

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee Mtg.

June 4, 2019

Meeting Summary/Next Steps

Purpose of Meeting: to get updates/discuss: San Anselmo utility paving projects, Green Valley Court concept, Legend/Butterfield legend, Caleta incident and other related traffic safety concerns, safety campaign

San Anselmo DPW Updates

Utility Improvements

- Ross Valley Sanitary District work between Willow Way and Arroyo to begin on June 17 (once school is out) and may cause some minor delays; work should be done by August 16
- Check out project website at <https://rvsd.org/269/San-Anselmo-Sewer-Improvements---Butterf> for more information or contact project manager Jill Barnes at jbarnes@rvsd.org or construction manager Justin Seufert at Justin.seufert@psomas.com
- RVSD is making effort to rehab infrastructure in anticipation of future paving

Marin County DPW Updates

Green Valley Court Concept

- Graphic presented illustrating committee's request for establishing No Parking zone along right-hand turn lane at Butterfield/GVC to replace traffic control cones in road during school pick up and drop off
- Concern expressed that cars will use shoulder as an "unofficial" right turning lane with walkers/bikers being unprotected from the cars; Question posed if any way to separate walkers/bikers from cars (e.g. candlesticks)?
- Once concern addressed, next step would be to send letter to residents in area
- Committee to reevaluate additional improvements once this restriction is in place

Legend/Butterfield 25 mph

- County DPW moving forward with striping 25 mph legend on north side of school zone to alert drivers traveling south on Butterfield
- To accommodate new legend, existing 30 mph sign relocated further north, and 30 mph legend eradicated

Caleta Incident Update

- CMPA reported that incident involved a DUI and since that time, they have increased presence and citations have been written; a speed survey was completed in May with results showing 85th percentile driving 28 to 29 mph
- Town of San Anselmo working with Parisi Transportation Consulting to develop criteria for evaluation/best practices for crosswalks in San Anselmo, including what enhancements are needed at unmarked crosswalks; will build on San Anselmo's current [traffic calming guidelines](#) which addresses areas of education, enforcement, engineering
- San Anselmo DPW has abated vegetation in Caleta crosswalk area and currently exploring possibility of sidewalk on Butterfield at end of trail at Angela
- County DPW will collaborate with Town of San Anselmo re: development of crosswalk criteria and then review areas of concern as reported by residents (e.g. Van Winkle, Irving/clubhouse).
- Committee discussed importance of pedestrians paying attention/getting driver's attention when crossing street and importance of safe/attentive vs. distracted driving
- Captain Mota spoke to increase in pedestrian fatalities State and Nationwide and reasons for increase which included design requirements for SUV's to prevent severity of rollover collisions resulting in blind spots where pedestrians are less visible to the driver

Questions/Input from Attendees:

- It is believed that a large tree obstructs sight distance on Butterfield just south of Caleta where bike lane narrows – could crosswalk be moved by tree and to link up to Angela pathway? Is this a place for a median or stop sign?
- Is speeding on Legend (25 mph) enforceable?
- Is this the right time to take up the discussion of developing “real” bike lane in unincorporated Sleepy Hollow vs. shoulder?
- Enforcement does make a difference in driver behavior – can enforcement be increased?
- Are there some areas of our community that we should conclude aren't safe for kids to walk or bike?

Safety Campaign/Outreach

- Grassroots effort taken place since Caleta incident – includes yard signage, email blasts, crosswalk rally, installation of orange flags and more; involves collaboration among all three schools and SHHA
- Safe Streets to build on current grassroots efforts to develop collaborative campaign (community, schools, Safe Routes, Town, County, other) to be spread widely and through multiple channels – subcommittee formed to meet asap
- Safe Routes to potentially use campaign as model to roll out to other communities across County in fall/back to school

Next Steps

- Town of San Anselmo DPW and Parisi Transportation Consulting (in collaboration with County DPW) to move forward with developing protocol/criteria/best practices for crosswalks which will be shared with the County
- San Anselmo has reviewed the site distance concern with large tree south of Caleta (before and after Safe Streets meeting) and has determined that no site distance issue exists if drivers are going speed limit
- County DPW to discuss/review concern re: GVC/Butterfield proposed traffic restriction - that cars will use shoulder as an “unofficial” right turning lane with walkers/bikers being unprotected from the cars
- County DPW to install 25 mph legend on southern end of school zone
- County DPW to check on enforceability of 25mph speed on Legend
- SHHA/Safe Streets to continue discussion regarding possibility of bike lane vs. shoulder
- Safety campaign/outreach subcommittee to meet in June