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**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** Clerk <[Clerk@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Clerk@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Shannon Road Project

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Clerk

In looking at what I sent a few minutes ago please disregard and remove second page of attachment containing draft note.

Thanks

Glenn Lyles

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Mon, Oct 18, 2021 12:06 pm  
**Subject:** Shannon Road Project

Please forward attached to Town Council for October 19 mtg.

**Date:** October 18, 2021  
**To:** Los Gatos Town Council  
**From:** Glenn and Karen Lyles, [REDACTED] Shannon Road  
**Subject:** October 19, 2021 Council Meeting "Shannon Road Project"

We have lived on Shannon Road in a house that belonged to my wife's grandfather for over 50 years, we raised five children, all attended and graduated from Los Gatos High School, including my wife a "few years" before. Looking closely down Shannon Road, from Robie Lane toward Blossom Hill Park there is a mix of older houses and newer houses. Some have sidewalks and some do not. Shannon Road and adjacent streets all reflect the same small town character the Towns General Plan is trying to preserve and why we have loved living on Shannon Road all these years. We recognize the number of vehicles has increased, as well as their speed and safety, especially for students walking and biking to school, needs to be addressed.

#### Bollards

In looking at the Town's General Plan the Shannon Road area is designated "Low Density Residential" except for the Los Gatos Blvd. section, which is designated mixed use commercial. When a neighbor showed a picture of the "bollards" now being considered for the "Shannon

Road Project” we were appalled that anyone would think about defacing our neighborhood with these unsightly plastic posts. Besides, width of the bollard section takes up valuable space. Blossom Hill Road from Roberts Road to Hwy 17 bridge...maybe. To us, these type of bollards are unsightly and have no place on our residential street, especially in front of our house.  
Our Position: NO BALLARDS

### Parking

Removing all parking on Shannon Road would only increase parking on side streets especially Robie Lane, Englewood Ave. and Magneson Loop. When Orange Theory opened on Los Gatos Blvd. they had less than half the parking required for the number of class participants and staff ....which the Town knew and approved! Although the church offered parking in their lot, students still parked on Robie Lane. Now they park across the street at the defunct wine store. Although the current regulations prohibiting parking “7AM to 6PM, Except Saturday Sunday and Holidays” on Shannon Road isn’t perfect...but it works.  
Our Position: Maintain as much parking as possible.

### Bike Lanes

Our Position: Add bike lanes as a priority.

### Sidewalks

Our Position: Add sidewalks as long a some reasonable approach is taken to preserve parking. In planning sidewalks, design and grades needs to address drainage at the Robie Lane, Shannon Road intersection due to flooding during storms caused by inadequate drainage from church parking lots onto Robie Lane. When flooding occurs students are forced to walk and bike, at times, into the middle of Shannon Road. ( There should be two storm drains since water from the Church lots comes down both sides of Robie Lane.

Glenn and Karen Lyles

We have lived on the corner of Shannon Road and Robie Lane for 50+ years. We bought our home, which belonged to Karen’s Grandfather, from his estate and we raised our 5 children on this property. I (Karen) was born here and was raised on Englewood Avenue. Our intent was to live in a small town, rural atmosphere and raise our children in the same way we grew up. I (Karen) attended school in Los Gatos from Kindergarten through High School and all 5 of our children did as well.

**From:** Peter Binkley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 12:07 PM  
**To:** Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>; Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Shannon Rd. Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvement

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I live on Shannon Rd at Englewood Ave. I bike to work and my kids walk or bike to school. I chair the Blossom Hill Safe Routes To School Committee and know very personally how sorely this road needs sidewalks and bikeways.

Our community does **NOT like the appearance of the plastic bollards featured in Option 3**. When polled, residents so far unanimously would like them removed from the plan. We completely support prioritizing safety above all else- but we do not think beauty and safety are mutually exclusive.

I wonder if you would be willing to consider a 4th option, which is sort of a modified Type 1 Bikeway, which captures the spirit of the Type 1 bikeway (as originally planned in the Connect LG Master Plan), and fixes the shortcomings. The idea is, to have a uni-direction bike/pedestrian path (essentially a wide sidewalk with a line down the middle, painted for pedestrians on the right side and both pedestrians and bikes on the left). The bike lanes in the street could then be eliminated to make more room for planting strips and parking. We bicyclists could then bike amongst pedestrians as we do on the creek trail, but bikes go one direction on each side of Shannon.

**Otherwise we support Option 1**, as had originally been proposed at our 1st community meeting. The CST Committee acknowledged that the bollards are not proven to provide safety. We do not think they encourage people to get out to walk/bike. It looks somewhat like an airport tarmac, and certainly does not conform to the look and feel of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your work on this important project,

Peter Binkley  
[REDACTED] Shannon Rd., LG  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cheri Finalle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Shannon Road

EXTERNAL SENDER

I am writing to you, to beg that you for support of **Plan 1 NOT Plan 3** for Shannon Road at the Town Council Meeting Tuesday. Or best yet, that the Town **send the project back to Planning** to work more with the community.

Please do not put plastic bollards in front of your neighbors' homes. This is not a commercial area. These are people's homes. And we are terrified of having a super wide road and tons more pavement. *My small kids cross this road regularly to play with their friends.*

As a parent of small children and being in a family that bike commutes, I was so excited about upgrading Shannon Road. The very initial plans were for Type I bike lanes like LG Creek Trail. Having grown up in another state in a Master Plan Community I was thrilled at the safety and beauty of having such nice wide sidewalks similar to my previous home. However this year we learned that that would not be an option.

The **problems** with Plan 3:

1. Lack of any greenscape or planting strips:

It removes almost all the plants/trees/landscaping that people have put in. Preserve some of this beauty.

The plan adds tons of cement/pavement without using planting areas.

2. Complete lack of street parking.

Older homes have very little garage space.

Parking will spill into side Streets like Englewood that already dangerous for kids (it's a traffic but through to avoid LG Blvd).

More people leaving driveways is a *safety risk*.

Even deliveries will add to traffic as there will be nowhere to pull over.

3. Presence of green traffic posts/bollards.

These are not present anywhere else in LG on a residential road in front of homes.

No one wants to bike commute in a commercial area that appears unsafe. Beautiful green roads promote walking/biking.

These quickly look aged (some are already knocked over on BH)

Some use these as a slalom course and we already have a problem with late night speeders.

They can give a false sense of safety.

They are not present anywhere else in Los Gatos in front of homes.

They are for commercial areas and airports.

4. Too wide bike lanes compared to green space & sidewalks

Most child commuters in this area are too young to bike in a bike lane anyways.

No need to have such wide lanes if the lane is separated with greenery and parking.


Again I am absolutely begging that you consider the home owners. Imagine you lived here. Please do not put commercial bollards in front of my home. Please do not make Shannon Road wider. But absolutely make sidewalks and a safe place for all - just consider the aesthetics. There are solutions that allow for both.

PLEASE support Plan 1 or send this plan back to planning.

PLEASE do not make Shannon Road the first residential street with bollards in front of homes.

Respectfully,

Cheri Finalle Binkley

 Shannon Road

**From:** Ryan Rosenberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Clerk <[Clerk@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Clerk@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Addition to Yesterday's Shannon Road Petition

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Los Gatos Town Clerk,

I would like to make a few additions to the petition submitted yesterday regarding the Shannon Road Street project.

Since yesterday some additional residents have joined the petition:

Peter Binkley [REDACTED] Shannon Rd

Kathleen Romero [REDACTED] Shannon Rd

Also I wanted to clarify what residents chose. Out of the 22 residents who (so far) have filled in the petition:

86% selected: "I request the council choose option #1"

13% selected: "Any option but No Bollards"

Clearly the vast majority of residents prefer option #1.

And all residents are united in rejecting option #3 as it stands today.

I urge you to follow the recommendation of the Town Engineer: "Concept #1 as an alternative if the council thinks that it would be more acceptable to residents."

Thank you,

Ryan Rosenberg

**From:** Andrew Horwitz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 10:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>; Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>; Marico Sayoc <MSayoc@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>; Mary Badame <MBadame@losgatosca.gov>; Matthew Hudes <MHudes@losgatosca.gov>; Maria Ristow <MRistow@losgatosca.gov>  
**Cc:** Traci Horwitz (ICE) [REDACTED] Ryan Rosenberg [REDACTED] Cheri Finalle [REDACTED] Fletcher Parsons <FParsons@losgatosca.gov>; WooJae Kim <WKim@losgatosca.gov>; Suyesh Shrestha <SShrestha@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Slide deck and information Shannon Road Council meeting on 10/19

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello Los Gatos Town Council, Town Clerk, Director of Public Works and Engineering Team,

I know each resident has limited time to speak tomorrow night at the board meeting, and I believe pictures can help tell a more powerful story and provide a more first hand perspective to the community and council. Thus, I put together this deck to help illustrate some of the points I made in my email from Sunday. My hope is that these slides further help to facilitate a productive discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

If possible please review slides, they are pictures with some commentary which I hope you will find helpful. I am very supportive of adding a bike lane and sidewalk to Shannon Road, but do ask that we are pragmatic and balance the impact to the whole community and recognize how much increased safety would be created by adding speed bumps and simply using the very wide existing shoulders. Plus, I believe we can be more fiscally responsible with a pragmatic approach.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am sending the slides to the Town Clerk as well to include in the record and request to present these slides during my three minutes.

Best regards,


Andy Horwitz

Resident: [REDACTED] Shannon Road



# Shannon Road Bike Path Concerns

Safety for Students  
Community for Neighborhood

A dark blue diagonal graphic that starts from the bottom left corner and extends towards the top right corner, covering the lower half of the slide.

Providing Shannon Road with sidewalks and bike lanes will increase student safety.  
**Proposal #1 or something simpler can accomplish this**



Morning walkers: Within current open space. There is plenty of room in existing space.  
Why is more the 10-12' needed?  
Kids are on their phones, Bollards create risks not safety

Higher Traffic Areas have 4ft bike lanes  
Why does Shannon need more?



LG Blvd at Shannon Road: 4 ft Bike lane,  
no Bollards  
Not residential, higher traffic volume  
and speed

Blossom Hill Road at Cherry Blossom:  
4 ft side walks, 4 ft bike lane, no bollards.  
Residential, higher traffic and speed

LG Almaden at Cherry Blossom.  
5 ft bike lane, no bollards,  
residential, higher traffic and  
speed



Shannon Road is a residential street, bollards don't belong here

Adding a bike lane is already  
a huge safety benefit

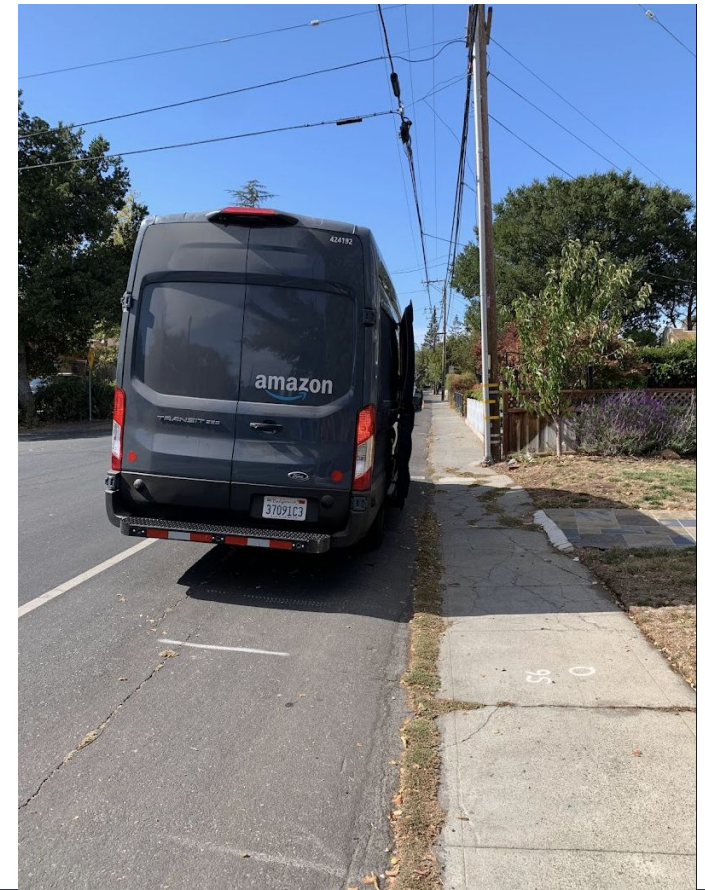
Speed bumps will be biggest  
safety improvement



How much space a 4 ft lane actually provides. Slowing down cars is the safety issue.

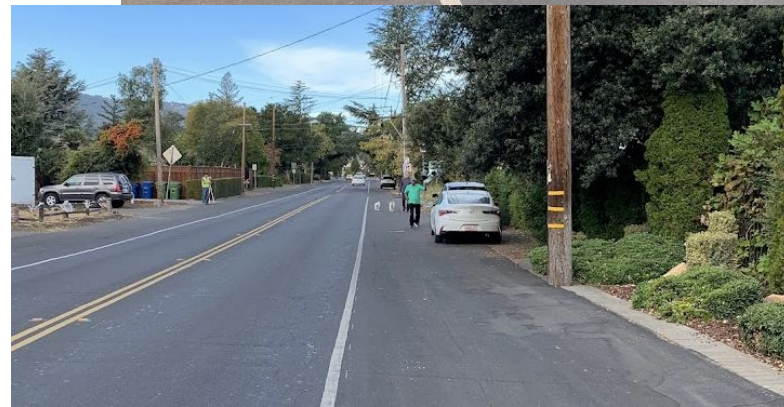
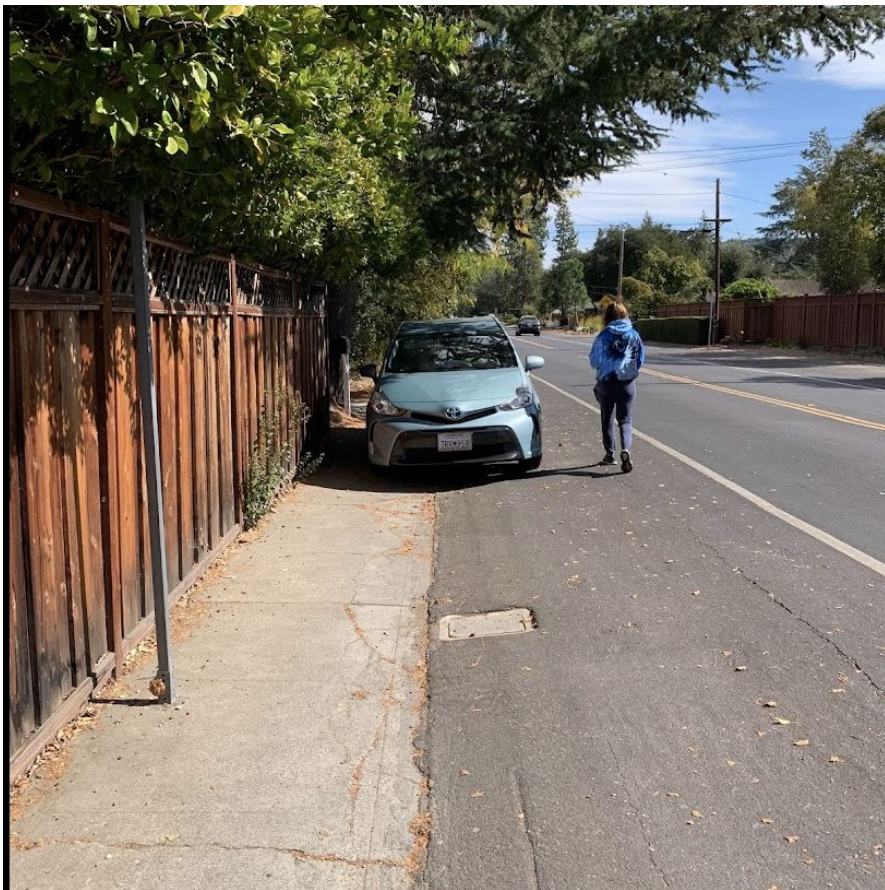
Bollards will cause delivery trucks and trash trucks to block Shannon road creating risks of cars going around this big vehicles

Residents get deliveries and have service providers daily home cleaners, plumbers, etc. Proposal 3 makes these much more difficult



Daily deliveries would block traffic with bollards

Resident do park on the street on weekends and nights  
Removing street parking lowers home value



Weekend parking used by residents. Showing width of car and pedestrians.  
Existing shoulder provides ample room for pedestrian and biker safety



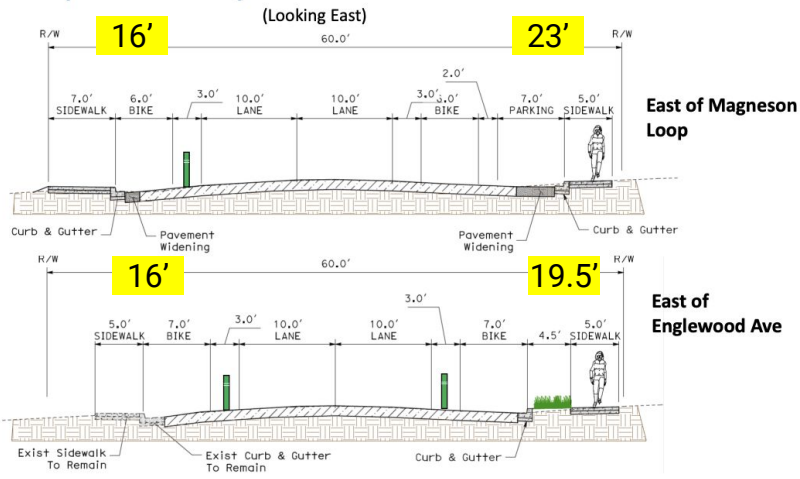
Parking used on Englewood. Shannon residents don't use as often because of school safety and current regulation. Please don't make the situation worse



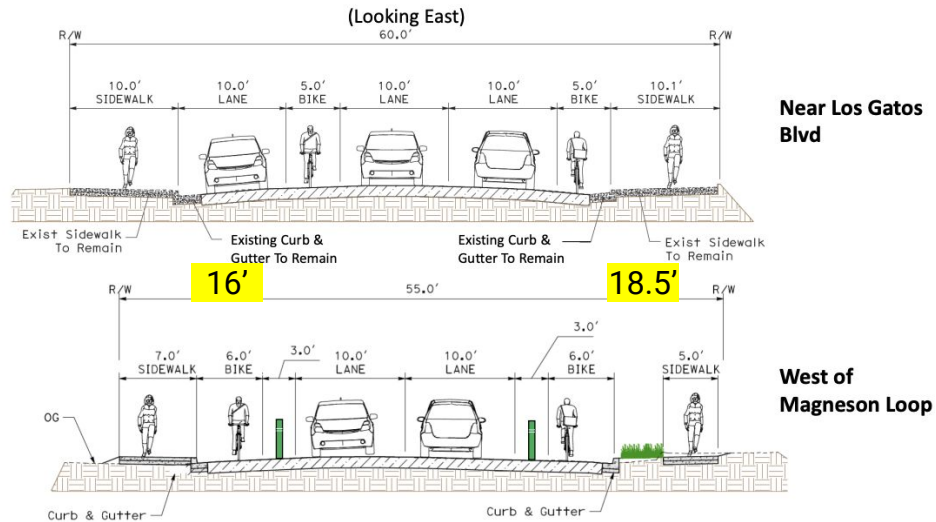


Parking used on Robie: Shannon residents don't use as often because of school safety and current regulation. Please don't make the situation worse

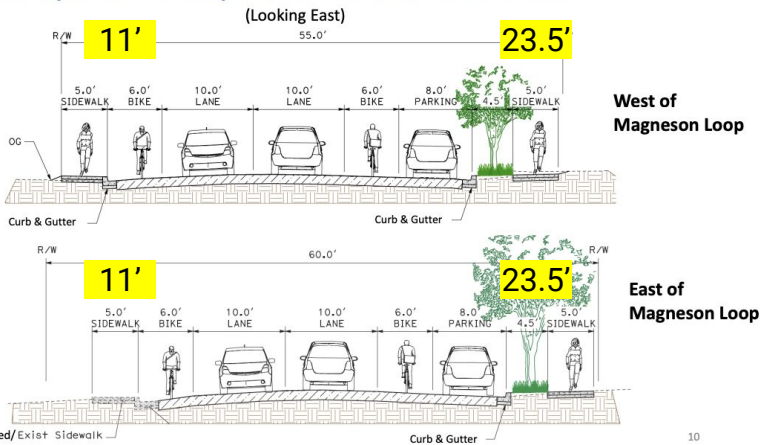
# Concept 3 – Proposed Cross-Sections



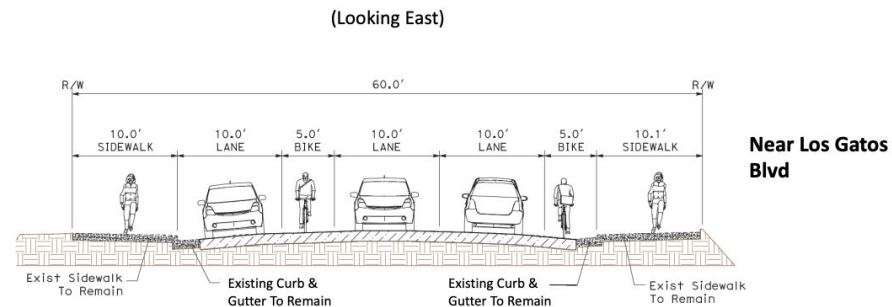
# Concept 3 – Proposed Cross-Sections



# Concept 1 – Proposed Cross-Sections



# Concept 1 – Proposed Cross-Sections



Impact to  
Residents

Impact to  
Community

Recommendation

**Summary of Concerns:**

Focus on all aspects of kid safety and the Los Gatos community feel

The proposal for Class IV with Bollards is not needed and not desired by the community and residents. Shannon Road is not a high speed traffic zone.

The bollards do not match the ambiance of Residential Shannon Road

Proposal #3 does unnecessary harm to resident property aesthetics and home value

It seems unlikely that proposal #3 has accurately included costs of changes to private property

**Recommendation:**

Add speed bumps as soon as possible

No bollards in any plan

Use Concept #1 and alter to minimize impact to property owners at the trade-off of more limited parking

Keep sidewalks to maximum of 5' and bike lane to maximum of 6'

Keep residential street view in tact and significantly enhance child and pedestrian safety from current state

# Personal Appeal and Concerns

Horwitz Resident  
16653 Shannon Road

Uncertainty on plans  
Specific concerns for our property  
Destruction of curb appeal  
True cost of project, all required changes  
Daily impact to resident use



The current plan will significantly alter front appearance of property

Have these costs accurately been incorporated into plan?

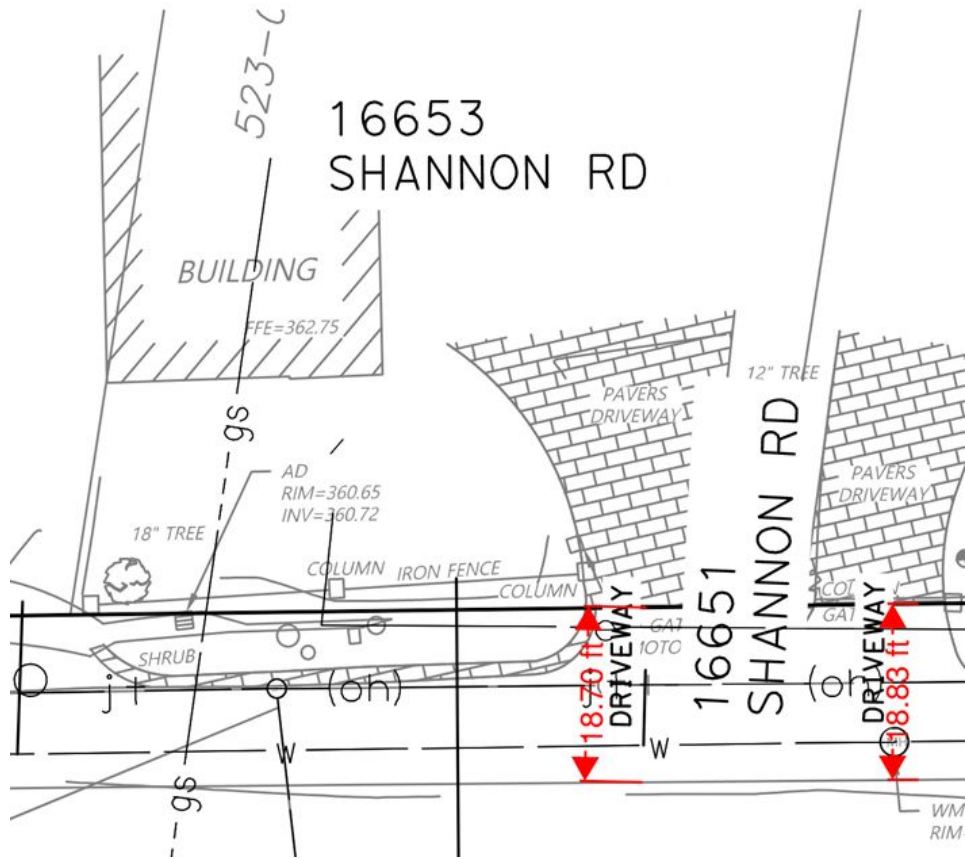
Front of House: All Front trees and landscaping gone. Trees (4) and plants and appearance  
Uncertain impact to gate and driveway and all stone work.



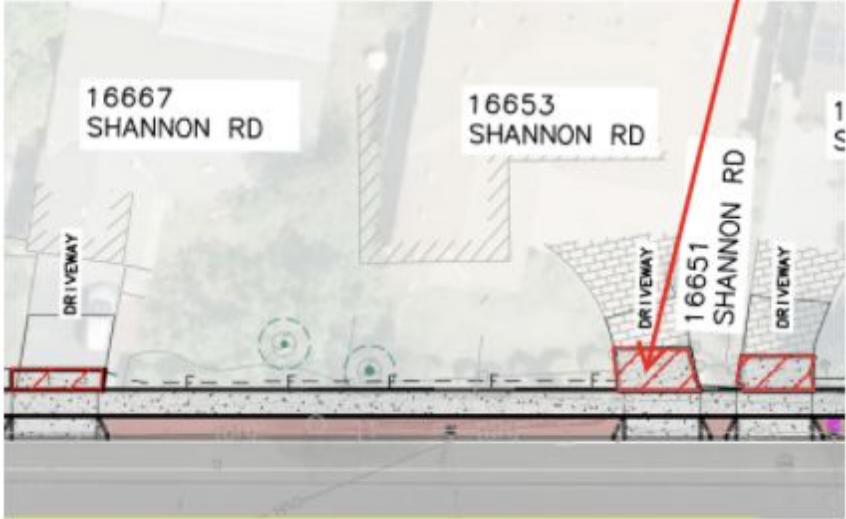
We believe there is plenty of room with existing shoulder. Front landscaping is part of property.

The current plan will significantly alter front appearance of property

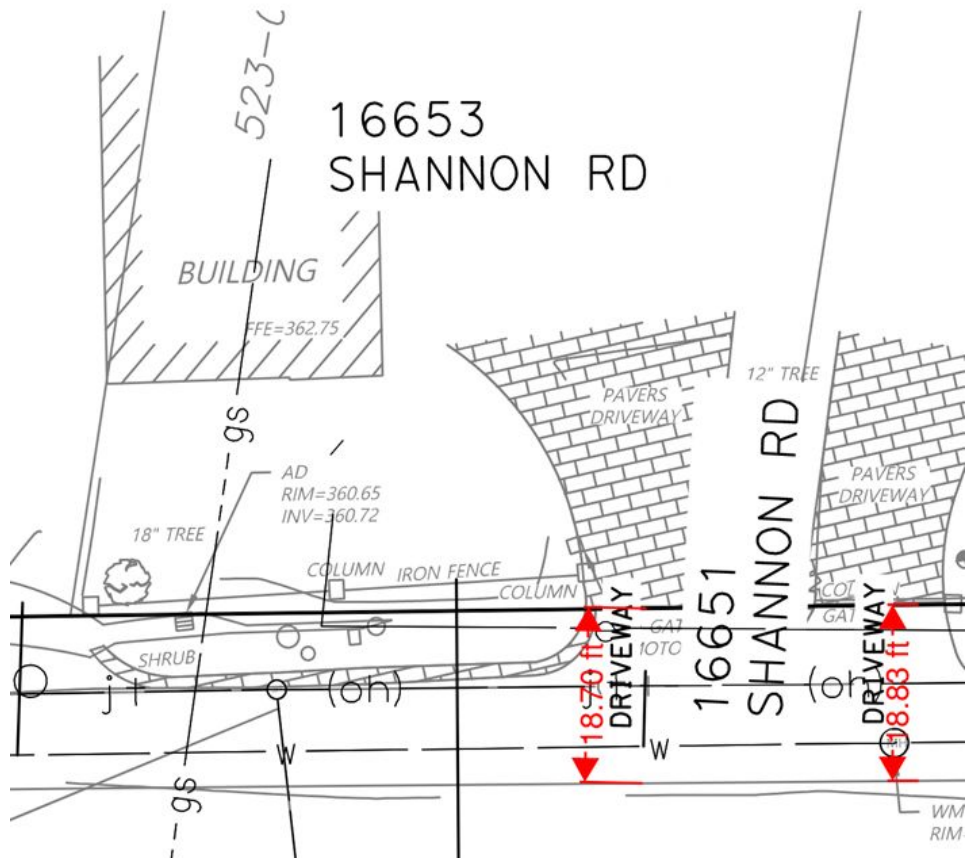
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Area of Driveway  
 Reconstruction to Transition  
 existing Driveway to New  
 Sidewalk.



Full impact not clear, but a significant impact to current property. Concerns on what remains and additional changes required to preserve street appeal. We are not the only one with this concern.

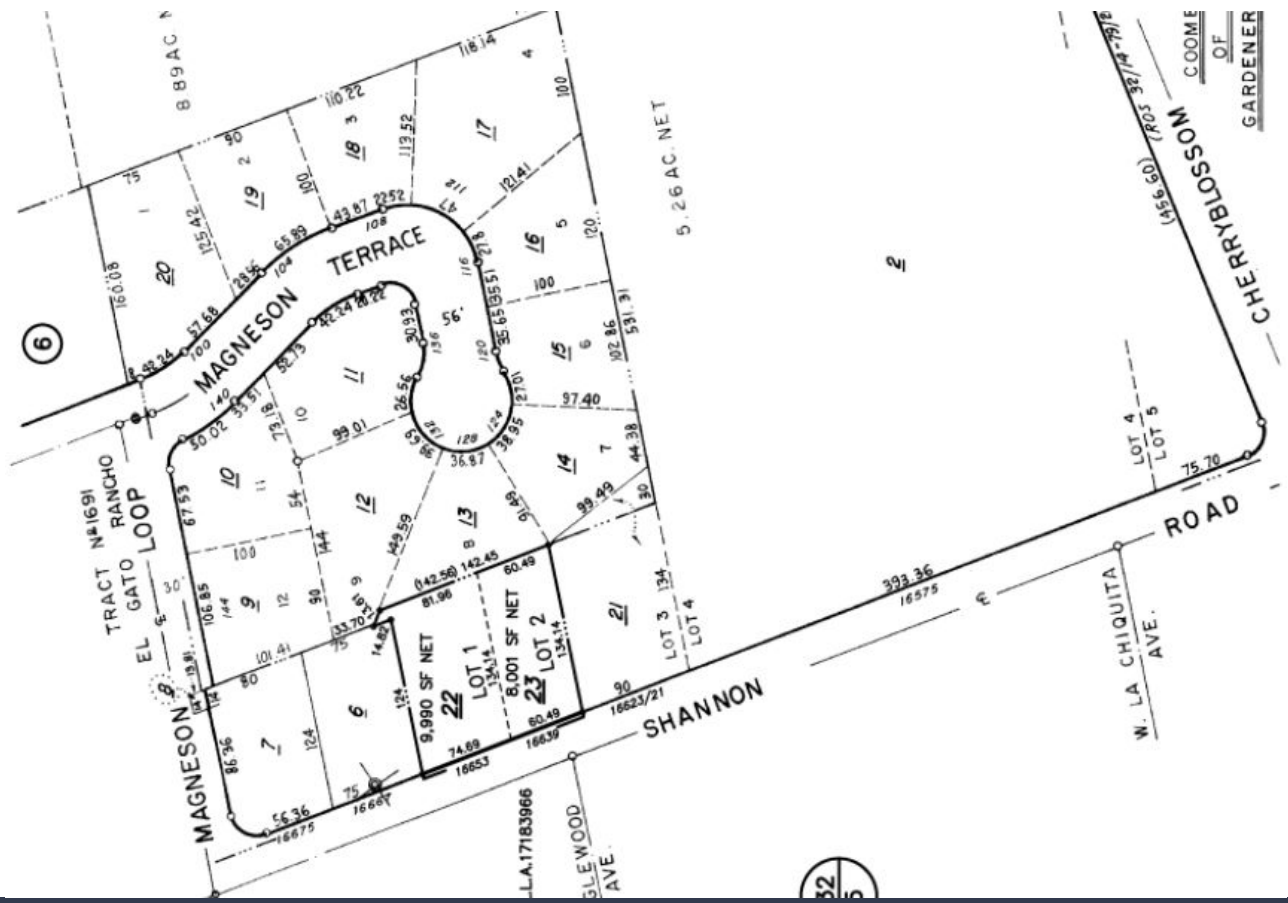


Big Impact to personal property. This is at 16ft. Proposal above is almost 19ft





Stone work and landscaping like this since house built in 2004



Property line should be verified in front. House landscaping has been in place for 17 years.