



CITY OF
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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Council Chambers & Hybrid

6:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 916 4155 9499 Phone: 1(669)900-6833

PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Public Comment for items not on the agenda will be accepted for up to three minutes or an amount of time determined by the Chair. In-person comments will be heard at the beginning of the agenda and remote comments will be heard at the end of the agenda. All requests to speak will be taken until 5 minutes after the staff’s presentation. Written public comments can be submitted in advance to Planning.Commission@PaloAlto.gov and will be provided to the Commission and available for inspection on the City’s website three days before the meeting. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you are referencing in your subject line.

Spokespersons that are representing a group of five or more people who are identified as present at the meeting at the time of the spokesperson's presentation will be allowed up to ten (10) minutes at the discretion of the Chair, provided that the non-speaking members agree not to speak individually. The Chair may limit Public Comments to thirty (30) minutes for all combined speakers. The Chair may reduce the allowed time to speak for Study Sessions and Action Items to two (2) minutes or less to accommodate a larger number of speakers.

PowerPoints, videos, or other media to be presented during public comment are accepted only by email to Planning.Commission@PaloAlto.gov at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Once received, the Clerk will have them shared at public comment for the specified item. To uphold strong cybersecurity management practices, USB’s or other physical electronic storage devices are not accepted.

Signs and symbolic materials less than 2 feet by 3 feet are permitted provided that: (1) sticks, posts, poles or similar/other type of handle objects are strictly prohibited; (2) the items do not create a facility, fire, or safety hazard; and (3) persons with such items remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may speak to any item NOT on the agenda. 1-3 minutes depending on number of speakers. In-person comments will be heard at the beginning of the agenda and remote comments will be heard at the end of the agenda.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair or Commission majority may modify the agenda order to improve meeting management.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. Director's Report, Meeting Schedule, and Assignments

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment is Permitted. Applicants/Appellant Teams: Fifteen (15) minutes, plus three (3) minutes rebuttal. All others: Three (3) minutes per speaker.

2. Recommendation on an Ordinance Amending Various Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Chapters in Titles 16, 18, and 21 to Address Changes in State Law and Direction from City Council Regarding Accessory and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. CEQA Status: Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
3. Recommendation on an Ordinance Amending the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Section 18.40.140 (Stream Corridor Protection). CEQA Status: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Actions for Protection of the Environment).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Comment is Permitted. Three (3) minutes per speaker.

4. Approval of Planning & Transportation Commission Draft Summary & Verbatim Minutes of April 8, 2026

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Members of the public may not speak to the item(s).

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

OTHER INFORMATION

The materials below are provided for informational purposes, not for action or discussion during this meeting's agenda. Written public comments may be submitted in advance and will be provided to the Commission and available for public inspection on the City's website three days before the meeting.

A. Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Members of the Public may provide public comments to teleconference meetings via email, teleconference, or by phone.

1. **Written public comments** may be submitted by email to Planning.Commission@PaloAlto.gov.
2. **Spoken public comments using a computer** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Commission, click on the link below to access a Zoom-based meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully.
 - You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting in- browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30, Firefox 27, Microsoft Edge 12, Safari 7. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
 - You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - When you wish to speak on an Agenda Item, click on “raise hand.” The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted. A timer will be shown on the computer to help keep track of your comments.
3. **Spoken public comments using a smart phone** will be accepted through the teleconference meeting. To address the Commission, download the Zoom application onto your phone from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and enter the Meeting ID below. Please follow the instructions above.
4. **Spoken public comments using a phone** use the telephone number listed below. When you wish to speak on an agenda item hit *9 on your phone so we know that you wish to speak. You will be asked to provide your first and last name before addressing the Commission. You will be advised how long you have to speak. When called please limit your remarks to the agenda item and time limit allotted.

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