



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
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Mountain View City Council
City Hall, 500 Castro Street
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Re: 4.1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program

Dear Mayor Matichak and City Council members:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on what is proposed for the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2023-24.

MVCSP's mission supports sustainability of all kinds in our city, including land use, environmental, housing availability and affordability, transportation, diversity and human rights, and wildlife protection sustainability. Please be aware that MVCSP supports a much more broad, comprehensive suite of sustainability goals than the ones outlined in the proposed CIP. Also, note that we're commenting only on projects that fall within our mission scope; others we aren't commenting on might be fine for other reasons.

Among the potential projects described in in the study session memo, we request that Council members support the following:

- "Council supported proceeding with the El Camino Real Bicycle Improvements to keep pace with Caltrans' anticipated resurfacing of El Camino Real. This project is included in Year 1 of the Proposed CIP."
We believe this is urgently needed as quickly as possible. We want to encourage use of bicycles in Mountain View, and both comfort and safety along El Camino are compromised with the current road surface conditions.
- "Council supported studying an alternative to the configuration of the Castro Street/Evelyn Avenue intersection shown in the Transit Center Master Plan. This study will involve developing and evaluating various design concepts for a plaza or pedestrian mall along the 100 block of Castro Street and will include extensive community and downtown business outreach. This

effort will be pursued in parallel with preliminary engineering and environmental clearance on the Castro Street Grade Separation and Access Project. Staff included the Castro Street Pedestrian Mall Feasibility Study in the first year of the Proposed CIP. If approved by Council, staff would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in summer 2019 and request Council approval of a consultant contract in fall 2019."

- All requests submitted by the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) through their preliminary review with the exception of prioritizing the Mayfield tunnel over the Villa Street tunnel, which we're choosing to not take a position on.
- Implementation of Vision Zero policies for Mountain View (we don't see this covered in the study session memo).
- The three "Cross-Culvert Removal and Storm Drain Extensions" projects in the list if the work improves safety for bicyclists riding in those areas.
- Among the discretionary projects proposed for 2019-20:
 - El Camino Real Bike Improvements, Design
 - Solar Panel Systems at City Facilities, Study
 - Tennis Court LED Light Upgrades
 - Shoreline at 101 Ped/Bike Overcrossing, Construction
 - Stevens Creek Trail Extension from Dale Avenue/ Heatherstone Way to West Remington Drive, Design
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements (TBD)
 - Calderon Avenue Bike Lane—Mercy St. to El Camino Real
 - Castro Street Pedestrian Mall Feasibility Study
We support comments provided by Cliff Chambers, a core MVCSP member, which he submitted to you independently
 - Automated Guideway Transportation Phase II, Feasibility Study
- Among the discretionary projects proposed for 2020-21:
 - Pedestrian Master Plan Update
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
 - El Monte Corridor Improvements—Design and Construction
 - Grant Road and Sleeper Avenue Intersection Improvements—Design and Construction
If the project includes improvements that benefit pedestrians and bicyclists
 - Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project— Final Design
- Among the discretionary projects proposed for 2021-22:
 - Stierlin Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Construction
 - El Camino Real Bike Improvements, Shoreline/Miramonte-Rengstorff—Construction
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
- Among the discretionary projects proposed for 2022-23:
 - Shoreline Boulevard Pathway (Villa Street to Wright Avenue), Construction
 - Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing, Local Match
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
 - ECR Bike Improvements, Sylvan/Americana-Calderon/Phyllis—Construction
 - Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project—Construction
 - Rengstorff Grade Separation—Construction
- Among the discretionary projects proposed for 2023-24:
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
 - Central Expressway Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study
 - Middlefield Road Bikeway, Whisman—City Limit (Sunnyvale), Feasibility Study
 - Middlefield Road Sidewalk Across SR-85, Feasibility Study

- Moffett Boulevard Class IV Bikeway, Middlefield-Clark—Preliminary Design
- Mayfield/San Antonio Bicycle and Pedestrian Tunnel—Construction
- Update Bicycle Master Plan

We also request support for amendments to the following existing projects:

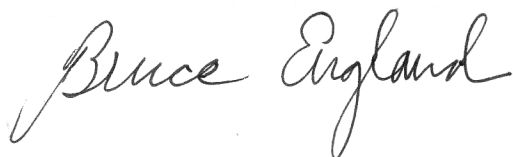
- Rengstorff Grade Separation—Environmental Clearance—CIP 17-37
- All-Inclusive Playground—CIP 18-36
- Transit Center Master Plan Next Steps/Implementation Items—CIP 18-65

We have concerns about some of the projects listed in Attachment 6 (Unscheduled Projects) that are not included in the new CIP. We ask that you reconsider the following for inclusion in the new CIP:

- US-3: Light Rail Trail Lighting, Pacific Drive to MOC
- US-4: Stevens Creek Trail: Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way to Mountain View High School, Construction
- US-5: Stevens Creek Trail - Northside Trail Access Point (to Middlefield)
- US-13: Ellis Street to Light Rail Trail
- US-14: Rose Avenue Sidewalk Project (from Fordham Way to Miramonte Avenue)
- US-15: Marich Way Reconstruction
- US-16 through US-21: CES Complete Streets Project items
- US-23: Rengstorff Streetscape and Bikeway Improvement, El Camino Real - Amphitheatre, Pilot and Feasibility Study
- US-25: East Whisman Area Transit Oriented Development Improvements - Phase II Construction
- US-26: East Whisman Area Transit Oriented Development Improvements - Phase III
- US-29 through US- 31, and US-33: Recycled Water Feasibility Study items
- US-38: Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure
- US-48: Citywide Trash Capture - Phase IV

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a group of local volunteers dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

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