

Stanford Ad Hoc Committee 2024

2024 Ad hoc Committee Members: Council Member Pat Burt; Council Member Lydia Kou; Vice Mayor Ed Lauing

2024 Activities:

Ad Hoc Committee members, city staff, and Stanford representatives met approximately monthly to share information and status-updates, facilitating greater coordination between the agencies.

Quarry Road Connection Project:

Reviewed and recommended to the Council the extension of Quarry Road to improve bus transit efficiency and station circulation including necessary. On June 10, 2024¹, the City Council reviewed conceptual plans for this proposed transit connection and approved the formal steps needed for the project's implementation. Council approved placement of a ballot measure before voters in November 2024 of whether to discontinue the park use of approximately 0.33 acres of El Camino Park for the purpose of constructing a roadway for transit vehicles between El Camino Real and the Palo Alto Transit Center and execution of a letter of intent with Stanford University for the Quarry Road Connection Project. The ballot measure was successfully approved by voters in November 2024.

Other Discussion and Collaborations:

- Received/reviewed a presentation on workforce housing and training including definition, audiences and approaches with representatives from NOVA and Stanford Pathways Lab.
- Discussed operational improvements at the Palo Alto Transit Center and coordination for improvements in advance of the September 21, 2024 Caltrain electrification event and subsequent improvements. These included: improved signage and way finding, improved bike/pedestrian connections/circulation and visibility, enhance appearance of facilities, advertising, and public communications. Reviewed VTA initiatives to activate and improve the Transit Center established participation by Stanford in the VTA Ad Hoc Committee.
- Coordinated on El Camino Real measures in collaboration with Caltrans bike lane additions.
- Discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan, collaborated on areas to explore Safe Routes to School from Page Mill via Hanover or Peter Coutts Rd.
- Discussed opportunities for Stanford and City collaboration on the City's Climate Action Plan. Identified to topics to explore further include SRP substation improvements, potential joint presentations on respective Climate Action Plans (e.g. National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayor, and SCRL/City partnership on transitioning to electrification).
- Received presentation on the Stanford Research Park status/future vision and coordinated area plan, including a shared vision for future housing in the lower Research Park.

¹ City Council, June 10, 2024, Item #12, <https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=72814&repo=r-704298fc&searchid=d7fdcddec-cca9-4685-b4f7-254c9f0cf4f7>