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Re: Agenda Item 4.12: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Board, Commission, and Committee Work Plans

Dear Mayor Ramos and Councilmembers,

We're really excited to see the **Standard Details Update** moving forward, and thanks again for prioritizing and funding it in the 2026–27 CIP. This is something MVCSP, Bike Walk MVLA and other community groups have been advocating for over the past couple of years, since it was identified in the 2023 ATP Existing Conditions and Needs Summary and the 2024 Vision Zero Action Plan & Local Road Safety Plan.

Now we want to make sure the process is transparent, and that both the advisory bodies and the public get to see the work early enough to participate, provide feedback, and help shape the standards while staff can still make changes in response.

Keeping the work mostly under wraps until it's already well underway and then presenting it only as an Information item falls short of providing a meaningful opportunity for advisory bodies and the public to influence the standards while changes can still be made.

This review was already part of the plan for the Standard Details Update. In response to Council questions for the April 14 CIP Study Session, staff said, "The process will include obtaining feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Council Transportation Committee." Staff also said the public would be able to provide feedback at each of those meetings.

The problem is that this planned review isn't clearly reflected in the advisory body workplans before Council tonight. The most recently published BPAC Tentative Agenda List (June 17, 2026) shows the "Updated City Standard Details" coming to BPAC only once, on June 30, 2027, and only as an Information item. That's the only BPAC review we could find. We're concerned that by June 2027, the work may already be fairly baked, with no earlier Action item where BPAC can review the work, provide feedback, and make formal recommendations while the standards are still being developed.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA LIST
2026-27
C: Consent, I: Information, A: Action

1/27/27	VZAP Annual Report	C
	Rengstorff Preferred Alternatives Concepts	A
	Stevens Creek Trail Extension (Staff update – no report or action, presentation only)	I
2/24/27	Collision Data Review	I
3/31/27	SRTS Program Update	A
	Evelyn Complete Streets Study Update	I
4/28/27	CIP	A
	TDA3 Projects Allocation and Complete Streets Checklist Review	A
May	OFF	
6/30/27	Moffett Precise Plan	I
	Collision Data Review	I
	Updated City Standard Details	**I**

Figure 1. Excerpt from the FY 2026–27 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee tentative agenda showing "Updated City Standard Details" scheduled for June 30, 2027 as an Information item (I).

There are also gaps in the other advisory body workplans. We couldn't find the Standard Details Update anywhere on the FY 2026–27 Parks and Recreation Commission/Urban Forestry Board workplan, even though PRC review was part of the process staff described in April. We'd also like to see the planned CTC review clearly scheduled. Depending on which standards are being updated, there may also be relevant pieces where input from the Environmental Planning Commission would be useful.

The Standard Details help determine what actually gets built by default when the City works on streets, sidewalks, crossings, bike facilities, landscaping, and other infrastructure. If BPAC, other advisory bodies, and the public don't see the work until it's already well underway, we've missed out on some opportunities to identify issues and make changes while the standards are still taking shape. If significant concerns only come up at the end — and Council agrees they need to be fixed — staff may have to go back and redo work that could have been addressed much earlier. That can mean more staff time, higher costs, and schedule delays.

We respectfully ask Council to direct staff to:

1. **Add an earlier BPAC Action item** for the Standard Details Update while the scope and draft standards are still being developed, so BPAC can provide feedback and make formal recommendations before the standards are finalized;

2. **Keep the currently scheduled June 30, 2027 BPAC review** so the Committee and public have another opportunity to review the standards as the work progresses; and

3. **Make sure the planned PRC/UFB and CTC reviews are reflected in their workplans or tentative agendas** and identify whether other advisory bodies should review relevant portions of the Standard Details Update, particularly where the standards affect urban forestry, landscaping, green stormwater infrastructure, accessibility, or other Complete Streets elements.

Thank you for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) and Bike Walk MVLA

About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a local volunteer-based organization 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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