

**El Monte Avenue Corridor Study  
Public Meeting #2  
Virtual Community Input Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2020**

The main goal of the El Monte Avenue Corridor study is to develop multimodal conceptual plans to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and improve traffic operations along the corridor. A summary of the virtual community input meeting is provided here.

The second public meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss and gather community feedback for the El Monte Avenue Corridor Study. Notification of the virtual meeting and directions on how to register for the meeting was provided to the residents within the study area including residents of the City of Los Altos via postcard mailers as shown in Figure 1. A total of 25 participants attended the meeting.

Building on the comments and feedback received from the community at the first public meeting that was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, the project team developed two proposed conceptual plans/alternatives to improve access, mobility, and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along the corridor. The purpose of the virtual public input meeting was to present improvement alternatives, gather public input/comment, and address questions raised during the meeting.

Darwin Galang, Associate Civil Engineer for the City of Mountain View, welcomed the attendees to the virtual meeting and introduced Teferi Abere, Project Manager with Mott MacDonald, as his co-presenter. Lorenzo Lopez, the City Traffic Engineer, and Shruti Malik, Community Outreach Lead, were also present at the meeting. Darwin kicked-off the meeting stating the project goals and purpose of the meeting. He also described the study area extent for the nine study intersections evaluated. Two intersections are along El Camino Real from Escuela Avenue to El Monte Avenue; whereas the remaining seven intersections extend from El Camino Real in the north to the City limits at Springer Road and Jay Street in the south.

Teferi then presented the corridor-wide and intersection-specific proposed improvements along the corridor and a summary of the similarities and differences between the two improvement alternatives. Both alternatives provide four 11-ft wide travel lanes with 5-ft wide buffered bike lanes and accommodate high visibility crosswalks, enhanced street lighting, and ADA compliant curb ramps for all study intersections along the project corridor. Alternative 1 proposes to keep all existing intersections open to traffic movement similar to current conditions while Alternative 2 proposes new concrete median islands at some of the intersections to restrict access in and out of the side streets to enhance pedestrian and bicycle

safety along the corridor. Coordination with Caltrans and the City of Los Altos has been conducted for the proposed improvements at intersections that are within their respective jurisdictions.

A summary of the pros and cons of each alternative was provided by Darwin followed by a short discussion of other alternatives considered for the study. Before Darwin opened the Question & Answer session, he briefly discussed the project schedule and introduced some prompt questions to the public. Approximately 50 questions and comments were submitted via the zoom chat. In general, the public supported the bicycle and pedestrian proposed improvements. Five attendees stated that they were in favor of Alternative 2 while one attendee was in favor of Alternative 1. In advance of the meeting, the City received comments and questions via email which were responded to at the meeting as well.

Following the meeting, the recording of the meeting and the presentation slides were made available on the City's Project site<sup>1</sup>. Screenshots of the zoom meeting are provided below as Exhibit A.



**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING**  
Tuesday, August 18, 2020  
6:00pm-7:00pm PST  
[https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/projects/el\\_monte\\_corridor\\_study.asp](https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/projects/el_monte_corridor_study.asp)

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Figure 1. Meeting Postcard Notice

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/projects/el\\_monte\\_corridor\\_study.asp](https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/projects/el_monte_corridor_study.asp)

Exhibit A. Screenshots from the Virtual Community Input Meeting

