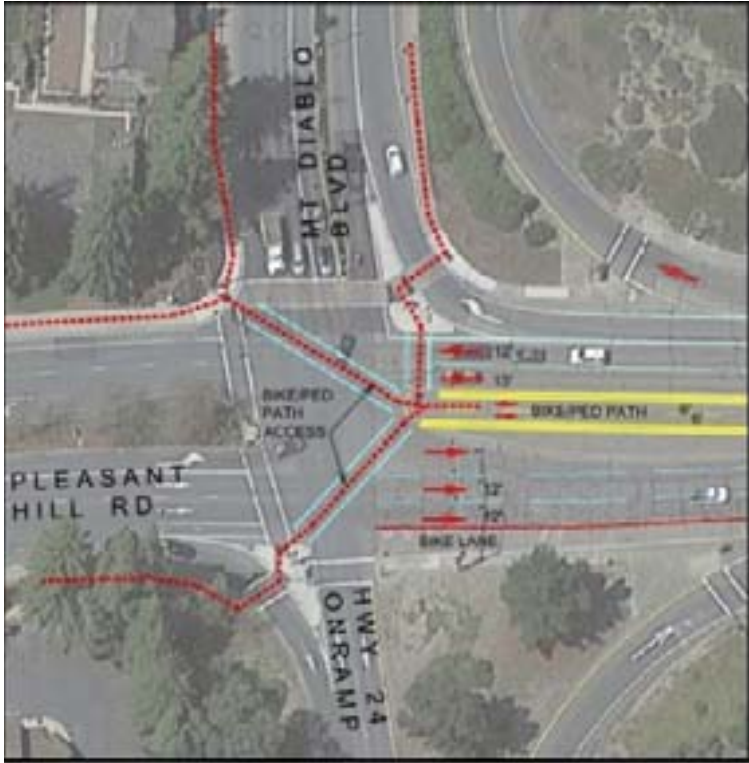


# The vision: students safely biking to school on Pleasant Hill Road



## South Termination

(Pleasant Hill Rd / Mt. Diablo Blvd.)

Image from Safe Route to Acalanes High School presentation, showing entry and exit from proposed bike path.

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The pathway would be protected from traffic by concrete guard walls, and would be safely accessible from both the Mt. Diablo Boulevard traffic lights and at the Deer Hill Road lights by making them “scramble” lights, stopping traffic in all directions while bikes and pedestrians enter/exit the pathway.

Law noted that no traffic lanes need to be eliminated to make space and that benefits would include potential reduction in traffic congestion around the school. He said the existing sidewalks and bike lanes would remain.

A possible second phase would involve extending the bike path to Springhill School along the western side of Pleasant Hill Road.

Commissioners had concerns about the width of the pathway, possible collisions, and for exactly how the scramble lights would work. When asked about the potential for head-on bike-to-bike collisions, Law pointed out that this had not been a prob-

lem on the bi-directional Lafayette-Moraga trail. “And that is packed and I’m not aware of any,” he said.

Director of Engineering and Public Works Mike Moran was quick to keep expectations realistic. He said that this was a wonderful introduction to a proposed project but that it’s a placeholder at this time. “Drivers won’t lose anything and cyclists and pedestrians will be much more protected,” he said. But he noted some parking could be lost, and pointed out that issues of design, funding and maintenance, and specifics on changing the function of lights to scramble, need to be in place before taking the idea to the city council.

Currently Law is working on funding, and is exploring designs of similar pathways in other cities. He is planning to make presentations in schools and hopes to gather support for the project as he continues to work with the city. He says that the developer for the Terraces has agreed to accommodate the project in their work along Pleasant Hill Road.



## North Termination

(Pleasant Hill Rd / Stanley Blvd.)



**Lafayette Public Meetings**

**City Council**

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.  
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:  
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Don Tatzin Community Hall

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