EL CAMINO REAL (ECR) TASK FORCE
Community Group Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2018

MEETING SUMMARY

The agenda for the meeting was to review the matrix of issues and criteria for design options related to the four components the Task Force has studied – trees, sidewalks, roadway, and drainage. The Task Force objectives for recommending a future vision for El Camino Real were reiterated—1) retain the character and health of the trees along El Camino Real and 2) improve the safety of the roadway and sidewalks.

Trees
City Arborist Bob Disco reported that he had received from Caltrans a copy of The Davey Tree Expert Company assessment of the trees in the project pilot area. Caltans contracted for the assessment and Bob is having it peer reviewed. The assessment indicated that the large trees are at "moderate" risk of failure and recommended further assessment of several trees. Joon Kang, Caltrans Project Manager, said that the assessment also showed that all of the larger trees have root balls that would be damaged during construction, which increases the risk of failure.

Funding
Joon Kang reported that the cost estimate for the 3.5 mile stretch of improvements on El Camino Real is over $7 million per lane mile. Caltrans has budgeted $90 million for the roadway and $10 million for sidewalks.

Review of Issues and Criteria
The Task Force reviewed the summary matrix of their work on issues and criteria for design options. They reached a consensus agreement on all of the items.

ECR Task Force Process
The Task Force was asked to evaluate the process they have now completed and indicate if there was anything that should be discussed that had not already been addressed. While there were no new topics related to their task of recommending a future vision for ECR, there were several questions that need to be addressed as an actual plan is developed. The group was pleased with the outcome of the process and appreciative of the participation of the Caltrans representative.