

City of Mountain View

Minutes - Draft

Council Transportation Committee

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference, 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component. All members of the Committee and all speakers participated in person unless otherwise noted.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 p.m., Chair McAlister called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

3 - Member Alison Hicks, Member Ellen Kamei, and Chair John McAlister

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

4.1 Approve Meeting Minutes

M/S - Hicks/Kamei - To approve the Council Transportation Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2025.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes:

3 - Member Hicks, Member Kamei, and Chair McAlister

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study, Project 23-31

Chair McAlister recused himself from the Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study, Project 23-31 portion of the meeting due to the proximity of his business to the project location. He exited the Plaza Conference Room at 6:08 p.m.

Assistant Public Works Director Boyer and Transportation Planner Ahmed provided a presentation on the Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study, Project 23-31.

Assistant Public Works Director Boyer, Transportation Planner Ahmed, and Public Works Director Ng responded to Committee questions regarding survey methods and public responses, when traffic counts were performed, whether new Transportation projects will include landscaping, and lane widths. The Committee sought clarification on the August 27, 2025 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting comments. They agreed that the project should move forward, but they would like to hear about potential "greening" options when it is presented to the City Council.

The following members of the public spoke:

(Virtual) John S. (Virtual) Silja Paymer (Virtual) Mary Dateo (Virtual) April Webster

Committee Member Hicks and Committee Member Kamei approved the staff recommendation. They requested that the Public Works staff review the City of Mountain View's Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan for potential green street elements before the Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study, Project 23-31 is presented to the City Council.

M/S Kamei/Hicks – To review and recommend the preferred alternative concept plan for Miramonte Avenue Complete Streets Study (Project 23-31) from El Camino Real to Castro Street/Marilyn Street (Segment A) to City Council.

Chair McAlister returned to the Plaza Conference Room at 6:57 p.m.

Yes: 2 - Member Hicks, and Member Kamei

Recused: 1 - Chair McAlister

5.2 El Monte Corridor Improvements, Project 21-38

Associate Civil Engineer Hoang and Senior Civil Engineer Houghton provided a presentation on the El Monte Corridor Improvements, Project 21-38.

Associate Civil Engineer Hoang, Senior Civil Engineer Houghton, Principal Civil Engineer Gonzales, Assistant Public Works Director Arango, and Public Works Director Ng responded to Committee questions about protected left turns for bicycles, what lighting and green street improvements will be considered, if there are opportunities for public art, and how staff determined to eliminate the slip lane.

The following members of the public spoke:

(Virtual) Silja Paymer (Virtual) Mary Dateo (Virtual) John S. (Virtual) April Webster

Committee Member Hicks and Committee Member Kamei approved the project's preliminary design and would like to see it advance into final design. They reiterated public comments about pedestrian and bicyclist safety at the El Camino Real and Escuela Avenue intersection. The Committee inquired about the possibility of green design elements but understand that trees can potentially block visibility and light. The Committee appreciates the addition of bicycle lanes for added safety but noted that bicycle counts should be performed to better understand how often the lanes are used. Funding for road diet projects should be considered alongside the Mountain View Community Shuttle's needs.

M/S Hicks/Kamei – To approve the preliminary design for El Monte Corridor Improvements, Project 21-38, and direct staff to advance the project into final design while taking pedestrian/bicyclist safety at the El Camino Real/Escuela Avenue intersection into special consideration.

The amended motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Member Hicks, and Member Kamei

No: 1 - Chair McAlister

5.3 Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project—Cost-Reduction Measures

Senior Civil Engineer Houghton provided a presentation on the Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project—Cost-Reduction Measures.

Senior Civil Engineer Houghton, Principal Civil Engineer Gonzales, Public Works Director Ng, and Assistant City Manager Cameron responded to Committee questions about which properties were acquired/need to be acquired for right-of-way, the source of cost estimates, and the proposed pedestrian bridge connection.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

M/S Hicks/Kamei – To approve staff recommendations for cost-reduction measures for the Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project. [Chair McAlister clarified that he did not vote against the project. He voted against the staff recommendation.]

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Member Hicks, and Member Kamei

No: 1 - Chair McAlister

6. COMMITTEE/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Staff Comments

- Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee (MBCOC) Member Recruitment

Jennifer Ng provided information about the Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee recruitment.

6.2 Committee Comments

Committee Member Hicks asked for a status update on the Ameswell Bridge.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 p.m., Chair McAlister adjourned the meeting.

These Minutes were hereby submitted for approval by Laura Lo, Executive Assistant.

Approved on [month date], 2025.