

Safe Streets & Mobility Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2023

Attendees:

Dorothy Wong, Chair, Altadena Town Council Member
Lee Miller, Public Works Altadena Liaison
June Cowgill, Committee Member
Tom Reilly, Committee Member
Melissa Aldama, Altadena Public Library
Steven Neptune, Committee Member
Ken Bowman, Committee Member
Seriina Covarrubias, Committee Member
Sarah Wolf, Committee Member

1. Board of Supervisors Altadena Traffic Safety Directive

Public Works presented their recommendations for Fair Oaks, Holliston Ave, and Mendocino Dr at the ATC meeting on February 21, 2023 (see attached presentation). The PW report has gone to the Board of Supervisors for review. PW has recommended “quick build” solutions including center line paint and reflectors, edge line striping, high visibility crosswalks, reflective stop signs, and hashed lines around intersection corners. Committee Members commented while initial “quick build” measures are a good first step, permanent engineering solutions are needed as well as sidewalks, new four-way stop signs, lower speed limits, and better CHP enforcement. Lee Miller responded that PW will monitor “quick build” solutions for one year, then propose more permanent solutions such as curb bulb-outs. The Committee will draft a letter of response to PW. Committee members and residents should provide feedback to Sarah Wolf (sarahwolf2953@yahoo.com) by March 1, 2023. The letter will be posted on Google Drive.

2. Planning, Grants, Data Collection

There was discussion around how to develop a safe systems approach to Altadena’s streets beyond the BoS Directive which is limited in scope. Several ideas were mentioned: Measure M, San Gabriel Valley Subregion ATP funding request, LA County Vision Zero Action Plan, Transect Urban Planning Tool, and the Street Story Tool. Here are some links that were shared:

[Using Street Story Tool for Grant Applications](#)

Collecting data on traffic counts: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/tnl/trafficcounts/>

Transect Walk: <https://catcomm.org/transect-walk/> and <https://sswm.info/humanitarian-crises/urban-settings/planning-process-tools/exploring-tools/transect-walk>

LA County Vision Zero: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/visionzero/>

3. Speeding

There is a draft petition on reducing speed limits in Altadena. Committee members should review the petition and provide comments to Dorothy Wong and Sarah Wolf by March 6, 2023. Sarah Wolf will liaise with ATC Communications Committee on distribution.

Link to Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/save-lives-in-altadena-by-lowering-driving-speed-limits-slow-down-to-save-lives>

There was also discussion about the lack of functional speed trailers used by CHP. PW said that they will repair any broken speed trailers (Altadena is currently allocated two) if CHP submits a request. Dorothy confirmed CHP has recently submitted the repair request. [My note: two speed trailers for 43,000 people over 8.3 square miles doesn't seem like enough. How do we request more speed trailers?]

4. Committee Communication

Seriina raised the issue of needing better communication among Committee Members as well as the wider community on specific issues. The Committee agreed to use a group email to communicate projects, upcoming walk audits, and other events. There was also discussion about incorporating a Safe Streets Calendar of Events on the ATC website, modelled on the public library's community or events calendar.

Although committee membership is fluid, Seriina proposed new attendees participate in a pre-meeting to get up to speed on the Committee's work. This would allow for more focused discussions during regular meeting time. ATC committee meetings are public i.e. anyone can attend, but those interested in joining the Committee should email Dorothy Wong and can join a working group (see below).

Committee members expressed they would also like to get involved in specific projects and planning work. Working groups could include:

1. BoS Directive – staying on top of PW
2. Vision Zero Action Plan
3. Bike Master Plan – review current plan/provide community feedback
4. Pedestrian Master Plan – review current plan/provide community feedback
5. Fundraising/Grants – collecting information on transportation/safe street grant opportunities, upcoming deadlines, and partner agencies (ATC usually can't request funds directly)
6. Events Calendar – putting together an events calendar and figuring out best app to use
7. Communications – organizing email lists, producing a regular update or newsletter
8. Walk/Bike to School Events in May and October
9. Walk Audits – ideally one “captain” for each Census Tract
10. Safe Routes to Schools/Parks/Library/Seniors' Facilities
11. Speed Enforcement – liaising with CHP
12. Speed Reduction – petition, community engagement

Here is the link to the sign-up sheet. Committee members are welcome to propose additional working groups depending on interests and expertise.

