

**PALO ALTO PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
2014-2015 REPORT TO COUNCIL**

October XX, 2015

Dear Mayor Holman and Council Members:

**I. Background**

Development and Transportation issues have clearly become an overriding concern of Palo Alto's citizens and the city. In 2015, the PTC has tried to dig into tough issues, provide thoughtful analysis on policies and developments, and move the comprehensive plan forward. Our recommendations have not always been received by the council or the public with enthusiasm, and the commission has extensively discussed how we can best serve the city, the council, and the public.

Over the past year, the PTC has moved a range of important development and policy decisions forward, improved the efficiency of our meetings, engaged citizens through the Comprehensive Plan Summit and the Citizens' Advisory Committee, and we are open to suggestions on further improvements.

Two new members (Downing and Fine) joined the commission since the 2014 report, and former Chair Michael will be replaced by a new colleague come January 2016. The PTC currently has no sub-committee designations.

This report is intended to communicate what the PTC has accomplished, how our process is working, how it is not, and how we plan to improve.

**II. PTC Processes**

- Where has the PTC to Council process worked?
- Where has it not?

**III. Productivity**

Since the last PTC report to the Council in October of 2014, the Commission has held approximately XXX meetings. Major accomplishments include:

November 2014

1. RPP Recommendation (Ordinance)
2. Downtown RPP Resolution

December 2014

3. 3672 Middlefield Road (CUP Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Facility)
4. Review of Concept Plan Line options for Maybell Bicycle Blvd. and Churchill Ave. Enhanced Bikeway Projects

February/March 2015

5. Planned Community (PC) Zoning Reform and Preliminary Screening Requirements

March 2015

6. 4261 El Camino Real – City Project: Site and Design Review and CUP for construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path on a public access easement on the pan-handle parcel at the rear of Dinah’s Hotel

April 2015

7. Charleston/Arastradero Corridor Project

8. 2555 Park Blvd. – FEIR

9. FCC Telecommunications (April and May)

June 2015

10. Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along Park Blvd.

11. Interim Retail Ordinance (June, July, August)

July/August 2015

12. Formula Retail Ordinance

August 2015

13. Interim Retail Ordinance for Office/R&D Growth limit

14. Parking Exemption Ordinance

September 2015

15. Los Arboles SSO

**IV. Year In Review**

-Comp plan still in the works

-Comp plan summit

-CAC

-National citizen’s survey

**V. Next Steps**

-communications with council

**VI. Reporting to Council**

-PTC rep to council

-Chair + Vice Chair met with mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Tanaka, Chair

Planning & Transportation Commission