

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

May 19, 2022
Community Development

TITLE: CITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS UPDATE

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the City Council adopted the current Economic Development Strategic Plan which the Economic Vitality Committee uses as the foundation for its work. The plan comprises 3 focus areas:

- Priority Area A: Business Development and Communication
- Priority Area B: Built Environment and Workforce
- Priority Area C: Economic Health and Resilience

There is a specific action item toward Priority Area B: Built Environment and Workforce that is related to the City's transportation projects which will be presented at the meeting:

B6. Identify and encourage implementation of needed pedestrian and bicycle improvements, in conjunction with existing City efforts.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements are needed in many employment centers to provide transportation alternatives and enable a dense, interactive, amenity-rich environment. The City will continue to make improvements as streets are repaved and will also explore partnerships with interested property owners to enhance access and connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles. Exploring the feasibility of implementing a bicycle sharing program may be another longer-term strategy for reducing automobile traffic and providing more mobility options for residents and workers. This action should be performed in conjunction with the existing efforts of Pleasanton's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the work of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Employee & Residential Transportation Survey findings are shared with other City staff, including Traffic Engineering and Planning within the Community Development Department. The survey data helps inform staff working on transportation and development projects that are directly related to traffic circulation, traffic signal timing, traffic improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

City Traffic Engineer, Mike Tassano will share information on the West Las Positas Multimodal Reconstruction (WLPMP) Project which is combined with the reconstruction of West Las Positas Boulevard. The WLPMP was identified as the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan's highest priority bike project to help connect multiple north/south bike routes and create a new vision for the corridor, including an all ages

and abilities bikeway network and improvements to pedestrian facilities. It is expected to be constructed in 2024, though construction funding has not yet been identified.

The WLPMPR project will reconstruct a 1.4-mile segment of a larger planned 3.8-mile reconstruction of West Las Positas Boulevard to provide high-quality multimodal facilities that improve safety and comfort along the corridor. See Figure 1 below for a portion of the project located at West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road.

The WLPMPR project directly addresses safety, connectivity, access, drainage, and roadway condition challenges along the corridor by replacing the degrading roadway and reconfiguring it from a 6-lane section to a 4-lane section with expanded pedestrian and bicycle facilities on both sides of the roadway, landscaped buffers, intersection safety improvements, new parking accommodation, and a new stabilizing roadway subbase so that the new roadway surface can maintain a smooth and level profile for years to come.

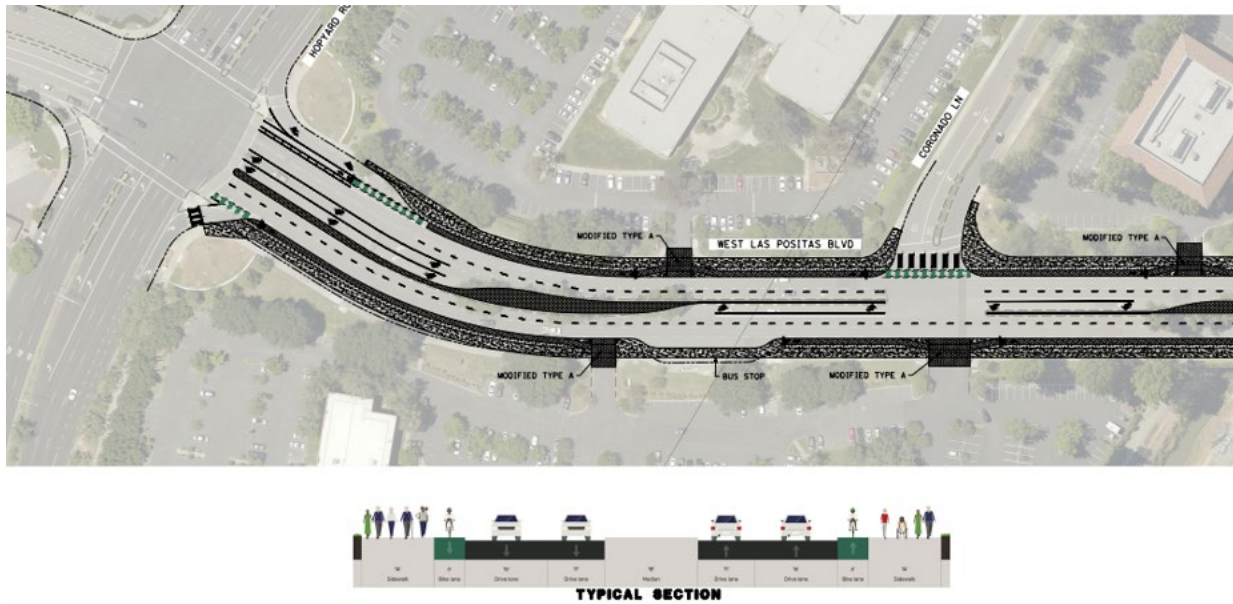


Figure 1: West Las Positas Blvd. at Hopyard Road

The EVC is invited to ask questions about the project.

ACTION: RECEIVE UPDATE ON CITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS