



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2020**

The General Plan Update Advisory Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Melanie Hanssen, Vice Chair Kathryn Janoff, Mayor Marcia Jensen, Vice Mayor Barbara Spector, Committee Member Todd Jarvis, Committee Member Steven Piasecki, Committee Member Ryan Rosenberg, Committee Member Lee Quintana, Committee Member Susan Moore Brown, and Committee Member Carol Elias Zolla.

Absent: Committee Member Kendra Burch

Staff present: Jennifer Armer, Joel Paulson, Laurel Prevetti, Lynne Lampros, Rob Schultz, and Matt Morley, Sally Zarnowitz, Ying Smith.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review and Discussion of the Initial Draft of the Mobility Element

Jennifer Armer, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Open Public Comment.

Gillian Verga - Member of the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission

- Commented that as we add housing density, we need ways to we ensure that traffic flows freely and other types of transportation are used.

Kira Barsten

- Commented in support of sustainability and identification of policies with the leaf icon. Expressed appreciation for MOB-3.4 (bicycle parking requirement), MOB-7.1

(encouraging scooters (e-bikes)), MOB-8.4 (widened sidewalks), MOB-11 (safe cycling), MOB-14 (increase public transit use), and the idea of a community shuttle system.

Closed Public Comment.

Committee further discussed the matter and provided the following comments and direction:

- Many references to equestrian have been removed, except on page 37.
- Importance of the issue of weekend beach traffic, and other cut-through traffic.
- Importance of high-level goals for improving mobility.
- Start the Element with a goal or overarching statement about reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) through alternatives to the car.

MOTION: **Motion by Committee Member Rosenberg** to add a new Goal “Do all possible to mitigate the impact of cut-through traffic, with the objective of making it easy for residents to move around Town while ensuring that Los Gatos remains a welcoming place for those coming to visit.” and define cut-through traffic as coming from and going to locations outside of Town without a stop in Town. **Seconded by Committee Member Piasecki.**

Committee discussed the motion.

VOTE: **Motion passed 7-3-0 with three no votes (Jensen, Janoff, Quintana), and Burch absent.**

Committee further discussed the matter and provided the following comments and direction:

- Use “optimize” instead of “Design and manage” in MOB-1.
- Keep goals concise.
- Consider reclassification of roadways to focus on facilities, rather than the ability to move traffic and access properties.
- MOB-5 should end after the word “access”, so that it reads “Ensure that hillside streets maintain the rural atmosphere, minimize disruption of ecological integrity, and provide safe and continuous access.”
- Combine MOB-6 and MOB-7 to make all of Town walkable, not just Downtown.
- Shorten MOB-8 by stopping at “all users” and include the rest in the introductory paragraph.
- MOB-12.2 needs to include other schools/districts and SRTS.
- Further reduce the number of policies under VLR.
- Goal MOB-20, under Transportation Demand Management, is critical and should be moved to the front of the Element.

- MOB-20 uses technical terms that are not good for general public understanding.
- Provide the GPAC with information about the Downtown parking study.
- Goal MOB-22 should be focused parking Downtown and use “employees” not “commuters.”
- Consider implementing a TDM for Downtown.
- Should have more emphasis on mobility, especially through alternative modes of transportation, for all users.

Continued to August 6.

The next GPAC meeting will be a Special meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting as approved by the General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

/s/Joel Paulson, Director of Community Development