

CITY OF SUNNYVALE
City Council Study Session
Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study
April 23, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
West Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall

The City Council met in a study session at the West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California on April 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., with Vice-Mayor Jim Griffith presiding.

City Council Members present:

Mayor Tony Spitaleri
Vice-Mayor Jim Griffith
Councilmember Christopher Moylan
Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius
Councilmember Pat Meyering
Councilmember Jim Davis
Councilmember David Whittum (arrived 6:40 p.m.)

Staff present:

Gary Luebbbers, City Manager
Robert Walker, Assistant City Manager
Joan Borger, City Attorney
Kent Steffens, Director of Public Works
Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager
Carmen Talavera, Senior Transportation Engineer

Study Session Summary

1. Introduction and Agenda Presentation

Public Works Director Kent Steffens introduced the purpose and agenda for the Study Session.

2. Staff Presentation

Transportation and Traffic Manager Jack Witthaus gave the staff presentation on the study process, the study area characteristics, alternatives considered, and the proposed staff recommendations. Assistance was provided by Andrew Kluter, the consulting Project Manager from TJKM Transportation Consultants.

Questions/Issues

Transportation and Traffic Manager Witthaus and Consultant Kluter responded to questions from City Council Members. Questions and comments included a

suggestion that for future study issues like this one to have a joint meeting with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission; clarification of where intersection levels of service had decreased; request for linking alternatives more specifically to the General Plan Street Space Policy; concerns regarding a perception that traffic on Mary will be diverted onto Hollenbeck; inquiry regarding grade separation at the Caltrain tracks and a request that the report to council provide information on a grade separation alternative; inquiry about resulting impacts from narrowing roadway on Mary between Fremont and Homestead and the difference in the daily volume between this segment and the one on Mary from Fremont to El Camino Real; question whether Peery Park development was taken into consideration; question regarding the feasibility of a bike sidepath; request for development of information regarding where parking might divert to if removed; clarification of roadway configurations; and an inquiry regarding the efficacy of narrow medians for traffic safety.

Transportation Manager Witthaus responded to public members questions/issues, including concerns expressed with added traffic from LinkedIn and Apple projects in the Maude area; questions about cars making left turns into driveways and possible safety impacts; question regarding space that may be needed for turning movements when motor vehicles wanting to make a right turn and bicyclists wanting to go straight through; and comments regarding the goals of these kind of studies.

Adjournment

The Study Session was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager