

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee Mtg.

September 29, 2017

Meeting Summary/Next Steps

Meeting Attendees: Karen Baigrie, Karen Zamorano, Rachael Keast, Wendi Kallins (Safe Routes), David Swaim (SHHA), Jason Simon, Connie Berto, Bill Malet (residents), Lt. Robert Mota (CHP), Officer Olivia Likens (CMPA), Scott Schneider (San Anselmo DPW), Liz Seabury (Drake), Bob Goralka, Nancy Vernon, Jen Gauna, Katie Rice (County of Marin)

Purpose of Meeting: to get updates on current projects along Butterfield Corridor and discuss observations/concerns regarding back to school congestion and bike lane obstructions

Status of Existing Safety Improvement Projects

- **Town of San Anselmo**

- Closing sidewalk gaps on west side of Butterfield from Brookside to SFD – public meetings on sidewalk concept to begin winter 2017
- Currently study of Brookside drop off on Butterfield and Broadmoor/Morningside intersection given recent accident

- **County of Marin**

- County/TAM developed concept plan for Butterfield/GVC intersection, including right hand turn pocket; County staff identified need to obtain input from HOA/residents, Hidden Valley and Green Valley neighbors, crossing guard; if project moves forward, funding will need to be identified (e.g. Safe Routes/Pathways grant)
- County/CHP/Sheriff meeting in near future to access any other signage needed on Fawn
- Green Valley Court operational improvements to be installed in fall 2017 (extended red curb, “Keep Clear” legend, bolts dots at curve). Parking restriction along inside of curve was approved by the Board of Supervisors in September

Updates

- SHHA to remove pampas grass by end of October; permit is secured and neighbors have been notified; County to provide assistance with off haul
- County and SHHA Board to work together to develop process for communicating and promoting that residents trim vegetation in the road right of way; County will trim if urgent safety issue (e.g. stop sign obscured) and will send letters to residents if trimming is needed to enhance safety (e.g. site distance); creek committee provides good model to guide efforts
 - Van Winkle/Butterfield intersection noted as potential issue in future
- Butterfield tree trimming/removal (Eucalyptus, Cottonwood) is near completion; due to resident concerns, a re-assessment of trees is currently under way and results will be reported to SHHA Board in near future

For Discussion

Back to School Congestion

- Committee discussed back to school congestion and had the following observations/questions/suggestions:
 - Residents are using side streets to avoid Butterfield traffic
 - Construction vehicles and yard workers equipment on the shoulder are contributing to the congestion and blocking pedestrian and bikers path (can we have condition on permit or allow traffic flow control only between 9am-3pm?)
 - Marin Sanitary pick up on Mondays adds to congestion given garbage cans are sometimes placed and dropped in the shoulder (“bike lane”)
 - Potentially more kids would ride yellow bus on Butterfield if pass price was cheaper; could get more kids on bus if alternative to full fare bus was provided (e.g. stagecoach, public bus)
 - Drake new start time (8:30am) doesn’t seem to have had too much of an impact; congestion does seem to be easing into regular “back to school” traffic
 - Revisiting coordination of bell times for four schools involved (San Domenico, Hidden Valley, Brookside, Drake) could help eliminate some congestion

Next Steps

- Hidden Valley Safe Routes/SHHA to continue to educate community on Rapid Flashing Beacon
- Nancy to contact DPW regarding hours allowed for construction permit/traffic control on school days and protocol for obstructions in “bike lane”/road shoulder
- Nancy to contact Marin Transit to discuss strategies for getting more Sleepy Hollow students on yellow bus/other forms of public transport
- County to continue working with CHP re: Fawn signage
- County to install operational improvements on Green Valley Court
- Butterfield/GVC concept plan to Hidden Valley, neighbors, SHHA Board (committee to identify outreach team)
- County and SHHA Board to work together to develop process for communicating/encouraging residents to trim vegetation in the right of way
- SHHA to inform County of timing for Pampas grass removal so off haul can be coordinated/scheduled
- Nancy to pursue any next steps on further study re: coordinated bell times among four schools
- County to forward Butterfield tree reassessment report to SHHA