

MEETING DATE: 06/12/2025

ITEM NO.: 3

DATE: June 6, 2025

TO: Complete Streets and Transportation Commission

FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Commission Support Letter for SS4A Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Commission Chairperson to sign a letter of support of the Town's application for federal grant funding to support construction of the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing.

BACKGROUND:

The Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project is a high priority project in the Town's adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Plan) most recently recommended by the CSTC and adopted by Council in 2020. As identified in the Plan, the project will improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility, encourage active transportation, close a gap in the Town's bicycle network, and enhance safety for all modes of travel on Blossom Hill Road between Roberts Road West and Roberts Road East. Blossom Hill Road is a high-volume transportation corridor and route to school for the Town.

The project is being led by the Town with significant funding support for project design from the 2016 Santa Clara Countywide Measure B Program and design oversight by Caltrans for the portion of the project within Caltrans' Highway 17 right of way. The project schedule currently calls for final design to be complete by early 2026.

The Complete Streets and Transportation Commission provided a letter of support for the project's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant applications in 2024. A motion in support was passed and the Chair subsequently signed the letters of support which will be included in the grant applications. Neither application was successful in last year's round of applications.

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Director, Parks and Public Works

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SUBJECT: Parks and Public Works Department Report

DATE: June 6, 2025

DISCUSSION

Following rejection in the 2024 SS4A application round, staff conducted a debrief with the applicant review team. The review team indicated that the application was strong, but needed some additional information regarding safety of the corridor and certain technical aspects of the application needed improvements.

The 2025 round of SS4A applications is due in late June. Staff is working with a consultant team that specializes in transportation related grant applications to prepare a robust application for funding to support construction of this project. As part of that application process staff is requesting that the CSTC consider offering a letter of support for the project/

Attachments:

1. DRAFT Letter of Support



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June 12, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for SS4A Implementation Grant Application

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project

Los Gatos, CA

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission (CSTC), I want to convey our firm support for the Town of Los Gatos' Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application. The CSTC advises Town Council on matters like enhancing travel modes, integrating transportation infrastructure with surrounding areas, reviewing grants, focusing on school transportation safety, and updating master plans. We see the SS4A grant as a key opportunity to boost the Town's safety and connectivity by upgrading infrastructure and implementing safety measures for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

As active residents, the Commissioners are well aware of the safety concerns of the current Blossom Hill Road bridge. Blossom Hill Road is a high-volume transportation corridor and is on a preferred route to several schools. The Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan identifies the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Project as a top priority project. The CSTC has been actively engaged in the feasibility study and design phases of the Project. It will improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility, close a gap in the Town's bicycle network, and enhance safety for all modes of travel on Blossom Hill Road. Aimed at constructing a separate bridge over Highway 17, this Project will provide a secure pathway for cyclists and pedestrians, improving access to community destinations and easing current congestion. It exemplifies our dedication to creating a cohesive and inclusive community.

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Please consider this letter as our strong endorsement of the Town's application for the SS4A

grant. We're enthusiastic about contributing to this project's success and the enduring positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Los Gatos CA Letter of Support – CSTC

Jeff Suzuki

Chairperson of the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission (CSTC)