

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Public Comments**  
**BPAC meeting – June 29, 2022**

**Agenda item 6.2 – El Camino/Escuela/El Monte Intersection Improvements**

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Dear BPAC:

I am writing in full support of the grant application for the El Camino / Escuela/El Monte Intersection improvements project.

As noted in the draft application, this project is a key component of the El Camino Real Streetscape plan. While the 2023 resurfacing project will add bike lanes, it will NOT tackle intersections. The grant would allow tackling the intersection with one of the highest number of injuries.

I would like to offer a few suggestions to strengthen the application:

- 1.. In the project description, if it fits in the 300 word limit, mention that the project will also add 2 additional crosswalks (on each side of the Escuela/El Camino and of the El Monte/El Camino real intersections). These additional crosswalks can save considerable time for pedestrians to cross El Camino for instance to catch a bus on the other side of El Camino.
2. Add references and documentation of the planned El Monte Corridor traffic calming and safety improvements. The ECR intersection improvements are key to improving the El Monte Corridor (removal of the slip lane, bike boxes....)

3. Mention that this intersection is part of an actual route to school (Los Altos High School and possibly Graham either through El Camino Real or through my neighborhood - St Francis Acres). This could help in the equity rubrique.

4. The intersections are key to access local services (only pharmacies/essentials stores between San Antonio and Downtown are right by this intersection).

5. While there is currently no housing around the intersection, according to the Housing Element Draft some housing might come in the Village Centers that surround the intersections. I'm not sure under which rubrique but it should be noted that the City is planning for more urban density and more foot traffic.

6. For Equity Rubrique, I would have answered Yes. The intersection is near the poorest census blocks in Mountain View; the improvements will provide these blocks better and safer access to school, local services and transit (when crossing El Camino to catch a bus). Also, as noted above, more housing (some of it affordable) is planned around the intersection.

Finally, while I agree with the answer about not being in an MTC mobility hub. I have to question how MTC defines those and where it locates those in Mountain View. The map <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/mobility-hubs/universe-bay-area-mobility-hubs> is incomprehensible (no hubs along El Camino ?)

Sincerely and looking forward to a successful grant application for this key intersection.

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Hello, Brandon. I've come to learn during tonight's B/PAC Zooming meeting that a decision had been made to no longer allow the chat option for those meetings. I feel compelled to state that eliminating that feature is a disservice to Mountain View residents, such as myself, who prefer to share their comments in writing, instead of verbally (via "raise your hand"), because we can articulate ourselves far better and be much more concise (read: time saving) through that option to share thoughts. I've observed from taking part in several past B/PAC meetings that there's valuable e-dialogue in being able to comment and receive replies through chat.

Please reconsider the decision.

Thank you.

Jerry Steach

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