

From: [Mark Wander](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Shannon Road Project Comments
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 1:31:39 PM

EXTERNAL SENDER

Please pass this on to the LG City Council Members-

Regarding the Shannon Road proposed modifications, given the options that have moved forward, I would like to add the following comments for consideration:

Option 1 would be preferable. At least some parking should remain on Shannon Road. To remove all parking would impact the traffic and parking issues feeder streets along Shannon, creating even more issues with safety and parking for residents.

Option 2 seems to be too costly and add little benefit.

Option 3, aside from the parking issues mentioned previously, creates more issues by adding bollards, which take up additional space along the shoulder of the road. This may be a good idea on wider streets such as Blossom Hill, but the Shannon right of way is not wide enough.

I appreciate your consideration of these comments while making your final decision!

Thank you very much,

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Mark E. Wander
Wander Wildland Management Solutions
Field Services and Consulting
[REDACTED] Robi Lane, Los Gatos CA 95032
Philo Office: [REDACTED]
Mobile/Text: [REDACTED]

Balancing Nature With Need

From: [Deanna Dresti](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Shannon road project
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 1:09:44 PM

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear City Council: In reference to the city council meeting of October 19th and the Shannon road project- I would like to urge you to consider option #1 which ' adds bike lanes and retains half the existing parking'.

The installation of bollards would not only make the area look very industrial and unsightly but we have always had parking issues with people parking on the side streets without any parking on Shannon Road. Vote no on bollards!

Note: I have lived in this house for 60+ years and feel very strongly about this.

Deanna Dresti

██████ Robie Lane

Los Gatos, CA, 95032

From: [Cheri Finalle](#)
To: [WooJae Kim](#); [Matt Morley](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#)
Cc: [Peter Binkley](#)
Subject: Shannon Road
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:54:02 PM

EXTERNAL SENDER

I wanted to send all of you another request to please reconsider supporting Plan 1 over Plan 3 for Shannon Road. I did not have time to digest the difference during the previous community meeting. I spent hours looking at the arial views and now understand. I made a mistake during the meeting. We do NOT want all parking removed. We do NOT want bollards. No other residential parts of roads in Los Gatos have bollards.

Please find a way to amend the plans to make a safe and beautiful road for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you, Cheri Binkley 

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Cheri Finalle](#)
Cc: [Matt Morley](#); [WooJae Kim](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#)
Subject: RE: Shannon Road Project - Please add to public comment for meeting 10/19
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 4:30:37 PM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Town Engineer
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From: Cheri Finalle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Shannon Road Project - Please add to public comment for meeting 10/19

EXTERNAL SENDER

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cheri Finalle** [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 3:57 PM

Subject: Shannon Road Project - Please add to public comment for meeting 10/19

To: <council@losgatos.gov>

Dear Council,

First thank you for your time and consideration regarding the Shannon Road Street Project. I respectfully urge the Council to vote to move forward with Plan 1 not 3. We feel passionately that Plan 3 is not a good fit for our community road.

We live at 16668 Shannon Road an area directly impacted by the new plans and have been hugely in support of traffic calming and sidewalk development along Shannon Road. Our children are in kindergarten and walk to school everyday. My husband bike commutes to work at Good Samaritan Hospital and El Camino Los Gatos. We purchased our home in this location because it allows us a life style of walking/biking. We are very motivated and invested into making walking and biking along Shannon Road safe for all ages.

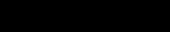
The problems with Plan 3 are the complete lack of street parking, lack of any greenscape (planting strip), and the presence of green traffic posts/bollards. These green traffic posts are newly present on the commercial area of Blossom Hill. No where else are these posts present in front of homes in Los Gatos. Nor has the cost of maintenance been discussed as they will require more upkeep than regular curbs and quickly become aged. Some of the posts on Blossom Hill already need repair. These posts/bollards are more appropriate for airports, commercial areas - not a community street. Furthermore many of our neighbors park next to the street but in the area of the set back that will be developed esp for short visits/deliveries/yard work. Homes here are old if not remodeled and garages are small. And even a remodel does not allow a larger garage as the Planning Committee wants everyone's garages to fit in with immediate neighbors. Our "2 car garage" does not fit 2 modern cars even without all of our bikes. More cars in driveways that need to be moved around constantly detracts from the safety that the community is working so hard to achieve. Lastly we are also home gardeners and are concerned about the amount of increased pavement. Plan 3 does not give any space for adding trees/plants that not just beautify the town but make living here healthier. Part of the beauty of Los Gatos are the views of mountains, trees along the streets and beautiful landscape yards. This town is not an urban area like San Francisco or San Jose - we want to see the small town feel preserved.

The local community was asked to vote on plan 1, 2 or 3 knowing 2 was likely too expensive to be a real option. The vote was requested via a Zoom Mtg after just learning about Plan 3. I believe most people (myself included) did not have time to fully digest what the differences would mean. The

vote was split between 1 and 3 with 1 extra vote to plan 3. However, I now cannot find 1 neighbor in favor of option 3. I bring this up because I truly believe most neighbors, if not all neighbors support Plan 1 over 3.

I urge you to vote for Plan 1. Please do not vote for Plan 3 esp with the posts/bollards. Please do not put ugly posts in front of your neighbors homes, remove all of our parking and remove our landscaping without any place to replant. Yes we agreed parking was not a priority but that did not mean we wanted to remove all of it. Plan 1 meets the needs of the community and provides a safe alternative that everyone can support.

Please reject Plan 3. Please vote for Plan 1.

Respectfully, Cheri Binkley 

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Rob Virk](#)
Cc: [Suyesh Shrestha](#); [WooJae Kim](#); [Matt Morley](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#)
Subject: RE: No bollards on Shannon Road please
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:34:44 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Town Engineer
Assistant Engineer
PPW Director
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From: Rob Virk [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Suyesh Shrestha <SShrestha@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: No bollards on Shannon Road please

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Clerk and Council Members,

I live at [REDACTED] Shannon road and support road improvements and traffic calming efforts for the safety of the residents. I would like to have my opposition to the installation of bollards please in regards to the Oct 19 Shannon Road Project council meeting.

Thanks and regards,
Rob Virk

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Mike](#); [Clerk](#)
Cc: [WooJae Kim](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#); [Matt Morley](#)
Subject: RE: October 19 Meeting and Shannon Road Project
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:33:31 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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From: Mike <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: October 19 Meeting and Shannon Road Project

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

Re: October 19 Meeting and the "Shannon road project"

Please know that myself and my wife, Chenin Anita Engelman, are against adding bollards to any option that is chosen for the Shannon Road Project. We are on the corner of Englewood Ave and Shannon Rd.

Best Regards,
Mike Nyland

█ Englewood Ave LG

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Kathy Romero](#)
Cc: [WooJae Kim](#); [Matt Morley](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#)
Subject: RE: Shannon Rd Project at 10/19/2021 City Council Mtg
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:32:40 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Romero [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Shannon Rd Project at 10/19/2021 City Council Mtg

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I am a Shannon Rd resident. My home is within the first block off LG Blvd, where there is already raised sidewalk, no parking weekdays from 7AM to 6PM, and an existing bike lane across the street.

I would be directly impacted by additional actions proposed by this Project: bollards and removal of all street

parking.

I strongly disagree with the installation of bollards and the removal of all street parking.

I feel bollards may create unnecessary obstacles and could actually decrease road safety. Bollards blocking all street parking will impact access for Service and Emergency vehicles. In fact, I could feel less safe in my home as a result of these extreme actions to achieve street safety.

Given a choice, I would support Option #1.

Thank you
Kathleen Romero
[REDACTED] Shannon Rd

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Mark Wyss](#)
Cc: [WooJae Kim](#); [Matt Morley](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#)
Subject: RE: Shannon Road Project/October 19th Town Council Meeting
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:31:37 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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From: Mark Wyss [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Shannon Road Project/October 19th Town Council Meeting

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Clerk & Council Members,

We are excited about the upcoming changes to Shannon Road. As a home owner and resident between LG Blvd and Cherry Blossom, we have yet to experience the benefits of the recent traffic calming / installed speed humps. I know from driving Shannon beyond Cherry Blossom towards Short, they seem to be quite effective from what I have seen walking and experienced driving thus far. Unfortunately, once they clear Cherry Blossom and travel toward LG Blvd, cars have increased their speeds since the speed humps have been installed. I guess they are trying to make up lost time when navigating the humps... We very much look forward to the added humps on our side of Shannon, which I believe is included in the next planned phase associated with Shannon.

As for the existing options presented to the Council regarding bike lanes and sidewalk, my wife and I are opposed to the use of any Bollards. This is a residential street, and they just are not necessary. I am an avid cyclist and also a real estate professional who helps buyers and sellers in Los Gatos. From a cycling perspective, the Bollards are arguably more dangerous than not having them at all. If I were cycling and accidentally hit one, the chances of me and other cyclists falling into traffic is much more likely than if the Bollards didn't exist at all. Without the Bollards, cyclist are more likely to just fall into the bike lane. To my knowledge we have not experienced an incidents of a vehicle vs. automobile, so there is no need to go to the extreme of installing Bollards in a residential community with multi-million dollar private homes is necessary. Honestly, the value of the homes really doesn't matter. We just don't have a justified need to install these in a residential neighborhood. The installation of the Bollards is sure to reduce the attractiveness of Shannon Road and thereby effect property values. We have already suffered a bit from the traffic conditions on Shannon in contrast to some of the streets just off of Shannon and that is why we so much look forward to the speed hump calming to come. We are ADAMENTLY opposed to the Bollards!

I am all for bike and pedestrian safety. This community is unique and very sought after. I would see Bollards at the lowest end of attractiveness and effectiveness for this street. Now the installation of a designated bike lane and side walk totally makes sense and is reasonable. With that said, I have heard in the meetings and other publications there is a chance of some property owners fences and landscaping/vegetation having to be removed to support the project. This is also an area that I feel is not necessary. Many of us have lived here for years without any problems, welcoming pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. Improvements are great, but not at the expense of an individual's property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark S. Wyss, Realtor

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From: [Clerk](#)
To: [James Mahoney](#)
Cc: [Matt Morley](#); [WooJae Kim](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#)
Subject: RE: Oct. 19 city council meeting Shannon Road Project
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:28:09 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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From: James Mahoney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Oct. 19 city council meeting Shannon Road Project

EXTERNAL SENDER

I am a resident and owner on Shannon Road. ([REDACTED])

I would like to respectfully request that the council choose option #1.

If option #3 is the choice please make it without Bollards. Bollards do not belong on a residential street.

Thank you,

James Mahoney

[REDACTED] Shannon Rd.

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Nelson Gonzalez](#)
Cc: [WooJae Kim](#); [Fletcher Parsons](#); [Matt Morley](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#)
Subject: RE: Shannon rd project
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:27:13 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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From: Nelson Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:35 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Shannon rd project

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

My family and I live on [REDACTED] Shannon Rd. We like the project plan and are excited to see the result. We recommend option #1. However, if you choose option #3 please do it without bollards because they are visually unappealing and it doesn't make sense to put them in such a narrow road. Thank you.

Best,
Nelson

From: [Clerk](#)
To: [Ryan Rosenberg](#)
Cc: [Fletcher Parsons](#); [Suyesh Shrestha](#); [WooJae Kim](#); [Matt Morley](#)
Subject: RE: Submission for October 19, 2021 Los Gatos City Council Meeting on The Shannon Road Project
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:35:38 AM

cc: Mayor and Town Council
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From: Ryan Rosenberg [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Submission for October 19, 2021 Los Gatos City Council Meeting on The Shannon Road

Project

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Los Gatos Town Clerk,

At the October 14 Transportation Commission meeting Town Engineer WooJae Kim stated that the recommendation from his department would be Shannon Road "Concept #3 with Concept #1 as an alternative if the council thinks that it would be more acceptable to residents."

A petition was circulated among the residents of Shannon Road (plus a few houses who touch Shannon Road or directly impacted by the project). Although they only had 72 hours to respond - and some residents are away - a large number did respond.

And the universal response was: "I Request The Council Choose Option #1 For the Shannon Road Project"

Here are the names and addresses of those who responded:

Andrew Horwitz [REDACTED] Shannon Road

Cheri Finalle Binkley [REDACTED] Shannon Road

Christine Brokaw
[REDACTED] Shannon Road

Danielle Ratliff
[REDACTED] Shannon Road

James Mahoney
[REDACTED] Shannon Road

Jimmy Yip
[REDACTED] Shannon road

Maria Gerst
[REDACTED] Shannon Rd

Mark Bony

████████ Shannon Road

Matt Wander

████████ Robie Lane

Michael Nyland

████████ Englewood Ave.

Chenin Anita Engelman

████████ Englewood Ave.

Mojgan Khalili

████████ Shannon Road Los Gatos

Rob Virk

████████ Shannon Road

Ryan Rosenberg

████████ Shannon Road

Sheila Bony

████████ Shannon Road

Simon Lonsdale

████████ Shannon Rd

Varun & Pooja

████████ Shannon Rd

Carlos Gomez Uribe

████████ Englewood Ave

Deanna Dresti

████████ Robie Lane

Mark Wander

████████ Robie Ln

Mitchell Wander

 Robie Lane

Interpreting the Results

Residents were presented with 3 choices; the universal preference is for Option #1. We have not (yet) found a single resident who supports option #3.

This project has gone through major changes in the past couple of months and it is clear many residents were not aware of the final details.

This petition does not make it clear exactly what specific issues cause residents to make this unified statement (looks of the street, questions about required changes, parking, getting deliveries, and so on).

I suggest we give residents another chance to work with the engineers, to give their input, and to get questions answer on the current proposals. There may well be a way to modify the proposals so that many of the residents are more comfortable and the goals of the project are still met. Most residents (and quite possibly all) are in favor of the general goal: to make Shannon Road safer.

Shannon Road speaks with one voice: residents oppose voting YES on the current proposal #3 without any modifications.

Regards,

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