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Dear City Council and Staff,

Attached as a PDF is a letter from the Mountain View chapter of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition with comments for the upcoming CIP Study Session on March 28, 2023.

Regards,

Chris Parry

March 26, 2023

Mayor Hicks and City Council Members  
City of Mountain View  
500 Castro Street, 3rd Floor  
Mountain View, CA  
94041-2010



**Re: Recommended Priorities for Multi-modal Transportation Infrastructure Projects for Mountain View CIP**

Dear Mayor Hicks and City Council Members:

The undersigned organization would like to provide comments on the priorities we see for multi-modal transportation infrastructure projects in Mountain View for consideration during the upcoming Study Session on the FY 2023-2024 to FY 2027-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

**BACKGROUND AND GOALS**

We would like to see a community where people of *all ages and abilities* feel that they can *safely* walk and bicycle commute to destinations throughout the City — as an alternative to driving.

In Mountain View today, we have fairly good north-south bicycle routes via the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek Trails. However, there are currently fewer options for safely traveling on east-west routes. This is best illustrated by Figure 3-10 in the AccessMV Final Report (p.35), showing that most of the east-west routes through the city have a Bicycle Level of Stress (BLTS) score of 3 or 4. There are several important projects in the 2022-2023 CIP that will improve bicycling conditions along key east-west routes. We would encourage the City to prioritize these projects.

Separately, given that many of the City’s cyclists are children commuting to and from and school, we would also encourage the City to prioritize the pending projects designed to improve safety along designated Safe Routes to School.

Below, we provide specific comments on key projects for (1) East-West Routes and (2) Safe Routes to School.

**EAST-WEST ROUTES**

A. California Complete Street Project (21-40)

The previously approved FY 2022-2023 CIP includes funding for the California Complete Street Pilot, Project 21-40, which will add parking protected and buffered bike lanes along California Street from Shoreline Boulevard to Showers Drive. We would like to see this project treated as a priority because it serves a densely populated area of Mountain View. This

section is a Tier 2 priority in the Access Mountain View plan, and its completion would provide better connections between downtown Mountain View and the San Antonio Shopping Center.

#### B. Integrate Mountain View’s Bicycle Boulevard with Palo Alto’s Ellen Fletcher Bicycle Boulevard

In Palo Alto, the Ellen Fletcher Boulevard runs the entire length of the city, largely along Bryant Street, then ending at the corner of Mackay Drive and San Antonio Road.<sup>1</sup> There is a crosswalk at San Antonio, and on the other side begins the Mountain View Bicycle Boulevard that runs the length of our city until the Stevens Creek Trail.<sup>2</sup> This Mountain View Bicycle Boulevard is one of the few east-west routes in our city that was rated BLTS 1 and 2 in the AccessMV report, and it runs largely through residential neighborhoods.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, there are a number of twists and turns on the Mountain View portion, so it is not the most intuitive route for riders to navigate.

We believe that there is an opportunity here to better promote this east-west route for fairly limited spending. Could the City of Mountain View work with Palo Alto to agree on co-branded signage for the combined route through both cities (e.g., “The Ellen Fletcher Bicycle Boulevard”), then post that signage (and/or pavement markings) to clearly mark the relevant roads and turns in Mountain View? This would be a great opportunity to promote a residential bike route spanning both cities.

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

#### A. Improvements on Miramonte Ave. (Project 20-01)

The list of Active CIP Projects includes plans for a Class IV cycle track on the east side of Miramonte between Hans and Castro and a Class II bike lane on the west side of Miramonte. These are great ideas for improving bicycling safety for Graham Middle School students. We note that these improvements had been scheduled for construction in 2023; whereas, in the latest Active CIP project list, construction has been postponed to 2024. We hope that the City will continue to treat the Miramonte improvements as a priority.

#### B. Improvements to the El Monte Corridor

Due to the fatality on El Monte in 2015 and the route’s importance to both students accessing nearby schools and commuters traveling between Mountain View and Los Altos, we will continue to monitor progress on the El Monte Corridor project.

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<sup>1</sup>

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/transportation/bicycling-walking/bike-resources/paloalto-bicycle-map.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.routeyou.com/en-us/route/view/2050314/cycle-route/mountain-view-bicycle-boulevard>

<sup>3</sup> AccessMV (May 21) at p.35 (Fig. 3-10).

We would like to thank you again for your time and your attention, and we sincerely hope you will engage us in further discussion on our suggestions.

Sincerely,

SVBC Mountain View Local Team



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Dear Mayor Hicks and Mountain View City Council Members,

Thank you very much for your support in the lining of two tennis courts at Rengstorff Park and making them shared use for pickleball play. This is very much appreciated by many pickleball players in our community. During the preceding meetings there was discussion about future dedicated pickleball courts. However, there is no funding allocated in the Capital Improvement Program for construction of permanent pickleball courts.

The sport of pickleball is growing at an amazing rate, and pickleball clubs are being formed by our youth in middle schools and high schools because they have found a sport that is easy to learn, great exercise, and encourages team spirit. Many kids don't get a chance to be on a softball, soccer, football, baseball, basketball, or tennis team, but many kids excel and feel accomplished playing pickleball. It's a wonderful sport for our youth - not only for their physical health but for their emotional health too.

I urge you to please include the design and construction money for at least 12 permanent pickleball courts in the Capital Improvement Program.

Thank you,

Monica  
25 year resident of Mountain View.

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