



EL CAMINO REAL (ECR) TASK FORCE

Community Group Toolkit Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting began with a reminder to the community members of the ECR Task Force that the objectives of the project are to preserve the character of the grove and improve the safety of the roadway and sidewalks—it is both/and, not either/or. The Task Force will also identify a public process for continued collaboration between the City and Caltrans.

This was the second and last of the “toolkit” meetings. The toolkit meetings were to help identify a common language and share key information. A glossary of terms was distributed and reviewed with the community members. Key terms from the glossary were discussed including:

Rubberized Asphalt

- Various forms available, Gap grade is the longest lasting.
- Cost is gradually coming down; Caltrans has utilized rubberized asphalt for a decade.
- Rubberized asphalt has minimal hydroplaning and is state of the art for quieting the roadway.

Storm Drain

Photos of various types of storm drains presented and their attributes were discussed.

Crosswalk

Photos of various types of crosswalks were presented.

- Raised, mid-block, and pedestrian activated crosswalks.
- Features such as delineators, flashing beacons, pedestrian leads and curb ramps.

Traffic Calming & Road Diet

Photos of various traffic calming and road diet options were presented.

- Traffic calming is a physical design, signage and landscaping measures to encourage safer driving and reduce traffic.
- A road diet is the reduction in the number of vehicle travel lanes.

- The more narrow the roadway, the more vehicles will have to slow down.

Fire Safety Requirements

Access and drivability is currently acceptable per Central County Fire. If the roadway is configured, Central County Fire staff requested to be included in the discussions.

Drainage

Water creates problems on the roadway because ponded water permeates into the asphalt creating potholes and cracks. A good drainage system will help to increase the life of the roadway and prevent flooding. The biggest challenge on ECR is getting the water off the road and to the main lines. ECR sometimes has a unique drainage issue caused when bark from the eucalyptus trees and other debris clog the storm drains. The non-uniform slope of gutters along the roadway is another drainage issue.

City/Caltrans Responsibilities

An overview of the maintenance agreement between the City and Caltrans was provided. The City currently provides vegetation control, sidewalk repairs, debris/litter pickup, street sweeping and graffiti removal. The City receives \$25,000 from Caltrans annually for their maintenance efforts.

Key Comments and Concerns

- Suggested terms to be added to the glossary handout were; HAWK crosswalk, truncated dome, pedestrian lead, first flush, sight triangle, and crown.
- Comprehensive evaluation of upstream storm water needs to be looked at in conjunction with ECR drainage improvements.
- Caltrans is currently surveying the flow lines and sidewalks.
- Trip and fall claims are currently a concern for both the City and Caltrans.
- Roadway is higher than the sidewalk causing homes to become flooded during severe storms.
- Patching sidewalks as a maintenance measure does not solve the problem and is “not pretty.”
- Add larger catch basins and increase the number of catch basins to help with drainage.
- Request was made for information on how PG&E fits into the overlapping responsibilities.

The next Task Force Community Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18. The City Arborist will present options for species of replacement trees.

