

## Advisory Committee Meeting #1

### Draft Summary

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00pm

#### Attendees:

##### Project Team

|                |                                                  |
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| Chris Ghione   | City of Morgan Hill                              |
| Nichole Martin | City of Morgan Hill - Bike and Ped Encouragement |
| Maria Angeles  | City of Morgan Hill - Engineering                |
| Nolen Ugalde   | City of Morgan Hill - Engineering                |
| Ellie Fiore    | Toole Design                                     |
| Ellie Gertler  | Toole Design                                     |

##### Police Department

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| Johnk Kuhlen | Morgan Hill Police Department |
| Ray Ramos    | Morgan Hill Police Department |

##### Community Members

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| Lisa Kay Dugan | Local Resident/Parent                |
| Joe Mueller    | Local Resident/Planning Commissioner |
| Wanye Tanda    | Local Resident/Planning Commissioner |

##### School

##### Representatives

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Nanette Donohue    | Morgan Hill Unified - Britton Middle School |
| Joe Guinane        | Morgan Hill Unified - El Toro               |
| Ricky Carrillo     | Morgan Hill Unified - Facilities            |
| Patrick Buchser    | Morgan Hill Unified - Jackson Academy       |
| Veronica Diaz      | Morgan Hill Unified - Live Oak High School  |
| Juan Carlos Cuevas | Morgan Hill Unified - PA Walsh              |
| Amber Andrade      | Morgan Hill Unified - Paradise Valley       |
| Mark Pierce        | Morgan Hill Unified - Sobrato High School   |

### Introductions and Project Overview

Chris Ghione opened the meeting and thanked meeting attendees. Each participant introduced themselves, and Ellie Fiore, Project Manager with Toole Design, shared the role and expectations of the Advisory Committee. Members are asked to attend and actively participate in up to four meetings, help promote opportunities for engagement, and advise the project team. Advisory Committee members may be asked to weigh in on project deliverables or other items via email between meetings.

The next advisory committee meeting will be held on Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Ellie Fiore provided an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program, the project scope, and how the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) will build upon the work of the 2024 Transportation Master Plan. The priorities of this effort are to develop a Safe Routes to Schools needs assessment, toolkit, and to advance priority projects to concept design to prepare for grant funding requests.

Ellie Gertler, Toole Design Planner, provided an overview of community engagement activities, including upcoming site audits and the online survey.

## **Discussion/Priorities**

Following the presentation, the Advisory Committee asked questions and shared their priorities for the project, as well as known roadway safety issues. This discussion is outlined below.

### **Questions**

One committee member asked if this project would address the new “daylighting” law (AB 413) which prohibits parking within 20 feet of crosswalks. City staff shared that they do not have the resources to implement this citywide at this time, but that the plan can include priority areas for daylighting near schools.

Another participant asked if the grant funding could cover the cost of crossing guards. This is not an eligible use of SS4A funds.

A committee member asked if VTA was involved in this effort. Chris explained that they will review and comment on the plan, but cannot attend these meetings. They did participate in the TMP process.

One person asked about the status of the MoGo on-demand ride service. Service has been ended due to a lack of ongoing funding.

### ***Safe Routes to Schools Comments***

- Live Oak High School:
  - At the Three-way stop behind campus (Elm Rd/Half Rd), there is a dangerous left turn from Half turning left onto Elm
  - There was a fatality 10-15 years ago in front of school, need for safer crossing
  - The City is working with the County to pave sidewalks on Main Ave this summer
- Sobrato High School:
  - The front of school is a major concern
  - Sobrato has weekly meetings with Jessie Swift, director of student services, and a PD representative, to discuss this
- Paradise Valley Elementary School:

- The tree in the crosswalk at La Crosse is big concern as it blocks visibility
- The Watsonville Rd/Santa Teresa intersection is dangerous to cross
- At Calle Enrique/La Crosse, drivers consistently run stop sign at all hours
- Unhoused populations on Llagas Creek Trail can deter use of the trail
- Nordstrom Elementary:
  - East Dunne is very dangerous in the morning when young children are present
- Barrett Elementary:
  - Major construction across the street is a concern
- Britton Elementary:
  - Crosswalk at Monterey/Central Ave is dangerous
    - The City is working on improvements to Monterey that will improve this crossing and section of Monterey (center medians, HAWK, re-striping)