

## **Attachment “A”– Proposed Bike Lane and Public Input Summary**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of a Contraflow Bike Lane, on Altschul Avenue, in Unincorporated Menlo Park as seen on the map below.

<b>Address</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Objections</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Total Surveys sent</b>
Altschul Avenue Only	Unincorporated Menlo Park	Questionnaire #1	1	15	64
300 ft min around Altschul Avenue		Questionnaire #2	12	18	375

### **Location: Altschul Avenue from Camino A Los Cerros to Avy Avenue**

Establish a Bike Lane

#### Discussion:

The Department has evaluated the request and determined that bike facilities would enhance the safety of children riding their bicycles on Altschul Avenue by clearly defining segregated areas where cyclists and motorist should ride and drive.

#### Key Facts:

- Altschul Avenue is within proximity to two schools; Phillips Brooks School, and La Entrada Middle School near Avy Avenue
- Altschul Avenue is a one-way street from Valparaiso Avenue to Avy Avenue. There is room for one bike lane without impacting on-street parking.
- Children riding their bicycles to school must ride in the street
- Some children ride their bicycles home against one-way traffic
- Altschul Avenue is a neighborhood with relatively low volumes of traffic
- If children cannot bike on Altschul Avenue, the next logical street is Alameda de las Pulgas, a heavily travelled arterial road which carries approximately 11,000 vehicles per day.
- Those supporting the bicycle lane state:
  - a) There is a need to make the street safer for bicyclists
  - b) already riding in the opposite direction currently occurs with riders often using the opposing vehicle lane
- Those opposing the bicycle lane state:
  - a) the bicycle lanes would invite more cyclists into this area
  - b) make the area look less rural
  - c) make it harder for them to exit their driveways for fear of running over cyclists
  - d) could be dangerous for cyclists as motorists on cross streets may not remember to look for them.
  - e) lose parking space for contractors etc.

Staff Recommendations:

Establish a Bike Lane as shown on the attached maps. Provide additional signage and striping as needed per CA MUTCD guidelines to enhance the new contraflow bicycle lane.

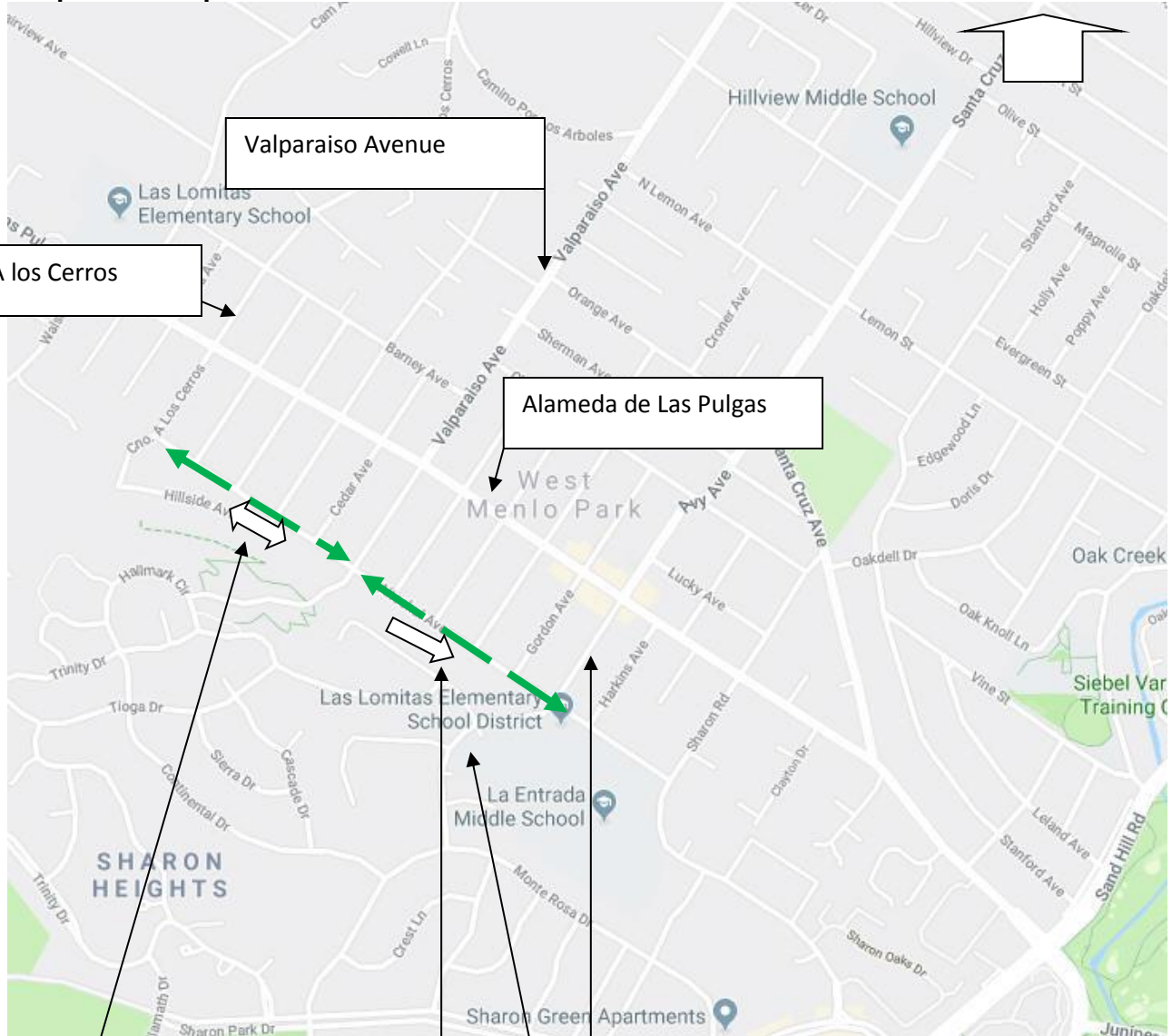
The design would include the following features:

- a) Green dashed striping in conflict zone
- b) Green bike lane for contraflow lane
- c) Double yellow line to delineate where the contraflow bike lane is located and where the cars can drive
- d) Additional signage at each intersection to let drivers know that the bicycles can ride in both directions but motorists are still only driving in one direction on the one way portion of this road
- e) Trim vegetation as needed to provide better sight distance for both cyclists and motorists at intersections.

Response to objections:

- Those opposing the bicycle lane state:
  - a) the bicycle lanes would invite more cyclists into this area – cyclists who live and work in this area are most likely to use these facilities.
  - b) make the area look less rural – even rural school areas are looking for ways to enhance their safe routes to school programs to include bicycling and walking
  - b) make it harder for them to exit their driveways for fear of running over cyclists – cyclists currently use these roads, the green bike lanes would be a reminder to look both ways
  - d) could be dangerous for cyclists as motorists on cross streets may not remember to look for them – project proposes to add new signage to let motorists know of two way bicyclists
  - e) lose parking space for contractors etc.- there will be some loss of parking spaces due to the bicycle lane but contractors typically work during hours when students are in school so we do not expect much conflict.

# Map of the Proposed Bike Lane



Valparaiso Avenue

Camino A los Cerros

Alameda de Las Pulgas

Altschul Avenue  
Two Way Section North  
of Valparaiso Avenue

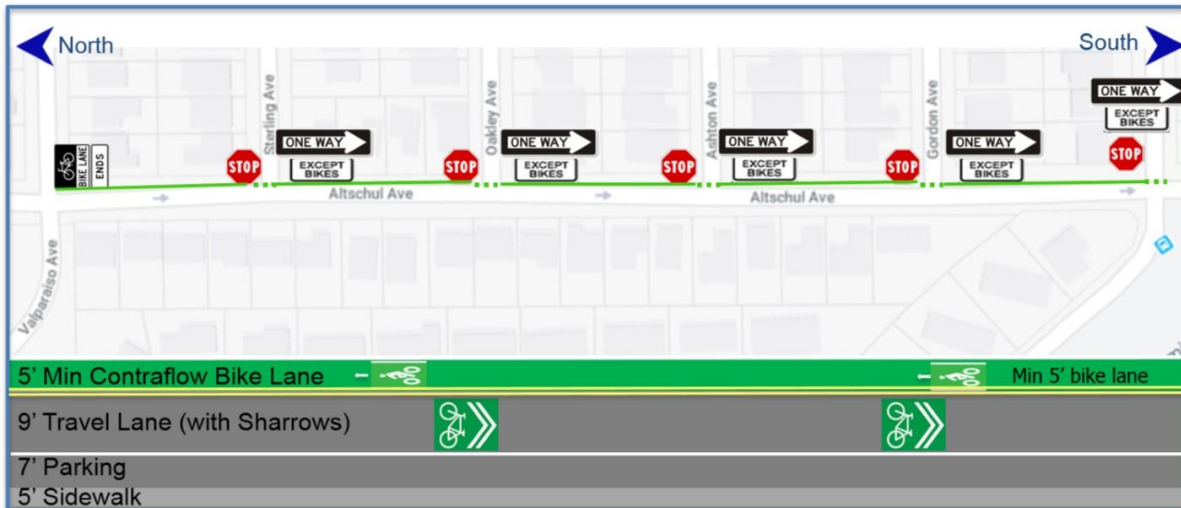
Altschul Avenue  
One Way Section South  
of Valparaiso Avenue

Avy Avenue

Philips  
Brooks  
School

Valparaiso to Avy (width varies)

- Adds a northbound bike lane (Bike lane flowing in direction opposite of the one way traffic).
- Adds Sharrows (share the road) markings to alert drivers and cyclists.
- Allows parking to remain as-is.

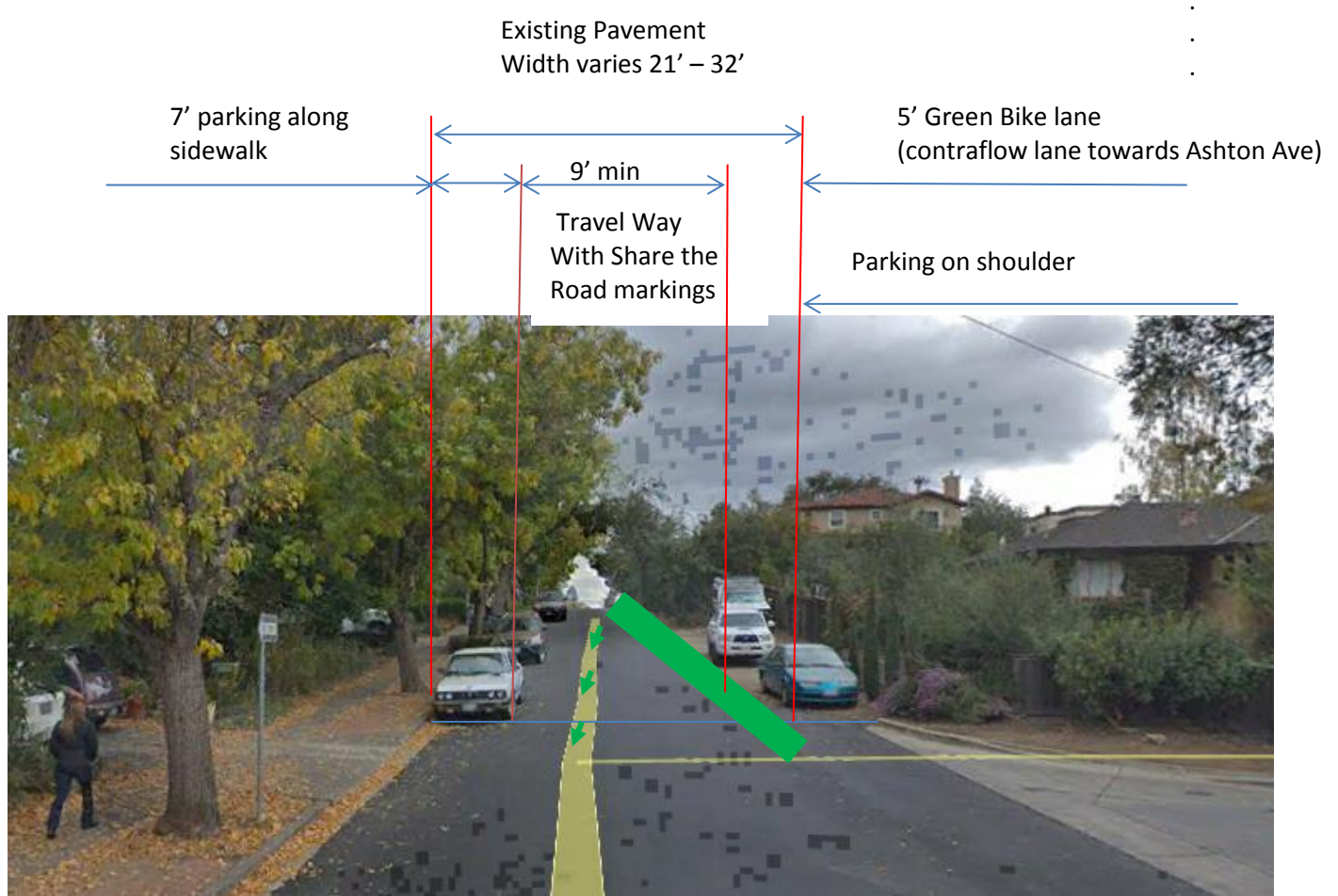


Camino A Los Cerros To Valparaiso (width varies)



Typical intersection layout on one way portion of Altschul Ave





Altschul Avenue at Gordon looking north towards Ashton Avenue:  
Section with Contraflow Bike lane North Bound, share the road markings (sharrows) South Bound.