

- **Ojai Unified School District:**
  - General support for calming traffic and improving pedestrian crossing safety on Maricopa Highway, as well as improving bicycle lanes and safety.
  - Good ingress and egress should be maintained at the Nordhoff High School parking lot. This should include adequate stacking for turn lanes.
  - OUSD Board issued a Resolution of Support for the project.
- **Ojai Police, Ventura County Fire Department:**
  - Emergency services expressed concern that the open median in the downtown corridor be maintained to allow emergency vehicle access during heavy traffic.
  - Both the Police chief and Fire chief support the concept plan.
- **City of Ojai Complete Streets Committee:**
  - The committee had an extensive input and review. Concerns were primarily from a bicycle advocate perspective, see bicycle advocate comments below.
- **City of Ojai Historic Preservation Commission:**
  - The Commission was not concerned with the curb extensions and bike lane “sharrow” striping in front of the historic Arcade a concern.
  - The Commission was supportive of a concept option of returning trees to the Arcade frontage, of restoring the historic character of the Arcade.
- **Bicycle Advocates:**
  - Bicycle Advocates were supportive of the proposed bike lanes.
  - Concerned that the class- four bike lanes proposed on Maricopa Highway should have enhanced separation the entire length, whereas the initial concept had only striped separation from Church Road to the Y intersection.
  - A concept alternative was added to include separated class-four bike lane separation across this area.
  - Bicycle advocates preferred more separated bike lanes through the Y intersection area, which the Alternative 2 option now provides.
  - Bicycle advocates requested a dedicated signalized bike crossing on Ojai Avenue at Ventura Street, which presently has a pedestrian-activated RRFB at the pedestrian crossing. This option will be further explored in the design phase.

Staff recommends that the project’s Concept Plan incorporate public feedback when feasible.

#### Project Schedule

Staff proposes the following project schedule:

- **October of 2018:** A request for statements of qualifications and proposals will be issued for a consultant to prepare the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PSE) for the project, including permitting with Caltrans.
- **January of 2019 through June of 2020:** Consultant prepares PSE and Caltrans permitting. Potential Design Issues Include:
  - Right-of-Way: Design assumes adequate right-of-way. A right-of-way study is underway to clarify this issue. Right-of-way easements may be necessary for sidewalk infill or curb-ramp modifications, depending on right-of-way limits.
  - Design exception process: Fitting bike lanes in the existing curb-to-curb width will likely require design exceptions to accommodate bike lanes.