

Shannon Road Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvements (CIP 813-0218)



Town Council Meeting

June 20, 2023



Why this Project?

- Safe pedestrian and cyclist access on this collector street to three nearby schools
- Priority project per Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Supported by Town Council and Complete Streets and Transportation Committee





What We Heard

- April 18, 2023 Town Council Direction:
 - Revise the Design to Minimize Excess Asphalt Pavement Areas
 - Remove Parking Spaces
 - Add Trees Where Possible
 - Hold a Community Meeting



Option 1 Concept

- April / May 2023 Emails from the Community:
 - Shannon Road should look and feel like other residential streets in Los Gatos
 - Option 1 (presented Sept 2021) is preferred
 - Parking is required / Parking is NOT required
 - Planting strips are required



Community Meeting – June 1, 2023

- Meeting was attended by approximately 40 community members from Shannon Road and the surrounding streets
- Staff provided a brief presentation and introduced the new options:
 - **2023-A**
 - 2023-B
- Break-out session facilitated by staff
- Participants were given the option to participate in a site visit
- Report out on general comments from each table
- A survey was also distributed to the community members to gauge design preference and to provide comments
- Staff also received feedback emails after the community meeting



Community Feedback

- Asphalt buffers of 3' are inconsistent with current aesthetics
- Residents bordering Shannon wanted parking
- Community members not bordering Shannon supported trees over parking
- Option 1 is strongly preferred

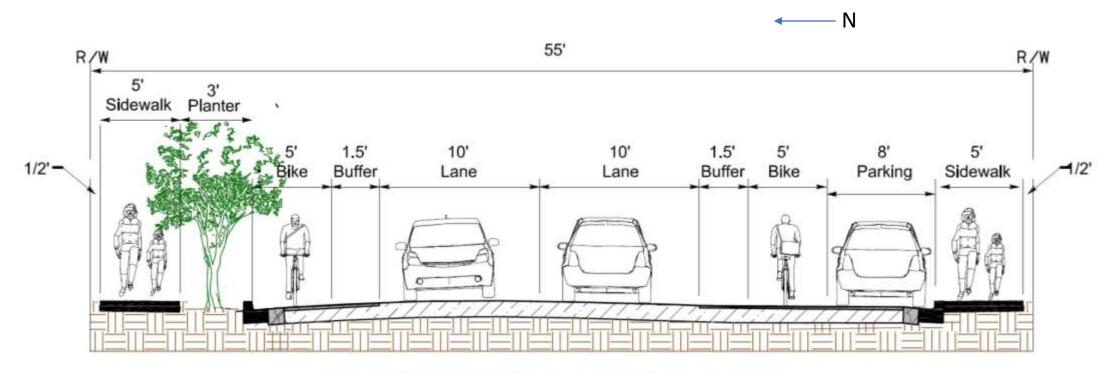


Modified Option 1

- Based on feedback, staff reevaluated the project and developed an alternative design which provides:
 - 10' Travel Lanes
 - 5' Sidewalk
 - 5' Bicycle Lanes
 - 18" Bicycle Buffer
 - 3'- 4' Planter Strips
 - Parking on South Side
 - 6" Buffer Between the back of walk and the property line



Modified Option 1 (Looking East)

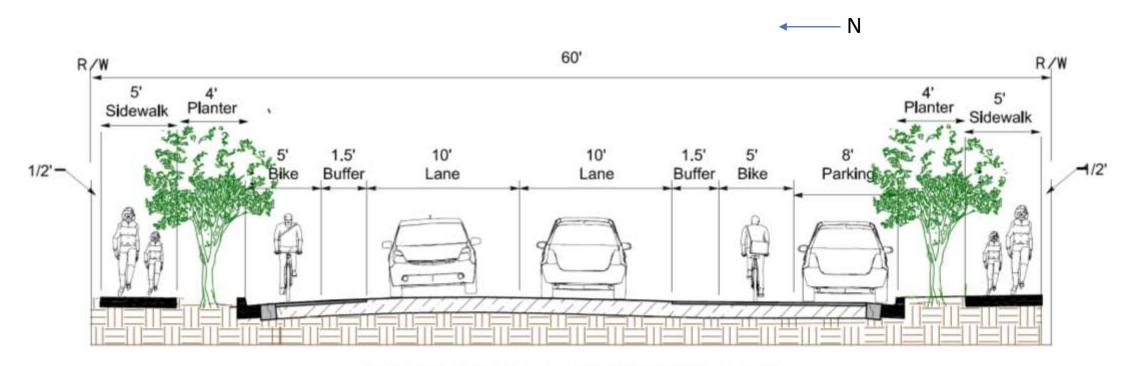


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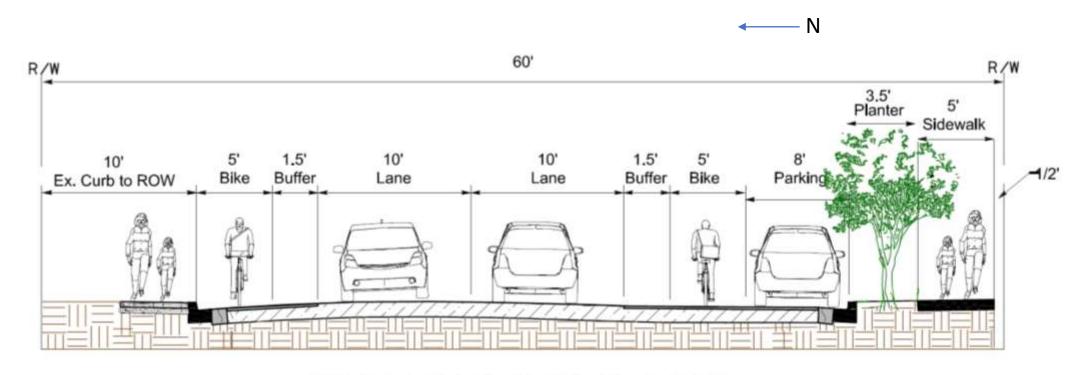


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Modified Option 1 (Looking East)



EAST OF MAGNESON LOOP (at Presbyterian Church)

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2023 Concepts vs Option 1

Design Element	Option 1	2023-A	2023-В	Modified Option 1
Vehicle Lane Width	10 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet	10 feet
Sidewalk Width	5 Feet	5 Feet	5 Feet	5 feet
Bike Lane Width	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	5 feet
Painted Bike Buffer Width	0	3 Feet	3 Feet	18 inches
Vegetated Buffer Width	4.5 Feet ¹	3.5 – 5.0 Feet	3.5 Feet ²	3-4 feet ^{2,3}
Parking Spaces Provided	Yes ⁴	No	Intermittent on North and South Side ⁵	Yes ⁴
Buffer Between Back of Walk and Property Line	None	None	None	6 Inches

Notes:

- 1. Along South Side Only
- 2. West of Magneson Loop 3' Planter Strip on North Side Only only
- 3. East of Magneson Loop 4' Planter Strip on Both Sides
- 4. South Side Only
- 5. Intermittent 2-stall Parking Bays on North and South Sides



Modified Option 1

- Attempts to meet the requests of the Shannon Road residents and other community members while still meeting the Town Council's direction
- Balances good engineering design with community interests
- Provides bike lanes and sidewalk
- Maximize the placement of trees
- Reduce the bicycle lane buffer to minimum standards
- Provides a 6" buffer between the back of walk and the property line



Next Steps

- Staff recommends completing design of the Shannon Road
 Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project using Modified Option 1
- Staff will work with the consultant to finalize design by October
- Staff will present to plans to Caltrans in accordance with the grant requirements
- Caltrans approval of the plans is required by January 31, 2024 to maintain grant funding
- Construction is expected in Spring 2024



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Questions/Comments?



