanes along El Camino Real, within the City's limit, Caltrans requested the City adopt a no-parking policy along El Camino Real. On March 22, 2022, the City Council passed resolution 2022-14 to remove all street parking within the city limits along El Camino Real to accommodate Class IIB buffered bicycle lanes. To maintain the Class IIB buffered bicycle lane that will be installed, Caltrans is requesting the City take on the long-term maintenance of the Class IIB bicycle lane. Based on the plans that have been provided, most of the Class IIB buffer will be pavement markers and at several locations, Caltrans will be installing delineators when crossing existing driveways. Staff feel the maintenance of the bicycle lane will be minimal since the majority will be pavement markings. At this time the frequency of delineator replacement is unknown since it will be the frequency of being hit by vehicles. Department is budgeting \$5,000.00 annually for maintenance from Street Operational budget. For this reason, the staff is requesting the Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a maintenance agreement with Caltrans to maintain the Class IIB bicycle lane along El Camino Real within the City limits.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Project boundary map
2. Resolution