



Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

- Hear from neighbors that cut-through is an issue. What is the long-term plan to address cut-through traffic?
Action: Recommendations for reducing cut-through traffic will be considered as part of the TMP.
- How will bike/ped connections be improved between the eastside and the westside across US 101 for e.g. from the westside across the 101 to the Aquatic Center?
Action: Improving bike/ped connections between the eastside and the westside across US 101 has been included as a strategy in the TMP and project recommendations will be identified in the TMP.
- On the 101 expansion, even if it happens, given the growth that is happening south of us, the improvement in congestion is only going to be temporary. Since 101 north of Morgan Hill was widened to 4 lanes, it was easy going north for a little while and congestion has increased since. Fear is that in the next general plan cycle, we will see more growth than the 2035 projection, resulting in more congestion and poor intersection level of service.
Action: No Action
- We get conflicting inputs on reducing traffic versus improving multimodal facilities. Are the inputs that we are getting from the survey and stakeholder group realistic and representative of different points of view?
Action: The balanced benefits of TMP improvements and strategies will be evaluated with safety of all transportation system users being priority.
- Project implementation is difficult and we need to look for strategies and actions to implement projects where issues are already known.
Action: Feasibility of improvements and strategies identified as part of the TMP will be considered when prioritizing implementation.
- Monterey downtown as well as other parts of the city feel unsafe due to speeding traffic and require traffic calming.
Action: Recommendations for improving traffic safety and traffic calming will be considered as part of the TMP.
- Existing bike lanes in the City are dangerous and erratic. Parking is allowed next to bike lanes and dooring can be a danger. Segregate bikes and cars as much as possible.
Action: The Citywide bicycle network will be reviewed and opportunities to close gaps and improve bicycle facilities will be considered. Maintenance will be considered when planning for protected bike lanes.
- We should set measurable goals which are easier to meet based on the specific measures that we will implement.
Action: The TMP will discuss ongoing monitoring of improvements to determine effectiveness.
- We should dive deeper into why collisions occurred so that we can recommend appropriate improvements.
Action: Primary Collision factors will be reviewed in detail when developing project recommendations for improvements along the high injury network.
- When making decisions for prioritization, we should consider the benefit of one project type compared to the other.
Action: Impact to value ratio will be considered when prioritizing projects for the TMP.
- The plan should consider innovation recommendations to solve the transportation problems in the City.
Action: Innovation recommendations will be considered when developing projects for the TMP.
- Transportation issues/traffic data in the City should be looked at on an on-going basis. The City should invest in the position of a traffic engineer.
Action: The TMP will discuss ongoing monitoring of improvements. Monitoring could be conducted by a consultant hired by the City or by City staff by increasing internal resources. Strategies may include additional City staff position(s) who may focus on transportation safety.

- Consider pursuing legislation to allow the City to use speed enforcement cameras around residential areas, schools, senior facilities, downtown, and bike routes.
Action: TMP will review options for speed enforcement.
- What will we do about Monterey Road in Downtown now that Hale Avenue will be open soon. This will be a big transportation issue for the city.
Action: Traffic conditions in the City, including traffic on Monterey Road in Downtown, are analyzed in the TMP under the General Plan Buildout scenario, which includes the completion of the Hale Avenue extension.
- Set goals and measures of effectiveness for MoGo, for bicycle usage, and TDM programs. Set targets and measure the progress of EV charging stations.
Action: The TMP will discuss ongoing monitoring of improvements to determine effectiveness. EVs are not included in the scope of the TMP.
- Consider bringing a ballot measure to the community and ask if there is interest in funding transportation improvements so that staff is not constricted by grants.
Action: The TMP will include ballot measures as a funding option.