

LAH PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council Chambers Conference Room, Town Hall 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA

1. Call to Order at 6:34pm

Members Present: Nick Erndt, Mike Orlando, John Lewis, Marc Gurwith

Absent: Richard Partridge

Guests: Magdalena residents: Krish (10251 Magdalena), Nina & Harsh (10285 Magdalena), Daisy Itty (10511 Magdalena), Town engineer Jay Bradford.

Remotely: Astha Kanal, WooJae Kim, Michael Schloetter, Councilmember Linda Swan, Carol Gottlieb

2. Agenda Review

- a. Nick moves to first discuss Matadero Creek, then 5g and 6, and then Magdalena. John seconds, all in favor.

3. Review & Approval of Minutes for March 25 PWC meeting

- a. Nick moves, Mike Seconds. All in Favor

4. Ex Parte Communications

5. Staff Update on Pathways (Projects, Maintenance, etc.)

- a. Summerhill Avenue Pathway update

Reached out to the county for update but still no feedback. Astha will continue monthly and possibly set up a meeting in the future to review ADA memo.

- b. Magdalena Avenue Pathway update

WooJae said that this item would go to council in April for approval of plans/spec. However, at last minute, staff field walk discovered that some of the property owners' vegetation might be impacted with clearing of ROW, so this will go to council on May 14. Staff is willing to work with residents to mitigate impacts of removal of vegetation in public ROW.

Astha displayed a map with the specific pathway improvement routes and standard equestrian accessibility. She then shared diagrams of each property and the tree removals that would occur at each property. She also shared that this Magdalena route was prioritized by council as one of the five major loops.

There were some resident questions and discussion about the development of this pathway. One of the property owners suggested the route of the pathway be

shifted to the opposite side of the street. The property owners were adamant that this construction will significantly impose upon their convenience and their interpretation of safe pathway development. There was also concern from residents about the amount of vegetation that will be removed in order to clear the public ROW.

Astha shared some reasoning as to why the pathway is on that particular side of the street. MPP has pathways on the LH side of Magdalena, which is why construction is on that side. The RH side of Magdalena was judged as much more difficult to construct on, and considerably more expensive than the RH side. She also shared that the path is being constructed at this time because the pathway the property owner built is not actually up to the town's pathway standards, including the town's plans to re-construct drainage swales in front of these properties.

There was also concern from residents that this plan for development was made apparent to them with very little notice. Astha clarified that staking and letters went out in 2025 from the Town, with some door knocks, and that this is the standard process for notification for residents. WooJae clarified that the Town needs to comply with the details of the pathways construction standard, and that a council recommendation is required to deviate from the pathways standards.

Daisy (resident) discussed the vegetation adjacent to her existing pathway that she put on her side of a recently developed pathway on her property's (10511 Magdalena Rd). She also discussed a concern with the interaction between staking and the mailbox on her property. Astha said that the mailbox will be moved beyond the pathway and that Astha will confirm with USPS as well that it's accessible for residents and not on neighbor's property.

Residents were overall concerned that the pathways budget is not necessarily being used in ways that they feel are not efficient overall.

PWC proposes that Astha do another site visit before the end of this week to clarify development plans on site. She will contact the property owners (addresses above) directly to set this up.

PWC proposes that during the Magdalena development/improvement, the Town maintains the current pathway at 10285 Magdalena which was already built by the homeowner even though it's not necessarily in full compliance with pathways standards.

PWC proposes sending these concerns forward to council so they can be considered during the May 14 meeting.

PWC proposes that the Town reconsider notification processes in the future to residents so that they might get greater and more effusive notice of major developments.

Overall PWC proposes that council move forward on the Magdalena development while continuing to work with the residents. Mike makes a motion, Nick seconds, all in favor.

c. Altamont- Moody to Corbetta Lane Pathway update

Working to remove eucalyptus tree and stump within the month. Once this is done, it will start in-house this September.

d. Maple Leaf Court – Middle Fork Lane update

Code enforcement issue is in discussion with property owner attorney. CEQA is still taking some time. Once this is complete there will be moving forward on this segment.

e. Bicycle/Horses/Pedestrian signs on summit of steep paths update: Elena to Natoma, Elena to Taaffe, La Paloma to Robleda, Westwind Jan 1 intermediate hike path.

Current signs are great. PWC recommends that Michael and his crew identify pathway segments where signs might be needed. WooJae also said there would be a pathways audit at some point in the future.

f. Old Page Mill Road to Christopher Lane Path update

No feedback from Bob Ellson yet but Nick will keep asking.

g. Maintenance update/issues

Mike reported that ROW mowing and trimming pathways is what his crew is doing right now. End of April through June - including brushing and widening, raising trees to 12 feet. Also damage inspection and mowing in preparation for May 9 PW walk/run.

6. Discuss Chaparral pathway updates

Mike S. has already fixed the post and made it sturdier. Nick indicated that it would be nice to have another post further up the hill at the top of Julietta so that bikes knew to slow down on the way down.

PWC recommends an additional "bikes slow down" and ROW sign at the top of Julietta.

It seems as if new signage has calmed residents and bikers.

7. Discussion on making off-road paths more erosion resistant and user friendly.

Some of these issues are topographical issues. Love shack/Elena and Wallace Stegner they put in some French drains as a pilot program and tried to fill with drain rock. Mike discussed other possible remediations, but one limit is that some of this would need to be done by hand. Mike did suggest more cut and fill around the edges that need more significant grading as is done in county open space, or earthen “speed bumps” or crowned mounds.

PWC will research a few locations. Love Shack/Elena and Packard Pathway are two that come immediately to mind that could use better drainage.

8. Measure B funding for promotional PWC outreach and/or GIS accuracy and pathways audit revisiting, perhaps bringing in Emina or an outside contractor. How to use the outreach and measure B funds.

Astha indicated that LAH gets \$10K per year until 2046 for this. The proposal for this summer is to use some of those funds to give OT to crew to walk pathways and audit GIS as well as pictures of existing paths for a catalog of current conditions of pathways.

Bike to Work month (May) we could collaborate with the City of Los Altos?

9. Green Sheet/Ballot Prop cheerleading

Linda Swan said that council deleted pathways and rural environment are considering codifying the requirement of a ballot prop rather than just a council vote to change Town general plan.

10. Check in on bike signs for Byrne Preserve

John Lewis did some field research. PWC recommends that there be some modification of signs and adding some to Byrne, and a bike safety sign at the intersection of Ginzton and Byrne preserve.

11. Run/Walk and Town Picnic Publicity

History committee has a pathways walk before Town Picnic. Some PWC members will try and be there.

There was discussion about a LAH Pathways Scavenger Hunt/Junior Ranger Program. Astha will look into this for a long term goal and liaison with Mike O and the Parks and Rec committee on this.

12. Pathways-Centered Article in Glossy LAH Magazine

“Our Town” — article on bike safety signs. 300 words and pictures of the signs. Mike will send Carol an outline for this by Monday, May 4.

13. DeAnza pathways signs update

Carol updated PWC about the current plans for this.

14. LAH Pathways GIS website updates

Audit will address this.

15. Property Review

a. 12800 Alto Verde Lane

PWC recommends that along Conception to widen ROW to best of their ability and as much as possible to create a path on that side of Conception.

b. 26500 Conejo Court

Already addressed in Feb PWC meeting

c. 13891 Ciceroni Lane

Postponed discussion until a later month.

d. 28155 Christopher Ln

No amendment from PWC as this development doesn't have a pathway easement, so long as the property owner pays pathways fee.

e. 14120 Berry Hill Ct.

PWC recommendation is to ensure that both driveways on Berry Hill side are roughened, and that construction fences are set back to ensure pathways access during construction. If there is no existing pathway on the Page Mill side, then the property owners need to construct one or pay the requisite fee.

f. 27210 Altamont Rd

PWC recommends that they keep existing paths that are at and around Westwind Barn.

14. Old Business

a. Recruit new members for the Pathways committee

15. New Business

a. 28545 Madatero Creek. Jay discussed a code enforcement issue at this property.

There was at some point an existing trail, and a prior owner blocked property access.

The current owner says he didn't know about the easement or prior use when he purchased property. Property owner says that the easement is not listed on his title.

Apparently former PWC members had some conversation with either this or prior owner about the easement but there was no conclusion. Privacy was a concern of the homeowner. This has been a concern for years, so the town would like resolution.

Jay's proposal is to go back to previous PWC members. After this information gathering Jay would return to the PWC meeting to determine next steps. Linda recommended Alyssa (currently on planning) as a resource to speak with.

b. VTA updates

Astha said that one person needs to be nominated to attend BPAC for VTA. This person must attend a monthly VTA meeting in person. Meetings are the first Wednesday after the first Thursday of the month.

John says he'll look into this and get back to us all about his possibility of commitment. John may need to go to the council meeting on 5/14.

Nick moved that we remove the May monthly meeting and postpone until June. Mike seconds, all in favor.

16. Presentations from the Floor

None

17. Reports from Other Meetings

None

18. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting

MTC funds might be discussed

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45pm.