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**Subject:** re: 1/5/22 Public Hearing on Mixed-Use Development Project at 601-649 Escuela Avenue and 1873 Latham Street

Dear Mountain View EPC and City Council:

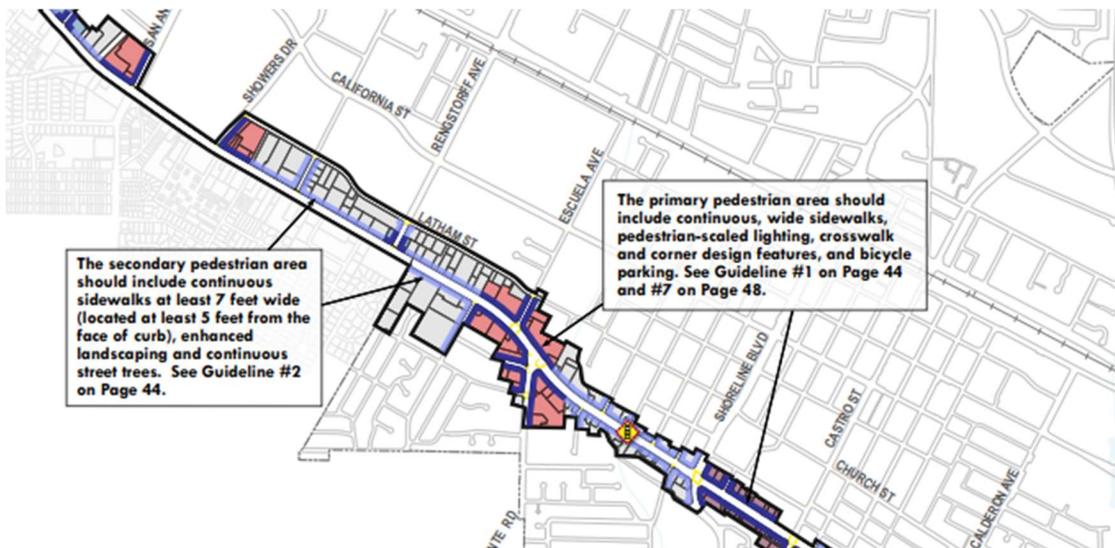
Since the EPC and City Council public hearings will be in short succession, I'm sending my comments to both government bodies.

I generally support the project and appreciate that it might continue to provide some form of retail in the area. It also seems appropriate to incorporate one of the parcels into the El Camino Real Precise Plan.

However, it's not clear that the proposed sidewalks -on a route to school- adhere to the El Camino Precise Plan streetscape guidelines.

Please ensure that the sidewalks have the required widths and buffer from the street as well as pedestrian-scaled lighting (a key feature for safety, especially that close to two elementary schools).

According to the El Camino Precise Plan adopted in 2019, the proposed project is designated as a primary pedestrian area (see map snippet from page 45 of the El Camino Precise Plan)



For your convenience, here are guidelines #1 and #2 from Page 44: -which I'm reading as #1 calling for an even wider walking area than #2-.

1. Primary Pedestrian Area (Village Centers and Neighborhood Corners). Improvements should include significantly wider sidewalks, additional crosswalk and corner design features and lighting designed for night-time activity.

2. Secondary Pedestrian Area (Other Areas). Improvements should include an unobstructed walking area at least 7 feet wide (located at least 5 feet from the face of curb), enhanced landscaping and lighting compatible with a range of residential and commercial uses.

It seems buried in the conditions of approval, but please ensure that all existing unsightly utility wires get put underground as part of this project.

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte