

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee Mtg.

November 17, 2014

Meeting Summary/Next Steps

Meeting Attendees: Karen Baigrie, Deb Merten, Bridget Clark (Safe Routes), Kelley Podboy, Mat Johnson, Rhonda Lundbaek, David Swaim (SHHA), Sgt. Ken Frey, Lisa Lellis (Sheriff's office), Lt. Robert Mota, Brian Miller (CHP), Sgt. Paul Barrolaza, Officer Sean Forrestal (CMPA), Sean Condry, Dan Blomquist (San Anselmo DPW), Bob Goralka, Nancy Vernon (County of Marin)

Purpose of Meeting: to discuss/get feedback on potential Butterfield Corridor safety improvements and begin planning for public outreach campaign to all residents that live on/near/ or commute to the Butterfield corridor (from SFD to San Domenico)

Potential Butterfield Corridor Safety Improvements

Safe Routes leaders/residents have expressed concern over safety of crosswalks (Green Valley Court, Caleta, Kenrick, Carlson) and asked County/San Anselmo to study/address:

- Bob Goralka (County DPW) reported on two efforts: 1) Short Term - County is applying for Safe Pathways grant (due 12/3) to install flashing beacon at Green Valley Court (GVC) crosswalk (push button activated signal like one on Oak Manor Drive and North San Pedro); as part of grant process, will look at location of crosswalk; 2) Longer Term – County to work with Tam/Safe Routes to develop HV/Butterfield Intersection concept (southeast corner of GVC intersection) including right hand turn pocket (where cones are currently placed) and dedicated bike/pedestrian path; will need to identify what right of way is available and also get support of school/neighborhood/community
- Sean Condry (San Anselmo DPW) to look for ways to make Caleta crosswalk more visible (e.g. yellow striping, curb extensions/bulb-outs) given number of children using crosswalk (including White Hill bus riders); will also take a look at Kenrick and Carlson

Hidden Valley Safe Routes has asked County DPW to explore restricted parking (during drop off/pick up) in “hot spots” along Butterfield Road where parked cars block student passageway in the school zone area closest to Green Valley Court

- County DPW will prepare sketches with a range of options for restricted parking for school/SHHA/affected residents to review and give input; will need to have

community discussion given current use of Butterfield parking for parents dropping/picking up students at HV; no adequate drop off/pick up location on GVC

Other:

- Potential Future Work (tbd based on availability and completion of crosswalk/intersection projects): San Anselmo/County to look into possibility of additional traffic calming measures on Butterfield (e.g. illuminating 25 mph signs, pedestrian tables, rumble strips, stamped concrete); any improvement would need to go through public process/get community support/examine trade-offs
- Bob to explore possibility of County traffic coordinating with planning/permit to restrict parking during school drop off/pick up times (or offering guidelines if restriction isn't possible) when homeowners schedule construction work (no large vehicles blocking bike/ped route)

Public Outreach Campaign

The committee identified the following messages to communicate to residents and others using the Butterfield corridor:

- Leave early/come late (be familiar with bell times of three schools in area)
- Don't pass on the shoulder
- Slow down – watch for kids/walkers/bikers/wildlife
- Don't tailgate
- Be courteous/patient/respectful
- Have your workmen avoid parking in the bike route during school drop off/pick up times
- If parking in bike route, be careful opening your door/look for bikers

Communication vehicles for messaging:

- School e-newsletters (San Domenico, Brookside, Hidden Valley)
- SHHA newsletter and eblast
- Postcard mailing
- Homemade signage
- Swim team eblast
- Direct mail to parents on SF Boulevard

Timing:

- Consider two public outreach campaigns per year to correspond when most kids will be walking/biking to school (e.g. early fall and early spring)

- Consider having Safe Streets “event day” as part of public outreach campaign – kid-made signage, parents/kids standing at crosswalk, law enforcement presence

Subcommittee identified:

- Rhonda, Deb, Karen, Kelley, Nancy, David S.

Next Steps

- County/DPW to pursue Safe Pathways grant for flashing beacon at Green Valley Court/Butterfield crosswalk (December)
- County/DPW to develop range of options for restricted parking in Green Valley/Butterfield school zone area (Winter 2015)
- County/DPW to pursue longer term project of HV Butterfield intersection concept with Tam/Safe Routes, including right hand turn pocket and defined bike/ped path (southeast) (2015)
- San Anselmo DPW to look at improvements for Caleta, Kenrick, Carlson crosswalks (Winter 2015)
- Public Outreach Committee to meet January 2015 to develop campaign launch for early spring
- Butterfield Safe Streets committee to meet Spring 2015 (date/time TBD)