

## Winchester Corridor Advisory Group Meeting

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### Mayor Sam Liccardo

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- I appreciate the Advisory Group time. The work you are doing is very important.
- A Transportation Development Policy will be done and will benefit the community and the developers.
- How did we get to the Urban Village concept?
  - We have a city that is growing. Growth is good if it is well-managed. San Jose has done a good job of managing its growth. Rather than growing out we are building up. If we are going to densify the City. It should go up along major transportation corridors. Separation of uses and sprawl is not good for a city.
  - We want shorten trips and allow walking to stores and neighborhood services.
- What are your thoughts on Volar project?
  - Not supportive with this height.
- What are your thoughts for the Toys R Us Site?
  - Not supportive of conversion of sites allocated for jobs to housing. We have a fundamental imbalance between jobs and housing; that is why we allow for office and retail to go forward with development approvals without an Urban Village Plan in Urban Villages. Toys R us is a retail site; I would like to see commercial development and not housing there.
- What are your thoughts on Winchester Ranch Mobilehome Park?
  - There is going to be an ordinance update resulting from clear negotiations with landowners and residents
- In Winchester workshop most residences were asking for lower heights. Also, Winchester is not close to any transit. Why is the Reserve project proposing a 6-story building? What are we going to do with the traffic?
  - All intersections are at level D or better; it meets the City's Level of Service standards.
- Make Winchester like downtown Campbell.
  - The housing that is demanded these days have smaller units. Density is the future especially along major corridors.
- How are we coordinating with Santa Clara? We need to be more integrated.
  - I reached out to the mayor of Santa Clara and the planning department is doing its part of coordinating with them.
- What is the City's policy for displacement?
  - At this time we do not have any policy for residential displacement. If a retailer gets displaced, there are plenty of empty retail spaces in San Jose to move into.
- What about the lack of City resources for new development?
  - If we are concerned about lack of resources, we need to build denser environments because as they use resources better.

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition focuses on 2 things:

1. Program work
  2. Infrastructure work
- Many people say that they like biking, but they do not do it for safety reasons. The Netherlands has some the best bike routes in the country, but many new immigrants don't use it because of cultural reasons. We believe that when you ride a bike, it is a good feeling. It is not just about infrastructure, but also the culture of biking.
  - How we design our communities changes how we interact with each other.
  - The first bike lane was painted in Davis in 1967. It has been a good technique. There are many controversies over bike lanes adjacent to parking especially when the bikers ride where car doors open into the bike lane
  - Buffered bike lanes are becoming more prevalent with different shades of green. Cities use paint to communicate with drivers.
  - Urban Bikeway Design Guide published by NACTO is a bible of bikeway design
    - <http://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>
  - **Idaho stops are good ideas for bikers** [Idaho stop is the common name for a law that allows **cyclists** to treat a **stop sign** as a **yield sign**, and a **red light** as a stop sign. It first became law in **Idaho** in 1982, but has not been adopted elsewhere].
  - We have a General Plan that has a 40% trip reduction for automobiles. If you continue to build roads, people will use them.
  - E-bikes are good options when the length of the trips are more than 5 miles. The Netherlands is a good place to look at for bike policies.
  - Silicon Valley Bike Coalition is launching a program for Bikepool which can help you determine a safe route to your destination.
    - <http://bikesiliconvalley.org/programs/>
  - **Community comments:**
    - Families do not shop at grocery outlet
    - Concerns about kids walking or biking to school
    - There are physical barriers like the freeway for connecting the two Urban Villages
    - Make sure development is not adding additional traffic; there is a large amount of traffic that goes into Campbell
    - Connect N and S Cypress with a bike lane.
    - Kids ride their bike on Monroe Street.
    - People don't ride their bike to the work; they ride it to the train. We need better transit and better bike facilities on the train. We should take side streets when we are going around.
    - Bike lanes on Monroe, Eden and Cypress will be more efficient.
    - Cyclists act as if they own the road.
    - If you are going to add density, we need bike lanes. I would love to see bike lanes on Winchester.
    - This group is going to put 20 foot sidewalks, bike lanes and BRT. There will only be one traffic lane left.

- Anyone who wants to bike to North San Jose is taking his own life in his hand. Is there any demand for bike lanes to go there?
- We need to fix the infrastructure on Winchester Boulevard.
- We have had an increase bike stealing; we need bike security and places to lock up your bike.
- If we contribute to displacement, we will add to homelessness.
  - Consider talking to your council member and Greystar.
- Some Caltrain stations including San Francisco have bike storage associated with the station that allows the bike riders to park their bikes.
- Kick Scooters are good ideas as first-last mile strategies for connecting to buses.

#### **Advisory Group Comments**

- Road diet may discourage people to use Winchester as a cut—through which can be a good option for Winchester.
- Refer to previous master plans for Winchester for the full service grocery store and keep small businesses alive. Those businesses need to be protected.
- Valley fair has recently provided bike racks with 100 spaces for bikes.

#### **Smart Streets:**

- Find smart ways to monitor traffic; put sensors on the lights on the streets.
- Community Broadband co-up; all businesses can have access to fast wi-fi.