

Matt Morley

Subject: FW: Shannon Rd bike lane/sidewalk improvements

From: Sheila <>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Shannon Rd bike lane/sidewalk improvements

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Council Members,

Town Staff will be presenting 3 design concepts for the Shannon Road Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvements during the October 19th town council meeting and below is our recent letter sent to town staff regarding our input on the project. We live at 16675 Shannon Road.

Please note that town staff has already told us they will not go forward with concept #2 because of the cost (and we agree) why they are including it is a mystery to us.

Lastly, we have received some answers to our questions below and town staff finally uploaded the aerial views of the project to the Shannon Road Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvement Project website yesterday which also answered many of our questions.

Thank you,
Mark and Sheila Bony

Sheila <>

to Suyesh, WooJae, Matt

Hi Suyesh,

Thank you for talking with us today.

We support the safety / sidewalk improvements on Shannon rd , but the concept you are proposing (#3) is overkill and will disrupt our "cherished neighborhood feel" and as a result, the value of our property.

Why we are not in favor of concept #3:

- Shannon Road is not considered a main artery street like Los Gatos Blvd, Winchester Blvd, or Blossom Hill Rd. Shannon Road is in a residential neighborhood and does not need extra-wide sidewalks, 6ft bike lanes, buffer zones, or unsightly green delineators/bollards.
- Residents on the street want to keep a neighborhood feel, not a street in a business district.

- Some parking is needed (we recently changed our mind about that point after speaking to our neighbors who require parking)

Why we support #1:

- Best compromise between safety and still keeping a "neighborhood" feel.
- It adds trees in the planting strips which will "soften" the additional sidewalk and bike lane
- No awful looking green bike lane bollards.
- It adds need parking to the south side of street

We understand that the town's right of way in front of our property line is a whopping 10 feet. Please do not use all of that space. We, as well as many neighbors on the street, have planted plants in front of our fences/property line to beautify the neighborhood and give us a little privacy. While we recognize we may not be able to keep as much of a buffer in front of our property line as before to accommodate changes, we want to continue to plant in least 3 or 4 feet in front of our fences. Please shorten the width of the bike lane and sidewalk to accommodate plants, something that we believe concept #1 would do. Concept #1 will give us the most safety improvements we all seek, without going overboard. It is a good compromise.

Still unanswered questions we would like a response to prior to any town meeting on this projects:

- Our fence is on the property line- we hired a survey company to confirm before we put up our fence, so how do you propose doing grading without damaging our fence (which again is on our property line). We asked this question at the second community meeting and received no answers.
- We have asked numerous times to see aerial views of the project and are still waiting. Why the repeated delay to broadly share info especially since it seems you have it yourself?
- We have asked numerous times where the telephone poles will be moved to?
- During presentation #2 many other questions asked by residents weren't answered. We kept hearing "we are still working on it".

If staff is still working on the project, why approach the town council for approval in October so quickly (this month with concept 3) when so many residents' questions aren't being answered prior to the town council?

Lastly, we would like the dates\times of upcoming meetings regarding this project to add to our calendar.

Mark & Sheila Bony

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Subject: FW: Shannon Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Way

From: Rebecca Heng
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Shannon Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Way

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Suyesh,

We have lived at 16690 Shannon Rd for 21 years. Our property is impacted by the bicycle and pedestrian way on our portion of Shannon Road. We have reviewed the options of design for the project and strongly favor Concept One.

For the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and auto traffic we have backed into our driveway since we moved into our home. Concept three eliminates this **important safety measure** as we can no longer safely back into our driveway.

Please take into consideration the input from residents that are most impacted by the bicycle and pedestrian way.

Best Regards,

Rebecca and Stephen Heng

From: varun s
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:41 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Re: Update regarding Shannon Rd. Pedestrian & Bikeway Improvements

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi Suyesh - I am an owner at 16667 Shannon Rd. If there is a way to vote, I'd like to vote for Plan #1 that includes space for parking on Shannon. Please let me know if there is a more formal way to vote. Thanks!

Varun