



DATE: March 26, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 3

**TO:** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**FROM:** Cedric Novenario, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Safe Routes to Schools Map

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a presentation and provide comments to proposed Safe Routes to School Maps from the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos High School Districts

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**BACKGROUND**

The Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos High School Districts contracted with Safe Moves to create Safe Routes to School Maps for the City of Mountain View. Of the maps created, three schools propose routes that affect the City of Los Altos. Those schools are Los Altos High, Mountain View High Schools and Springer Elementary School. Springer Elementary School is a part of the Los Altos School District.

**DISCUSSION**

Springer Elementary

In general, the routes proposed are similar to the Suggested Routes to School Map created by Los Altos. The main differences between the two maps are the uses of Springer Road and Covington Road. The proposed routes show Mountain View Avenue, Arroyo Road, Marilyn Drive and Meadow Lane, in lieu of Springer Road. Also, the proposed routes do not reach Covington Road as shown in the Los Altos maps. Staff suggests that routes shown in the Los Altos Suggested Routes to Schools Map also be placed on the Mountain View maps for consistency. Staff also suggests that the map be reviewed by the Los Altos School District.

Mountain View High

In general, staff has no comments to the proposed routes. However, staff is not clear whether the routes are for pedestrian, cyclists or both.

Los Altos High

In general, staff has no comments on the majority of routes proposed. However, staff is not clear whether the routes are for pedestrian, cyclists or both. The route for S. Campbell

Avenue between Cuesta Drive and E. Edith Avenue feels narrow. Also, Covington Road, Cuesta Drive between Campbell Avenue and Gabilan Street and Almond Avenue between N. Gordon Ave and El Monte Avenue should be included into the proposed maps.

A proposed route uses E. Edith Avenue and utilizes the asphalt path behind Almond Elementary School. Use of that path will need to have consent from the Los Altos School District. Staff can not endorse that route until the school district has reviewed this route.

#### Reviews and Approvals

Staff spoke with the City of Mountain View regarding their review of the proposed maps and have not completed their review. It is not clear also if their Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission will review the maps as well. The Mountain View Police Department will also need to review the maps according to Safe Moves.

In regards to the City of Los Altos, the comments from staff and the Los Altos BPAC should be considered and incorporated before the Director of Public Works and the City Attorney reviews and approves the maps.

The Los Altos School District should also review the map for Springer Elementary and have an opportunity to comment on any routes that impact their property.

#### Maps

Below are links to the three school maps that affect Los Altos. Please use this links to access the maps.

Los Altos High School -

<http://maps.walkbiketoschool.org/#share/NDU3/32065>

Mt. View High School -

<http://maps.walkbiketoschool.org/#share/NDU3/36703>

Springer - <http://maps.walkbiketoschool.org/#share/NDU3/38821>