

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee Mtg.

June 7, 2018

Meeting Summary/Next Steps

Purpose of Meeting: to get updates on/discuss: revised Green Valley Court concept, Brookside neighborhood traffic, Legend and Butterfield area, route mapping for Hidden Valley and San Domenico; Butterfield Traffic Calming Study

Revised Green Valley Court Design

TAM presented revised concept plan for Butterfield/GVC intersection (per committee's previous direction) with focus on separate pedestrian/bike path that can accommodate kids getting off bikes and walking up GVC path to school; concept no longer includes addition of right turn lane onto GVC from Butterfield and would have little impact on traffic

- Project would require removal of some vegetation in road right of way
- Explore establishing more separation between road/cars and pedestrians/bikers (e.g. permanent candlesticks, partially raised curb) and how best to deter cars from pulling onto shoulder to make right turn (in area currently marked off by cones)
- Funding would need to be determined if project moves forward
- Hidden Valley Safe Routes plus neighborhood leaders to meet/discuss during summer; if group decides to move forward, further outreach to be done (e.g. HOA)

Brookside Neighborhood Traffic

Parents/Safe Routes leadership expressed concern about amount of congestion/unsafe driving on neighborhood streets surrounding Brookside school; cars going southbound on Butterfield are "cutting through" on Alameda/Berkeley/Broadmoor, specifically during school commute times (8:10-8:30am); cars are not stopping at stop signs (e.g. Broadmoor, Berkeley) and driving too fast for narrow roads with schoolchildren walking/biking to school

- Potential causes for increase in car traffic during that time frame: travel times/more congestion on Butterfield (so more folks taking a short cut out of the hollow?); new Drake bell time at 8:30am?
- Committee to move forward with broad communication/outreach plan and enforcement effort in the fall; San Anselmo DPW to look at timing of light at

SFD/Butterfield; Nancy to contact Drake principal regarding possibility for tweak in bell times (from 8:30 to 8:45am?)

Legend and Butterfield

Committee discussed congestion in this area and need for drivers to be aware/slow down to 25mph as they enter the school zone; radar speed sign exists on southern end of school zone but no sign on opposite end; currently no funding exists for second sign and research does show that signage become less effective over time

- County to consider striping the 25mph legend on road – more cost effective and shorter time frame to get done

Route Mapping

Safe Routes is currently working with local schools to define best suggested routes for walkers/bikers and help prioritize future improvements

- Hidden Valley Safe Routes to meet this summer to discuss further/develop map (Nancy/Wendi to send out times to meet)

Butterfield Traffic Calming Study

Ballpark estimate for traffic calming/feasibility study for roundabouts/other would be approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000 depending on scope; once study was completed, funds would be needed for development, design, construction; roundabouts have been proven to improve driver behavior

- Committee also expressed interest in looking at more locations for crosswalks
- At crosswalks where pedestrian use is low the crosswalks become part of the landscape and it tends to result in motorists failure to yield. On the other hand pedestrians feel protected in crosswalks and may exhibit lower levels of caution when crossing. Studies have shown that pedestrians exhibit a greater level of caution (looking both ways, waiting for gaps in traffic, and hurrying across the street) when crossing in unmarked crosswalks than in marked crosswalks. The net result is installing crosswalks where they are not warranted may result in increased risk to pedestrians.

Next Steps

- Hidden Valley Safe Routes (including neighbor reps) to discuss Green Valley Court concept and route mapping

- Development of a communications and enforcement plan for fall in Brookside area (Nancy to coordinate with Maureen, Jan, Scott, CHP)
- County to move forward with consideration of request to stripe 25mph on Butterfield in northern school zone for Hidden Valley