

Public Comments
BPAC Meeting April 26, 2023

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 10:16 PM
To: , Public Works <Public.Works@mountainview.gov>
Subject: comment on 6.1 for upcoming meeting - sleeper @ Grant

Good job by Ed and team on the design for Sleeper @ Grant. I drive/run by that intersection 2x a day.

I'm especially pleased with the choice of bollards (k-71s) that are very visible and durable.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2023 4:51 PM

To: Robertson, Kathryn <Kathryn.Robertson@mountainview.gov>

Subject: RE: Project 21-37 Sleeper / Grant

I am [REDACTED], a homeowner on the corner of [REDACTED] since 1969. For several years I have given the city input about the pedestrian crossing of Sleeper at Grant. There is no striping on the road so pedestrians and cyclists think that is a crossing but vehicles don't. They run through without looking to see if anyone is there. I have stopped for pedestrians there and the car behind me slammed on the brakes and honked and I thought they were going to rear end me, Or else they honk and swerve around me almost hitting those crossing. There needs to be more than a stop sign; where I live there is a stop sign and people breeze through a lot. Also besides a painted walkway there needs to have a safety zone in the middle so people with small children in a stroller or dog walkers don't get caught in the middle. There needs to be a light coordinated with the fire station nearby so people don't have an OK to cross when fire engines or ambulances are coming. The city put up signs on the sidewalk leading to the intersection but a safe driver is looking straight ahead at the traffic; if they are looking all over the place they will crash into someone ahead. Please give this to the Bicycle/ Pedestrian Advisory Committee sometime before Wednesday's meeting. Thank you very much, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 6:02 PM
To: Whyte, Brandon <Brandon.Whyte@mountainview.gov>
Subject: Official Public Comment for September 27, 2023, BPAC Meeting.

Here is a comment on the Grant/Sleeper Project 21-39.

I am pleased with the changes that have been made to better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians with the reconfiguration. While I think some might have concerns about vehicle delays with these new All-Stop cycles, this will actually speed things up in some ways since the confusion over who is stopping or not will be eliminated, and with it the dangers of having that mixture of some stopping and some not.

So, I am all in favor of the Figure 4 BKF Preliminary Design. I am assuming this will be coordinated with the lights on Grant that are supposedly synchronized so that it won't disrupt that expensive project that was done some years back? I do fear this might be the same cycle time where cars entering Grant from Sleeper would normally slot in.

I think converting the Grant/Martens intersection to the same All-Stop sort of pedestrian cycle could yield even greater benefits with many wanting to make 2 crosses when they reach that intersection and having to wait through 2 cycles - and imposing the long pedestrian delay twice. Allowing diagonal pedestrian movements would let them all go at once and reduce the times for the Martens and Phyllis cycles to just what is needed for the small number of cars.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:33 AM

To: Whyte, Brandon <Brandon.Whyte@mountainview.gov>

Subject: Official Public Comment for September 27, 2023, BPAC Meeting

Hi Brandon,

Thanks so much for all the hard work!!!

Here are my comments about agenda item 6.1---

1. The memo with figures did not show any signal designs of cars stopping on Grant (northbound & southbound)- we **NEED CAR STOP SIGNALS for Grant CARS**. The main danger on that intersection is not so much the right turn cars from Sleeper. It's the traffic on Grant. According to my biker kid, now only 1 out of 20 cars will automatically stop if there are kids/pedestrians standing at the corner of Sleeper X Grant. Even worse, often 1 lane of cars stopped but the 2nd lane of cars rushed through!!!
2. Can we please put the beacon button right next to the bike crosswalk?
3. Please speed up the completion of all signals/crosswalks/biking signages etc. 2025 April is really late!!! Please do not wait for fatalities to happen to speed up the change!!!

Thank you so much!

Best

[REDACTED] 13-year MV Cuesta Park resident and parents of MV High School

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 9:48 PM
To: BPAC Communication <bpac@mountainview.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: 9//27/23 Meeting Agenda Item 6.1 - Grant Road and Sleeper Avenue Intersection Improvements, Project 21-39

Dear BPAC

I will not be able to attend your meeting tomorrow but wanted to provide some comments on this project.

The proposed treatment of that intersection seems fine and given the rest of my comments, I hope you will promptly accept the design so that it can hopefully be promptly built by.....mid 2025.

It was very disappointing to see the history of this project. It started in 2010 with residents asking for the City to provide a marked crosswalk across Grant. The City answer was to cut out a pedestrian island in the concrete medianand then a decade+ long serie of studies/designs/community meetings to get to the final design you review today in 2023 to be implemented by mid 2025: 15 years after residents asked for a simple marked crosswalk.

When Caltrans set up "hawk" beacons for some marked crosswalks along El Camino, I am not aware of much if any design review, city meetings (BPAC, City) , community outreach. This is probably one case the City should follow Caltrans' lead, the residents ask (a marked crosswalk) was pretty simple with an off the shelf solution (well marked crosswalk with "hawk" beacon). That simple ask, shouldn't have necessitated all these years of design/reviews/community meetings. It also shouldn't have morphed into boiling the ocean (err the intersection) by adding many other improvements beyond the crosswalk.

Hoping that in the future we will keep simple projects...simple and go with a vetted off the shelf solution.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:47 AM

To: Whyte, Brandon <Brandon.Whyte@mountainview.gov>

Subject: Official Public Comment for September 27, 2023, BPAC Meeting

Greetings,

I'm gratified to see that the proposed crosswalk on Sleeper is beginning to get underway. If there is any possibility of speeding up the project, I hope you will consider it. My son crossed at that intersection every morning to get to middle school, and it was terrifying. Regularly, a car would stop in one lane, and the car behind it would pull around the stopped car and rush through the intersection without even looking for bicycles or pedestrians. It's only a matter of time before a less careful child (or adult) meets with disaster.

Thank you for any efforts you can make to prioritize a speedy improvement at this intersection.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

a Mountain View resident

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:06 PM

To: Whyte, Brandon <Brandon.Whyte@mountainview.gov>

Subject: Official Public Comment for September 27, 2023, BPAC Meeting

Dear Mr Whyte,

We are residents of Mountain View (Waverly Park) and we are very excited to hear about the progress of the project to add a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the intersection of Grant & Sleeper. As residents of the neighborhood, we can attest to the need for this work as there are people ranging from small kids, to teens and students to adults and seniors who use the intersection daily. Crossing Grant can be an adventure and it is often confusing for both pedestrians and drivers on the etiquette of crossing leading to dangerous situations for both parties. We'd love it if this project can be accelerated! Thank you for your consideration!

Cheers,

[REDACTED]