

## **Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee Mtg.**

**October 17, 2016**

### **Meeting Summary/Next Steps**

**Meeting Attendees:** Karen Baigrie, Karen Zamarano, Wendi Kallins (Safe Routes), David Swaim, Koren Grubb (SHHA), Bill Malet, Eric MacAusland (residents), Lt. Robert Mota, Glenn Newcomer, Brian Miller (CHP), Emily Cushman, Justin Zebb (Marin Co. Sheriff), Sean Condry, Scott Schneider (San Anselmo DPW), Bob Goralka, Nancy Vernon (County of Marin)

**Purpose of Meeting:** to get updates on current projects along Butterfield Corridor and discuss observations/concerns of group and potential new issues/projects

### **Status of Existing Safety Improvement Projects**

- **Town of San Anselmo**

- Bike path/shoulder (from Brookside to Sleepy Hollow sign) will be cleared of gravel with special sweeper
- Closing sidewalk gaps on west side of Butterfield near school – ongoing project, 2017 and beyond
- Speed limit reduction (15 mph) on residential streets around schools when children are present – Sean to check to see if signs placed at all entry points (including behind Brookside school- The Alameda, Berkeley, Brookmead)
- Town of San Anselmo awarded Complete Streets grant of \$1.2 million to improve crossings on SFD from Bolinas to Hub; town also secured \$300,000 grant to study reconfiguration of Hub
- Town of San Anselmo considering moving bus stop from SFD/San Francisco Blvd to pull out on Sunny Hills Drive

- **County of Marin**

- County moving forward with design of rapid flashing beacon at Butterfield/Green Valley Court; installation to occur by end of calendar year; County to develop educational brochure for Hidden Valley staff, parents, children for use before construction is completed (and for presentation at Hidden Valley Safe Routes meeting in December)
  - ***Suggestion made at previous meeting to include signage that reminds pedestrians to look before crossing***

- County/TAM currently working on concept plan for Butterfield/GVC intersection, including right hand turn pocket; plan will be ready to present at Safe Streets spring meeting
- County/CHP to continue to work together to reduce parent drop off/parking on Fawn; enforcement suggests installing an additional sign in between two current No Parking signs across from school, including arrow pointing both ways; DPW to also consider extending no parking zones/red curbs further west; suggestion made that school consider having parent volunteers in fluorescent vests standing with law enforcement during key times to deter parents from using area
- County is in process of designating Legend a Residence District, which would allow for CHP/other enforcement to use radar to detect speeding; 25 mph legend to be painted on street; Raven has less traffic and therefore doesn't qualify; committee agreed to see if enforcement on Legend helped solve speeding in the area before further discussion re: Raven; residents have also expressed concern about speeding on Van Winkle
- County/Sheriff to look at placement of "No Stopping Signs" in school zone (by eucalyptus trees) to see if way to prevent cars from "sneaking" between signs and blocking shoulder
- County to schedule follow up meeting with Green Valley neighbors in late November to discuss parking restrictions and other ideas suggested by neighbors

### **Yellow Bus Status**

- 42 bus passes have been sold for Hidden Valley bus, with 26 being AM only, 12 being AM and PM, and 4 being PM only; room for growth for Hidden Valley yellow bus
- CHP remarked that Mill Valley bus pilot had made a big difference in traffic; also noted that Mill Valley adjusted bell times to make for better bus schedule/efficiency and less congestion
- Suggestion made re: tax deduction for children riding bus to school, like adults taking public transportation to work
- Suggestion made that school buses pause once children are off bus to let cars go by and relieve traffic congestion that's built up

## **For Discussion**

### **Pampas Grass**

- Committee agreed that removal of pampas grass by clubhouse would provide multiple benefits: create more parking so fewer kids crossing street, fire danger, better area for people to walk, potential elimination of rodents in area
- County to work with SHHA to develop strategy for moving project forward; including discussion with two affected neighbors and potential new landscaping or fence improvements.
- County will allow SHHA to remove the grass themselves given it came from plantings on private property

### **No Parking in Bike Lane**

- Committee discussed possibility of making current shoulder an actual bike lane with no parking – would require signage and vote of approval by Board of Supervisors
- If bike lane and/or no parking in place, would need to create more off-street parking especially in the school zone
- Concern with contractors blocking the shoulder with construction signs – would need encroachment permit and traffic control plan so not blocking right of way needed for walkers and bikers; law enforcement will be on lookout for signage blocking shoulder and talk to contractors; residents urged to do the same
- Suggestion made to explore development of a Safe Routes to School ordinance that creates bike path from SFD to end of Butterfield and serve as model for other communities

## **Next Steps**

- Town of San Anselmo to check on installation of 15mph signs around neighborhood schools
- County to install rapid flashing beacon at GVC/Butterfield and develop educational materials for students/parents/school (winter 2016)
- TAM Safe Routes to prepare and County to review Butterfield/GVC intersection concept plan and bring to spring meeting for input
- County/CHP/Sheriff to work together for an additional signage and striping on Fawn
- County/CHP to finalize Legend's status as residence district; County to paint speed limit on street
- County to look at tree at Legend/Butterfield for sight distance issues

- Digital speed sign requested at northern end of school zone near Butterfield/Legend intersection; proposed improvement is not in County budget, so grant funding would need to be found
- David and Nancy to continue working on pampas grass removal effort
- County to schedule follow up meeting with Green Valley Court neighbors and fall/winter meeting for Hidden Valley Safe Routes
- County/enforcement to look at No Stopping signs in school zone to see if placement can be improved and/or enforcement of those sneaking cars in between signs
- Subcommittee formed to further discuss “no parking in bike lane” concept – Wendi, David, Karen Z, Nancy