

DATE: June 29, 2022

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: **One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 Complete Streets Checklists**

RECOMMENDATION

Review and provide comments on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Complete Streets Checklists for One Bay Area Grant applications to be submitted by the City of Mountain View (Attachments 1 through 4 to the memorandum).

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) responsible for integrated regional transportation and land use planning and distribution of Federal transportation funding in the Bay Area. On March 25, 2022, MTC adopted a new Complete Streets Policy ([Resolution No. 4493](#)), which aims to align with Federal and State policy priorities, such as Vision Zero, and provide design standards for the regional active transportation network. The policy states that:

- Projects funded all or in part with regional discretionary funding or receiving MTC endorsements shall adhere to the Complete Streets Policy.
- All projects must implement Complete Streets as recommended in recently adopted local or countywide plans, such as bicycle, pedestrian, active transportation, Vision Zero, or other systemic safety plan, Community Based Transportation Plans, or transit plan.
- If a project is on the regional Active Transportation (AT) Network, it should incorporate design principles based on “All Ages and Abilities,” contextual guidance issued by National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), and Public Right-of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) issued by the U.S. Access Board.
- Projects not located in the AT Network or included in a local plan should utilize Federal, State, and local guidelines to determine appropriate Complete Streets accommodations.

There are limited exceptions to the Complete Streets Policy. Exceptions relate to projects where:

- Bicyclists or pedestrians are prohibited by law;
- Costs of providing complete streets accommodation would be excessively disproportionate (generally understood to be at least 20% of project costs);
- There is an alternate plan to implement Complete Streets elements; or
- Conditions exist where policy cannot be met (e.g., fire and safety specifications, spatial conflicts with transit, or environmental conflicts).

In May 2022, MTC defined the [Regional Active Transportation \(AT\) Network](#). This network defines wide bands of corridors in which a regional AT system is envisioned. Within Mountain View, corridors defined under the Regional AT Network include the following approximate corridors:

- Stevens Creek Trail (including nearby links, such as Moffett Boulevard);
- Permanente Creek Trail north of Middlefield Road;
- El Camino Real, Latham Street, or Marich Way;
- Central Expressway, Caltrain, Evelyn Avenue, or California Street; and
- Middlefield Road.

On May 6, 2022, MTC issued a call for projects for the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) funding program from County Transportation Authorities (CTAs). Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) functions as the CTA for Santa Clara County. Based on this call for projects, the VTA Board adopted grant criteria on June 2, 2022, and a local call for projects was released on June 3, 2022. OBAG 3 is the first funding program in the Bay Area subject to the new Complete Streets policy.

MTC developed a Complete Streets Checklist on May 12, 2022 to assess whether projects sufficiently incorporate complete streets elements and coordinate with stakeholders as required in the Complete Streets Policy. All grant applications for projects receiving at least \$250,000 in MTC discretionary funds must be accompanied by a complete streets checklist that has been reviewed by a local (city or county) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and any transit agencies operating within the project area. The Committee is expected to review both the project and checklist.

ANALYSIS

City staff plans to submit OBAG 3 applications for the following four projects:

- Middlefield Road Complete Streets Project: Repaving between Moffett Boulevard and Whisman Road and new Class IV protected bikeways between Moffett Boulevard and Bernardo Avenue;
- El Camino Real/El Monte Avenue/Escuela Avenue Intersection Improvements: Removal of the existing slip lane, installation of high-visibility crosswalks, Class IV protected bikeways, green dashed conflict zones, and green bike boxes (pending Caltrans approval)
- Charleston Road Complete Streets Corridor: Establishing transit signal priority and, installing transit-only lanes between Huff Avenue and Amphitheatre Parkway, and providing high-visibility crosswalks, wide sidewalks, narrow travel lanes, and Class IV protected bikeways between Huff Avenue and Salado Drive;
- Moffett Boulevard Bikeway and Repaving: Repaving and installation of Class II and Class IV protected bikeways between Middlefield Road and the northern terminus of Moffett Boulevard (Clark Road), sidewalk gap closure between Stevens Creek Trail and Leong Drive, and intersection improvements at Moffett Boulevard/State Route 85 (pending Caltrans approval).

Each application will include a Complete Streets checklist, project description, and project location maps. Complete Streets checklists are provided in Attachments 1 through 4. Staff has also sent copies of these four checklists to VTA and the Mountain View Transportation Management Association (MTMA) for review by the VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, VTA transit staff, and MTMA transit staff.

DISCUSSION

VTA staff recommends that Mountain View Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) members consider the following questions as they review each of the OBAG 3 projects and checklists:

- Are the answers to the checklist clear and understandable to a layperson?
- Has the project sufficiently incorporated Complete Streets recommendations outlined in adopted plans?
- If an exception is requested, is it reasonable?
- Are there any additional comments related to the project and proposed improvements?

NEXT STEPS

Comments from the B/PAC will be summarized for inclusion as part of each of the final Complete Streets checklists along with comments from the VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, VTA transit staff, and MTMA transit staff.

City staff will then submit the project applications and final Complete Streets checklists to the VTA by July 25, 2022.

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- Attachments:
1. Middlefield Road Complete Streets Draft Complete Streets Checklist
 2. El Camino Real/El Monte Avenue/Escuela Avenue Intersection Improvements Draft Complete Streets Checklist
 3. Charleston Road Complete Streets Draft Complete Streets Checklist
 4. Moffett Boulevard Bikeway and Repaving Draft Complete Streets Checklist

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