

COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

MOFFETT/WHISMAN NEIGHBORHOOD AREA FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Follow-up Responses to Issues Raised at the May 28, 2015
Council Neighborhood Committee Meeting

Presented below are the City's responses to questions requiring follow-up from the May 28, 2015 Council Neighborhood Committee meeting with the Moffett/Whisman Neighborhood Area. If you have further questions about any of the following responses, please contact the responsible Department at the phone numbers noted below.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6306

- 1. There is no public elementary school in the Northeast quadrant of Mountain View. Is it possible for the City to help the School Board by attempting to get money set aside for a school by the companies who wish to develop the corporate land in our neighborhood?*

The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District and the Mountain View-Whisman School District already charge impact fees on new commercial/office developments and new residential development over 500 square feet. State laws determine the amount and circumstances under which school impact fees can be exacted on new development for the purpose of funding school facilities. School districts must comply with these State laws and cannot charge fees in excess of the authorized amounts. Any corporate funding over these limits would have to be on a voluntary basis.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6311

- 1. What can be done to keep the Google Shuttle buses from going down our residential streets? The buses drive through residential areas and are parking and idling on the streets as well as in the left-hand turn lanes. The buses are not adhering to crosswalks especially those near our local playgrounds putting our children in danger. What must happen for "No Commercial Vehicles Parking" signs to be posted? Why are there not specific routes for the shuttle buses?*

We have been coordinating with Google on their shuttle bus routes. They are aware of the City's requirements of not using residential streets and parking and idling on public streets. The exception is using Easy Street south of E. Middlefield Road to access Hwy 85 north-bound on-ramp. Unfortunately there is no other easy option to access Hwy 85.

2. *When will the City reevaluate the Community Shuttle route and reconsider a two-loop system? Will the City consider extending the Community Shuttle hours into the early AM and late PM?*

Staff plans to provide an overview of the community shuttle pilot program operations since its January 2015 launch to the Council in late October and seek the Council's and community's input regarding any potential modifications to the program.

3. *Can a traffic light be added on Northbound Moffett Boulevard towards the entrance of southbound Highway 85? A serious accident has occurred at this location that a stop light could have prevented.*

Highway 85 on-ramp at Moffett Boulevard is under the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) jurisdiction. We will ask Caltrans engineers to take a look at safety records for this intersection and determine if historic collision data, including type of collision, can justify signal installation. The Caltrans process for installation of a traffic signal, if warranted, is a relatively lengthy process, which includes studies, budgeting and design and can take multiple years.

4. *There has been a major increase in traffic on Gladys Avenue between Whisman Road and Easy Street. Cars are speeding during the morning and evening commute. This is posing a hazard to being able to back out of driveways safely.*

We have asked our Police Department to deploy a speed radar trailer on your street. Also, residents can submit a petition for Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to be implemented on Gladys Avenue. Please contact Lorenzo Lopez, Senior Traffic Engineer at (650) 903-6311 or Lorenzo.lopez@mountainview.gov if you have any questions about the NTMP process.

5. *What are the City's plans to beautify the Moffett Boulevard gateway, specifically from 101 west to the Highway 85 off ramp?*

The City is currently working with the developer, Broadreach, on the development of the City owned parcel on the west side of Moffett Boulevard between Hwy 85 and Hwy 101. The frontage and landscaping of this property will be improved as part of that development. Specific site plans will become available as the project goes through the City's normal development review process. There are not currently plans for the eastside, though several of those property owners have shown interest in redevelopment and there will likely be improvements in the future.

6. *Is it possible for the City to work with the VTA to get a covered bus stop at the Moffett Boulevard and Leong Drive bus stop? Many of our students use this stop.*

Rodrigo Carrasco, Transit Service Development Supervisor at the VTA, is the recommended contact at the VTA. Mr. Carrasco's telephone number is (408) 952-4106. He has been provided a brief summary of the issues raised at the May 28 meeting. Mr. Carrasco is responsible for coordinating/responding to issues pertaining to bus stops.

7. *Is there any coordination or plan to work with the bike share program, specifically with moving various bike posts to different locations?*

Mountain View was selected as one of five Bay Area cities (along with San Francisco, Redwood City, Palo Alto and San Jose) to participate in the regional Bay Area Bike Share Program launched in August 2013. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recently announced its plans to privatize and expand the Program, but without the continued participation of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Redwood City. Discussions between the cities and the MTC to explore options for the cities' continued participation in the Program are currently underway, but decisions regarding if or how Mountain View, Palo Alto or Redwood City would continue participating in the Program have not yet been made.

8. *Can the signal light located on Easy Street and Middlefield Road be timed differently?*

The current signal timing is set to give preference to East Middlefield Road traffic during morning and afternoon peak hours to reduce congestion and improve air quality. During non-peak hours traffic is reactive to pedestrians, bicycles and vehicular demands without any specific preference. We have no plan to change the current signal timing unless there is an issue. Please contact Public Works at (650) 903-6311 if you want us to look at specific issues or concerns about signal timing at this location.