

From: [Cliff Chambers](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Item 7.1 Capital Improvement Program requests
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 4:04:52 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL - Ensure you trust this email before clicking on any links or attachments.

Mayor Hicks and City Council Members:

I have three requests for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

1. Please include the final design and construction costs for new permanent pickleball courts into the FY 23-24 CIP.

About a year ago, I was advocating for the City Council to include a feasibility study in the CIP for additional permanent pickleball courts in Mountain View. Thanks to your support, that study is underway and a Conceptual Design for up to 12 new permanent pickleball courts at a location to be determined will hopefully come to the City Council late this Fall or early 2024 for approval. The response to City Council questions states that when the item come to Council, a mid-year amendment will be made for funding approval from the Citywide Parkland Funds. Pickleball courts are being developed by cities across the nation and average construction costs for such permanent facilities are readily available. Please include funding for final design and construction of 12 pickleball courts in the FY 23-34 CIP to clearly demonstrate the City Council intent to fund the construction of needed additional permanent pickleball courts when the feasibility study is completed. If the study recommends fewer courts you can amend the CIP at that time. This inclusion of new permanent pickleball courts in the CIP will be good and assuring public news to both pickleball AND tennis players. Pickleball players really appreciate the interim solution of shared tennis and pickleball courts at Rengstorff Park, but both tennis and pickleball players would both like dedicated courts for each sport.

2. Please support the staff recommendation for funding the permanent Green Complete Street on California St. between Showers and Shoreline Blvd.

Over 15 people testified in strongly support of Green Complete Streets on California St. including a road diet, parking protected bike lanes, protected intersections, planters, additional vegetation, trees and stormwater treatment at the March 29th BPAC meeting. I really applaud the stated staff recommendation in the response to Council questions for tonight's meeting to include adequate funding for permanent public art and green street improvements for California St. in the FY 2024-25 CIP after the one-year pilot program. The staff recommendation is very much appreciated and will vastly improve both the pedestrian and bicyclist experience along this important corridor.

3. Please Include the design funding a Rengstorff Complete Street from El Camino to at least Highway 101 so that the whole corridor can be a green complete street when Rengstorff Grade Separation Project opens.

It is my understanding that a portion of Rengstorff adjacent to the grade separation project is

already being designed as a green complete street. Given the fact that the Rengstorff was the second highest priority corridor for improvements in the recently completed AccessMV study, having the design and construction of a green complete corridor in sync with the opening of the grade separation project would be a logical step in improving the experience for all users along the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cliff Chambers
Resident of Mountain View

From: Serge Bonte
To: Hicks, Alison; Kamei, Ellen; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Showalter, Pat; Matichak, Lisa; Ramirez, Lucas; Ramos, Emily Ann
Cc: , City Clerk; Cameron, Dawn; Whyte, Brandon
Subject: re: 4/3/23 Meeting - Agenda Item 7.1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2027-28 Capital Improvement Program
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 7:47:00 PM

CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL - Ensure you trust this email before clicking on any links or attachments.

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Since I might not be able to attend your rescheduled meeting, I wanted to write a few comments on that agenda item

re: Active Transportation Projects:

Every 2 years, there seems to be a reshuffling of these projects, not based on hard data but based on public and council member's advocacy "du jour". Sometimes even in contradiction with priorities set a mere two years prior. My neighborhood observed this with the El Monte Corridor Safety Improvements project which has been on/off a few times over past CIP cycles. I observed with great interest the work done in the past few years by City Staff to systematically review all transportation corridors, streets, sidewalks. The review took into account current conditions, accidents history, proximity to schools or seniors, census data on density, socio-economic levels, population vulnerability, car ownership.... And it resulted in a prioritization matrix of all corridors in the City, prioritization not done by advocacy but by hard data (including equity metrics).

I feel you should all review this document and evaluate any suggested re-prioritization or new active transportation project against the matrix it provides https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/transportation_planning/default.asp#AccessMV:%20Mountain%20View's%20Comprehensive%20Modal%20Plan

I also wanted to bring to your attention that the long delayed El Camino resurfacing project will NOT cover the ECR intersections. These intersections are where most accidents occur and will remain a huge impediment to virtually any North/South route over El Camino (e.g. high schoolers along Rengstorff going to Los Altos High). Using AccessMV as a guide, you should prioritize projects to make these intersections safer as they get put forth by City Staff.

Finally, I wanted to echo a suggestion you'll probably hear from many other advocates, green as much as possible for each active transportation. Any added median, refuge island, sidewalk rebuild should seize the opportunity to plant something (ground covers, small vegetation, trees even...). And also boost the City budget to maintain them; there are far too many planters in medians, along sidewalks.... that look just plain dead throughout Mountain View, let's re-green them and keep them green.

re: Underground Utilities at 1020 Terra Bella Avenue

Undergrounding is key to reduce blight, free up more space on sidewalks unencumbered by utility poles, allow trees to develop a fuller canopy (vs. being butchered every few years by PG&E). Given that the affordable housing developer can not afford the \$1M price tag, it makes sense for the City to step in this time around.

Undergrounding is also key to have a more resilient grid (just about every neighborhood in Mountain View experienced lengthy power outages recently).

Unfortunately, the current approach to underground is too piecemeal and scattered to significantly improve resiliency. My home was built a little over 20 years ago, it was brand new and all my utilities are underground. Since then, there hasn't been a single new undergrounding project on my street. Since undergrounding is only from my home to the utility pole in my neighbor's yard....my home is still at the mercy of strong winds, mylar balloons, drones or squirrels using their body to run conductivity experiments

I feel the City should look maybe in collaboration with SVCE into programs like San Diego's <https://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding> which achieves 15 miles of undergrounding per year.

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte
Mountain View