

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025 AT 6:00PM
HELD AT LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY CENTER – SEQUOIA ROOM

PRESENT: Tom Gschneidner, Suresh Venkatraman, Scott Pietka (Vice),
Tony Li, Clara Roa, Wesley Helmholz (Chair)

ABSENT: Steve Katz

ATTENDEES: Art Williams (Staff Liaison)
Steven Son (Transportation Manager)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Caroline Horn provided comments not on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2025.

Motioned by Vice Chair Pietka and Second by Chair by Helmholz. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Potential Distel Drive Improvements

Commissioner Roa recused herself of the discussion item due to residing within 500 feet of Distel Drive.

Several residents provided public comments.

After discussing the impact of traffic, safety, and the concerns of losing parking spaces, Chair Helmholz motioned to approve a phase approach on Distel Drive, which was second by Vice Chair Pietka. Motion carried 3-1-1 with Commissioner Venkatraman abstaining and Commissioner Li with a nay vote. City Staff will proceed with adding new striping along Distel Drive between Marich and El Camino Real and providing a dedicated right turn lane at El Camino Real.

NOTE: The Commission took a break at about 8:06pm and resumed at about 8:17pm.

3. 2026 Work Plan

The Commission formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee comprising of Commissioners Roa, Pietka, and Helmholz.

4. 2025 Work Plan

The Commission continued with the discussion of the work plan.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Pietka was nominated by Commissioner Gschneidner and Second by Commissioner Venkatraman for Chair. Vice Chair Pietka accepted the nomination. Commissioner Li nominated Commissioner Venkatraman but respectfully declined. All the commissioners voted for Vice Chair Pietka to be the new Chair.

Chair Helmholz was nominated by Commissioner Li and Second by Commissioner Gschneidner for Vice Chair. Commissioner Venkatraman nominated Commissioner Gschneidner and Li, but both respectfully declined. Chair Helmholz accepted the nomination. All the commissioners voted for Chair Helmholz to be the new Vice Chair.

CITY UPDATES

City Staff provided project update on the Annual Street Resurfacing, Commissioner Training, and PD's Instagram post on E-Bike safety.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

New Chair Pietka informed about attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the El Camino Real Project.

New Vice Chair Helmholz informed about using the bike path at Hetch Hetchy Trail after the improvement made by the City.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2025 and 2026 Work Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Helmholz adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.