

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Questions October 30, 2024**

### **6.1 Housing Incentive Pool Complete Streets Checklists**

**1. Question:** For the El Monte/El Camino/Escuela, are the VTA bus 22 bus stops (El Camino and Escuela, El Camino and El Monte) not within the project area? Just outside?

**Answer:** Yes, bus stops for VTA route 22 are outside of the project area for the El Monte / El Camino / Escuela intersection improvements.

**2. Question:** Regarding the Dana St Checklist.

Does the city have any policy or ability to negotiate closure of driveways? "where the spacing of driveways precludes protected facilities, Class II buffered bike lanes will be installed" Has me wondering about eg 145 E Dana, which has entrances on Dana and a redundant entrance on Pioneer. Does the city ever reach out to try and close redundant entrances when it could improve street safety?

**Answer:** The City of Mountain View's [2015 General Plan](#) outlines Policy LUD 9.4 on Enhanced pedestrian activity specifically including minimizing driveways. Likewise, [El Camino Real Precise Plan](#), [North Bayshore Precise Plan](#), [San Antonio Precise Plan](#), [East Whisman Precise Plan](#) include similar policies or design guidelines regarding minimizing driveway curb cuts for new developments, encouraging shared driveway access, and limiting or eliminating driveway access along the primary transit or bike network. Based on these policies and guidelines, the City routinely works to minimize driveway curb cuts during the review of proposed development projects.

### **6.2 Transportation Legislative Updates**

**3. Question:** Regarding the sentence "The City has not yet received legal input on the applicability of these new laws to Mountain View operations and projects" does it suggest that at some future point information on the applicability of the new laws to Mountain View will be made available to the public? If so, in what form will the information be available?

**Answer:** No. Staff will seek legal counsel on legislative items only for matters related to specific actions or legal questions affecting the City.

**4. Question:** Regarding the sentence: "Staff will work on documentation for items consistent with Council direction in the coming year." What form does this documentation take? What is its function?

**Answer:** The form of documentation is outlined in the [MTC Administrative Guidance: Transit-Oriented Communities Policy from September 2024](#). For example, documentation of compliance with Parking Management requirements is outlined on pages 35-37. Staff anticipates that the City will be able to demonstrate compliance with Sections 2 through 4 in the coming year or two. Staff will seek Council direction on the extent to which Council wishes to comply with Section 1: Density for New Residential and Commercial Office Development. This documentation will be required for future grant funding opportunities under the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) and other programs.

**5. Question:** SB 1216: This law applies to CTC projects and projects receiving CTC funds, It would not necessarily prohibit the city from adding sharrows to >30mph streets, and also does not require removal of any existing sharrows. Is this all correct?

**Answer:** Incorrect. SB 1216 states that:

“On and after January 1, 2025, an agency responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or highways where bicycle travel is permitted **shall not install a new sharrow on a highway that has a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour**, except at or near an intersection for the purpose of connecting a Class I, Class II, or Class IV bikeway through the intersection.”

According to California Vehicle Code §360, a

“highway is a way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Highway includes street.”

The law does not indicate that it requires removal of existing sharrows.

**6. Question:** For sharrows to be prohibited on a roadway project, does the California Transportation Commission need to review and add that project to a list?

**Answer:** No.

The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating state transportation funds including the Active Transportation Program (state ATP). From January 1, 2026, projects included in the state ATP will be held to a higher standard such that projects with Class III bikeways or sharrows will be ineligible to receive state ATP funds unless the roadway has a *design* speed of 25 miles per hour or less.

#### **6.4 Work Plan/Tentative Agenda List**

**7. Question:** When will the BPAC have opportunity to provide input on the Moffett Precise Plan?

**Answer:** Staff will return to BPAC with more information on the Moffett Boulevard Precise Plan in 2025.