



## **Staff Report**

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### SENIOR MOBILITY STUDY INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

The San Mateo County Senior Mobility Plan goal is to improve seniors' connection with their communities by improving various aspects affecting their mobility. Belmont's representative is pursuing Walking and Pedestrian Safety as an issue to study in Belmont. A consultant would be selected to perform the surveys of seniors to identify issues. SamTrans has made their Mobility Plan consultant available to Belmont to pursue a grant that would cover the cost of the consultant for the Belmont mobility study. Staff will keep the Council informed about the progress on this project.

#### **Background**

The San Mateo County Transit District formed a broad coalition to develop the San Mateo County Senior Mobility Plan. The Plan is a joint effort to keep older people safe and connected to their communities as it gets harder for them to get around. Seven working groups were formed:

1. Community Transit Services;
2. Community-Based Transportation Services;
3. Encouraging Use of Transit;
4. Safe Driving;
5. Use of Taxicabs;
6. Information and Referral; and
7. Walking and Pedestrian Safety.

Belmont's representative, Rich Bortoli (Parks and Recreation Commissioner) served on several committees and chose to pursue further work on the Walking and Pedestrian Safety issues for Belmont. An overview of the San Mateo County Senior Mobility Plan was presented to the City Council on February 14, 2006. At that time, Parks and Recreation was directed to review the scope of the project to determine whether it could be done or whether it would become an item for the Priority Calendar.

#### **Discussion**

SamTrans has authorized their consultant to the Senior Mobility Plan to pursue a grant for Belmont that would pay for the consultant to do the Belmont Walking and Pedestrian mobility

study. Thus, at this time there is no cost to the City to pursue grant opportunities and conducting the mobility study.

### **General Plan/Vision Statement**

The Belmont Vision specifically states the importance of mobility to the community:

#### Easy Mobility

- We put a priority on getting out of, into, and through town efficiently.
- Bicyclists, walkers, and other nondrivers get where they're going easily and safely.
- We require safe residential streets and smooth-flowing thoroughfares.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No Fiscal Impact.

### **Public Contact**

The Senior Mobility Plan has been discussed at the Parks and Recreation Commission. The focus of the proposed study is to obtain public comments on the mobility issues.

### **Recommendation**

No Council action is required. Staff will work with the SamTrans consultant on pursuing the grant for the study and will keep the Council informed of the progress.

### **Alternatives**

1. Take no action.

### **Attachments**

- A. None.

Respectfully submitted,

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