



Agenda

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 16, 2020

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Teleconference

Based on the threat of COVID-19 as reflected in the Proclamations of Emergency issued by both the Governor of the State of California, the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Director and the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo as well as the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the City of San Luis Obispo will be holding all public meetings via teleconference. There will be no physical location for the Public to view the meeting.** Below are instructions on how to view the meeting remotely and how to leave public comment.

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All comments submitted will be placed into the administrative record of the meeting.

MISSION: The purpose of the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) is to provide oversight and policy direction on matters related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation in San Luis Obispo and its relationship to bicycling and walking outside the City.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jonathan Roberts

ROLL CALL: Committee Members Thomas Arndt, Lea Brooks (vice chair), Donette Dunaway, Timothy Jouet, Briana Martenies, Russell Mills, Jonathan Roberts (chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT: At this time, people may address the Committee about items not on the agenda. Persons wishing to speak should come forward and state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Items raised at this time are generally referred to staff and, if action by the Committee is necessary, may be scheduled for a future meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Special Meeting

ACTION ITEM

2. 600 TANK FARM ROAD ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES **(BELL – 60 MINUTES)**

1) BACKGROUND

A project at 600 Tank Farm Road has been initiated to redevelop 11.1 acres at the northeast corner of Tank Farm Road and the designated location for realignment of Santa Fe Rd. The applicant has submitted a conceptual application as an early review of the project prior to the formal application submission process. Given the early stage of the approval process, this meeting is intended to receive comments on active transportation issues that should be considered as the application develops further and work begins on the environmental study.

2) PROJECT INFORMATION

The 600 Tank Farm site is comprised of two separate parcels: APN: 053-421-06 and APN: 053-421-02. The project site is currently zoned Business Park within the Airport Area Specific Plan (AASP). The AASP prohibits residential uses at this location and the project application proposes to amend the AASP and rezone the property to Commercial Services zone to allow for a mixed use project, similar to what has been proposed on the adjacent property at 650 Tank Farm. The mixed-use project consists of 280 residential units and approximately 15,000 square feet of

commercial space. The residential units are provided within three different housing types: 140 townhomes, 100 stacked flat units, and 40 studio and one-bedroom units over the commercial structures.

3) PROPOSED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

As described in the Conceptual Application submitted by the applicant (See Attachment 2), the bicycle and pedestrian facilities proposed as part of the development project are summarized as follows:

- **Tank Farm Road Widening**
 - Widen westbound direction along the project frontage per Airport Area Specific Plan (AASP) to provide:
 - 2 westbound auto lanes
 - Width for center median/turn lane
 - Sidewalk with parkway
 - Class IV sidewalk-level cycle track (Modified from AASP, which proposed Class II bike lanes)
 - Class I path between north-south creek path and Tank Farm/Santa Fe intersection
- **Santa Fe Road Extension to the North**
 - New extension of Santa Fe Road north of Tank Farm, aligned west of the existing Santa Fe Road alignment south of Tank Farm. Will ultimately connect with Prado Road extension to the north. Cross section includes:
 - 2 auto lanes (Modified from AASP, which proposes 4 auto lanes)
 - Center median/turn lane
 - Sidewalks with parkway (interim installation w/ no sidewalk on west side—to be completed by Chevron development)
 - Class IV protected bike lanes (Modified from AASP, which proposed Class II bike lanes. Interim installation with Class II bike lane on west side—to be upgraded to Class IV with Chevron development)
- **Tank Farm/Santa Fe Extension Intersection**
 - New roundabout (traffic study will guide sizing/geometrics)
- **North-South Creek Path**
 - New north-south Class I path along west side of creek, connecting Tank Farm Road north to Damon Garcia Park pathways
- **Connection to Adjacent 650 Tank Farm**
 - Proposed ped/bike/emergency access only bridge to adjacent 650 Tank Farm development to the east.

Since the City's Active Transportation Plan has not yet been adopted by the City Council, the proposed facilities will be evaluated for consistency with the currently adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan. Proposed bicycle facilities in the current Bicycle Transportation Plan relative to this project include a Class I Shared Use Path on Tank Farm Road, a north-south Class I path along the creek connecting to Damon Garcia Sports Fields, Class II bike lanes on Santa Fe Road, and retaining existing Class II bike lanes on Tank Farm. As shown in the above summary list, the applicant proposes to upgrade facilities in several locations to align with the preliminary concepts presented as part of the ATP, which prioritize Class IV protected bike lanes along collector and arterial streets.

Additional summary maps are provided in Attachment 3 to help convey the proposed pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the greater vicinity of the proposed project site.

Staff Recommendation: Receive initial comments on the 600 Tank Farm project as submitted by the applicant regarding the project's consistency with the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Attachment 2: 600 Tank Farm Rd Conceptual Application

Attachment 3: 600 Tank Farm Rd Maps

ACTION ITEM

**3. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY
(FUKUSHIMA – 45 MINUTES)**

The Public Review DRAFT Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Community Recovery is currently open for review. The CAP establishes a community-wide goal of carbon neutrality by 2035, adopts sector specific goals, and provides foundational actions to establish a trajectory towards achieving that goal while also recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Regarding Active Transportation, the CAP sets the policy framework as well as certain actions for achieving climate neutrality by 2035 including:

- Connected 1.1 – Establish a consistent method for tracking and reporting mode split metrics.
- Connected 1.2 – Research and develop an approach to a “Mobility as a Service” platform for people to easily use all modes of low carbon mobility in the City.
- Connected 2.1 – Complete Active Transportation plan and begin implementation immediately.
- Connected 2.2 – Launch micro mobility program by 2021

See Attachment 4 for an excerpt on the CAP on *Pillar 4: Connected Community* for more detail on these actions.

The complete Public Review Draft of the CAP can be found at:

<https://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/city-administration/office-of-sustainability/climate-action/climate-action-plan-1949>

In January 2019, the ATC received an update on the CAP. At this meeting, the ATC can provide comments on the Public Review DRAFT. The document is open for public review until July 22nd and the City Council will consider adoption on August 18th.

Staff Recommendation: Receive comments from the committee on the Public Review DRAFT Climate Action Plan.

Attachment 4: CAP Pillar 4: Connected Community

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., by teleconference.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Special Meeting
2. 600 Tank Farm Rd Conceptual Application
3. 600 Tank Farm Rd Maps
4. CAP Pillar 4: Connected Community



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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020
Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Committee

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Active Transportation Committee was called to order on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 6:05 p.m. via teleconference by Chair Roberts.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Thomas Arndt, Lea Brooks (vice chair), Timothy Jouet (joined at 6:10), Briana Martenies, Russell Mills, and Jonathan Roberts (chair)

Absent: Donette Dunaway

Staff: Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima, Associate Planner Kyle Bell, and Recording Secretary Lareina Gamboa

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

--End of Public Comment--

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting of June 11, 2020:

ACTION: UPON MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOKS, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MILLS, CARRIED 5-0-2 (COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUNAWAY AND JOUET ABSENT), to approve the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting of June 11, 2020, as presented.

Public Comment

None.

--End of Public Comment--

ACTION ITEMS

2. 600 Tank Farm Road Active Transportation Facilities

Associate Planner Kyle Bell and Active Transportation Manager Fukushima provided a presentation and responded to Committee inquiries in regards to the 600 Tank Farm Road mixed-use development and its relation to Active Transportation projects in the city. The applicant for

the project, represented by Darin Cabral from RRM Design Group, also provided a presentation and responded to questions.

ACTION: UPON MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOKS, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ARNDT, CARRIED 6-0-1 (COMMITTEE MEMBER DUNAWAY ABSENT), to recommend providing committee suggestions to staff and the applicant for consideration as the project progresses.

Public Comment

None.

--End of Public Comment--

3. Climate Action Plan For Community Recovery

Active Transportation Manager Fukushima provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Committee inquiries in regards to the Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery and its relation to the Active Transportation Plan.

Public Comment

None.

--End of Public Comment--

ACTION: UPON MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ARNDT, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOKS, CARRIED 6-0-1 (COMMITTEE MEMBER DUNAWAY ABSENT), to thank City staff for their work putting together the Climate Action Plan, and moves to request that the list of Climate Action Plan comments recorded during the meeting be included for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Regular Active Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., by teleconference.

APPROVED BY THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 08/20/2020

July 16, 2020 -- Active Transportation Committee
Comments on 600 Tank Farm

Committee Member Lea Brooks

- 1) The project should consider bicycle and pedestrian connections along Tank Farm Rd to improve east-west connections between Higuera and Broad Streets
- 2) The project should study bicycle and pedestrian impacts to the Broad/Tank Farm Rd intersection
- 3) Concerned about connecting the Acacia Creek Path to a wrong way Class IV bikeway
- 4) Consider the potential of connecting Clarion Court to Fiero Lane as an alternative to Tank Farm Road for bikes and peds
- 5) If Hawthorne Elementary is the designated school for this site, consider how children will walk and bike there
- 6) Consider what possible role a bridge across the Railroad Safety Trail at Industrial Way could do to provide access to the east side of the railroad tracks
- 7) Consider the role that bike lanes on Industrial Road could play to improve access to the site and avoid busy arterial streets like Tank Farm
- 8) Concerned about the impact widening Tank Farm Road to 5 lanes would have on bicycle and pedestrian comfort levels.

Committee Member Thomas Arndt

- 1) Suggests the design of roundabout at Tank Farm / Santa Fe should separate bike and ped modes
- 2) Requests that the Acacia Creek Path have adequate connections to other bikeway and pedestrian facilities
- 3) Suggests considering other options before using bollards on the bike/ped bridge across creek to 650 Tank Farm. If bollards are the only option, make safe as possible.

- 4) Avoid bike facility designs that encourage wrong way riding.

Committee Member Russell Mills

- 1) Recommends avoiding multilane road on Tank Farm to minimize bike/ped impacts. Consider not widening Tank Farm Road for multilanes
- 2) Ensure adequate sidewalk connections throughout internal development
- 3) Suggests more separation than 2 feet between Class IV bikeway and motor traffic. Suggests adding a parkway between the bike and motor vehicle modes.

Committee Member Briana Marteneis

- 1) Recommends that pathways for pedestrians throughout the development are direct

Committee Member Tim Jouet

- 1) Please look for ways to incorporate design elements of the forthcoming Active Transportation Plan as much as possible into the project
- 2) Recommends to incorporate slower roadway speeds where possible
- 3) Consider locating the bridge to 650 Tank Farm farther north
- 4) Please provide more separation between ped/bike/motor vehicle modes on Tank Farm Road cross section

Committee Member Jonathan Roberts

- 1) Suggests that a lot of thought be put into how the project will provide good bike/ped connectivity to destinations outside of the project