

Safe Routes to School – Jefferson Elementary School Phase 1 Community Input Summary



Traffic safety remains core of the City of Carlsbad’s mission. Through the city’s local emergency on traffic safety, Aug. 23, 2022 – Sept. 8, 2023, city staff initiated and continue to carry out a wide variety of programs, projects and initiatives to enhance the safe use of city streets. Some could be completed immediately while others are longer term in nature. One of the programs in the Safer Streets Together Plan that the City Council approved is a Safe Routes to School program.

About the project

The City of Carlsbad is committed to helping everyone get around the city in a safe and convenient way, whether by foot, car, bike or public transit.

One way the city is improving traffic safety is through a Safe Routes to School Program, which is an approach that focuses on walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement and safety education. Other strategies the city uses focus on safe driving.

The city is working on several Safe Routes to School plans with Carlsbad schools, including Jefferson Elementary School, to reflect the community’s vision, values and priorities. The plan will outline specific short- and long-term infrastructure improvements and school programs that support families and students biking and walking to and from school sites.

Jefferson Elementary has unique programs that draw students from throughout the city, so not every family is close enough to walk or bike. But the more who do, the better traffic will flow and the less time will be spent waiting in school pick-up and drop-off lines.

The city anticipates expanding the program to other schools in Carlsbad in the coming years as budgets allow.

Design considerations

Over the past few years, the city has gathered community input on various traffic safety projects throughout the city. Through every project, the following considerations are taken into account when seeking feedback:

- Plans must reflect the policy direction already approved by the City Council in various planning documents.
- Improvements must be designed according to state traffic safety standards and traffic laws.
- Designs need to meet the needs of first responders and other emergency services.

Community engagement approach

To ensure the Safe Routes to School plans reflect community needs, values and priorities, the city developed a community engagement approach consisting of three main opportunities for input:

Phase 1: Areas for improvements

October 2023 – January 2024

The first phase will gather feedback about areas of opportunity and concern and determine where the community would most like to see enhancements for walking and biking.

Phase 2: Feedback on draft plan

Summer 2024

Based on community input and technical studies, the project team will develop a draft Safe Routes to School plan, which outlines recommended short-term and long-term infrastructure improvements in and around each campus. The draft plan will be shared with the school and community for additional feedback and be presented to the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission and the City Council for approval.

Other opportunities for community input are built into the plan's approval process, including meetings of the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission and the City Council, when they consider the final designs, funding and timing of improvements.

Level of engagement

The International Association of Public Participation's spectrum of public participation illustrates a variety of approaches to involving the public in decision making. The Safe Routes to School process falls in the category of "involve."

International Association of Public Participation Spectrum of participation

	INFORM	CONSULT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Goal	Provide balanced, information so public understands problem, options, opportunities and solutions	Obtain input on the analysis, options or decisions that have already been made	Work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure input is understood and considered	Partner with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the creation of options and identification of the preferred solution	Place final decision making in the hands of the public
Promise	We will keep you informed	We will listen to and acknowledge your concerns and ideas and let you know how your input influenced the decision	We will ensure your concerns and ideas are directly reflected in the options developed and how input influenced the final decision	We will look to you for advice in creating options and incorporate your input into the decisions to the maximum extent possible	We will implement what you decide

How to consider the input

The input in this report is qualitative in nature and was obtained through a convenience sample. This means the city focused on gaining an in-depth understanding of community member perspectives, and the results cannot be generalized to the entire population of the city within a defined margin of error.

The input in this report should be considered with a similar weight as comments made at a City Council meeting or those sent by email.

That’s why the input in this report should be considered with a similar weight as other forms of feedback that have always been part of the city’s decision-making process, such as comments made at City Council meetings or emails sent to the city expressing an opinion.



Qualitative

- Focuses on understanding the “why”
- Identifies a range of perspectives
- Allows for discovery of new ideas
- Analyzed by themes

Quantitative

- Focused on facts/absolutes
- Data focused on measuring
- Analysis includes numerical comparisons
- Allows for statistical analysis



Convenience sample

- Only those who knew about the opportunity to provide input were able to do so

Random sample

- All members of the target population had an equal opportunity to participate

Phase 1: Community needs, values and priorities

Community members were provided in person and a virtual opportunity to provide input that would be used to create the safe routes to school plan.

How we engaged



In person community meeting held at Jefferson Elementary School
Nov. 13, 2023




Online input map available Jan. 8-22, 2024

The input opportunities were promoted through the following:

- Parent and Parent Teacher Association email from the school
- Emails to those interested in traffic safety and the city's school committee – sent Jan. 12, Jan. 16
- City Manager's Update – Jan. 18
- Post on Nextdoor
- News release
- Media interview with Channel 8 local news – Jan. 14
- Webpage



Safe walking and biking to school




The City of Carlsbad is working with school communities to promote traffic safety. One way is through safe and convenient biking and walking to and from campus.


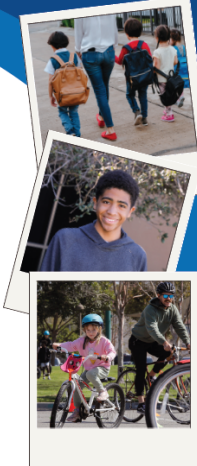
Parents are invited to:

- Provide feedback on experiences getting to and from school
- Learn about the safe routes to school program


Monday, Nov. 13

 Jefferson Elementary School
6 - 7 p.m.

www.carlsbadca.gov/projects





Share your feedback: Safe Routes to School





The City of Carlsbad is seeking public input on areas around two schools where enhancements could be made for walking and biking routes.

- Jefferson Elementary School
- Sage Creek High School

 Provide input on this mapping tool by Sunday, Jan. 21

More information

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Safe Routes to Schools

As part of the city's collaboration with schools in Carlsbad, we're asking parents and community members to [let us know](#) how we can make walking and biking to Jefferson Elementary and Sage Creek High schools a better experience for students and families. More students walking and biking would be good news for drivers too, because it would help reduce traffic in those areas.

- These efforts are part of the city's [Safe Routes to School program](#), which is one of several ways the city is working with school communities to promote safe and convenient travel to and from campus.
- Safe Routes to School focuses on walking and biking improvements, while other programs focus on driving.
- Jefferson and Sage Creek both have unique programs that draw students from throughout the city, so not every family is close enough to walk or bike. But the more who do, the better traffic will flow and the less time will be spent waiting in school pick-up and drop-off lines.
- Use this [online mapping tool](#) by Jan. 21 to point out areas near the two schools where changes could help make walking or biking easier. Click on the colored icons to see ideas and comments other people have made.
- The city anticipates expanding the program to other schools in Carlsbad in the coming years as budgets allow.

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Provide your feedback – Safe Routes to School Jefferson Elementary

The City of Carlsbad is seeking public input on areas around Jefferson Elementary School where enhancements could be made for walking and biking routes.

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Public input will be used to create a Safe Routes to School plan for Jefferson Elementary, which includes short- and long-term infrastructure improvements around each school. The city anticipates expanding the program to other schools in Carlsbad in the coming years based on budget.

Input on areas specifically around the schools to support walking and biking enhancements can be made on this online mapping tool. Please provide your feedback by Sunday, Jan. 21. <https://cityofcarlsbad.mysocialpinpoint.com/safe-routes-to-school>

For questions, please feel free to reach out to nathan.schmidt@carlsbadca.gov.

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Have your say: Safe routes to school

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Where can the City of Carlsbad make walking and biking to Jefferson Elementary and Sage Creek High schools easier?

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Input on areas specifically around [mapping tool](#). Provide your feed!



Sign up to [get email updates](#).

Díganos su opinión: Rutas seguras a la escuela

La ciudad de Carlsbad está buscando opiniones del público sobre áreas alrededor de dos escuelas, la escuela primaria Jefferson y la escuela preparatoria Sage Creek, donde se podrían realizar mejoras en las rutas para caminar y andar en bicicleta.

Estos esfuerzos son parte del programa [Rutas Seguras a la Escuela de la ciudad](#), que es una de varias formas en que la ciudad está trabajando con las comunidades escolares para promover viajes seguros y convenientes hacia y desde la escuela. Rutas Seguras a la Escuela es un enfoque que se centra en mejoras para caminar y andar en bicicleta, mientras que otros programas se centran en los automovilistas.

Se utilizarán las opiniones del público para crear un plan de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela para la escuela primaria Jefferson y la escuela preparatoria Sage Creek, que incluye mejoras de infraestructura a corto y largo plazo alrededor de cada escuela. La ciudad prevé ampliar el programa a otras escuelas de Carlsbad en los próximos años dependiendo del presupuesto.

En [esta herramienta de mapeo](#) en línea se pueden realizar comentarios sobre áreas específicamente alrededor de las escuelas para apoyar mejoras para caminar y andar en bicicleta. Envíe sus comentarios antes del domingo 21 de enero.



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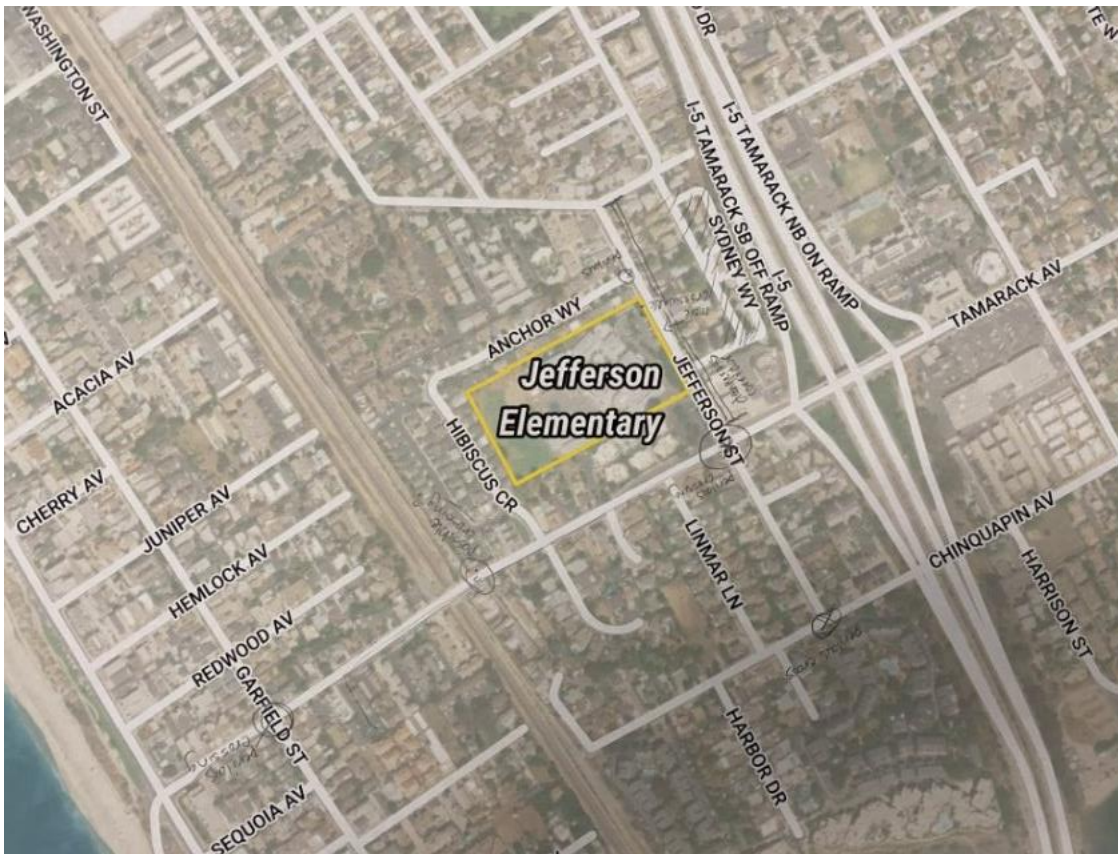
Próximos pasos

- Envíe su opinión antes del 21 de enero.
- La ciudad revisará los aportes para hacer recomendaciones sobre mejoras de infraestructura a corto y largo plazo en un plan de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela.
- El plan se presentará en la reunión de la Comisión de Movilidad y Seguridad Vial en la primavera.

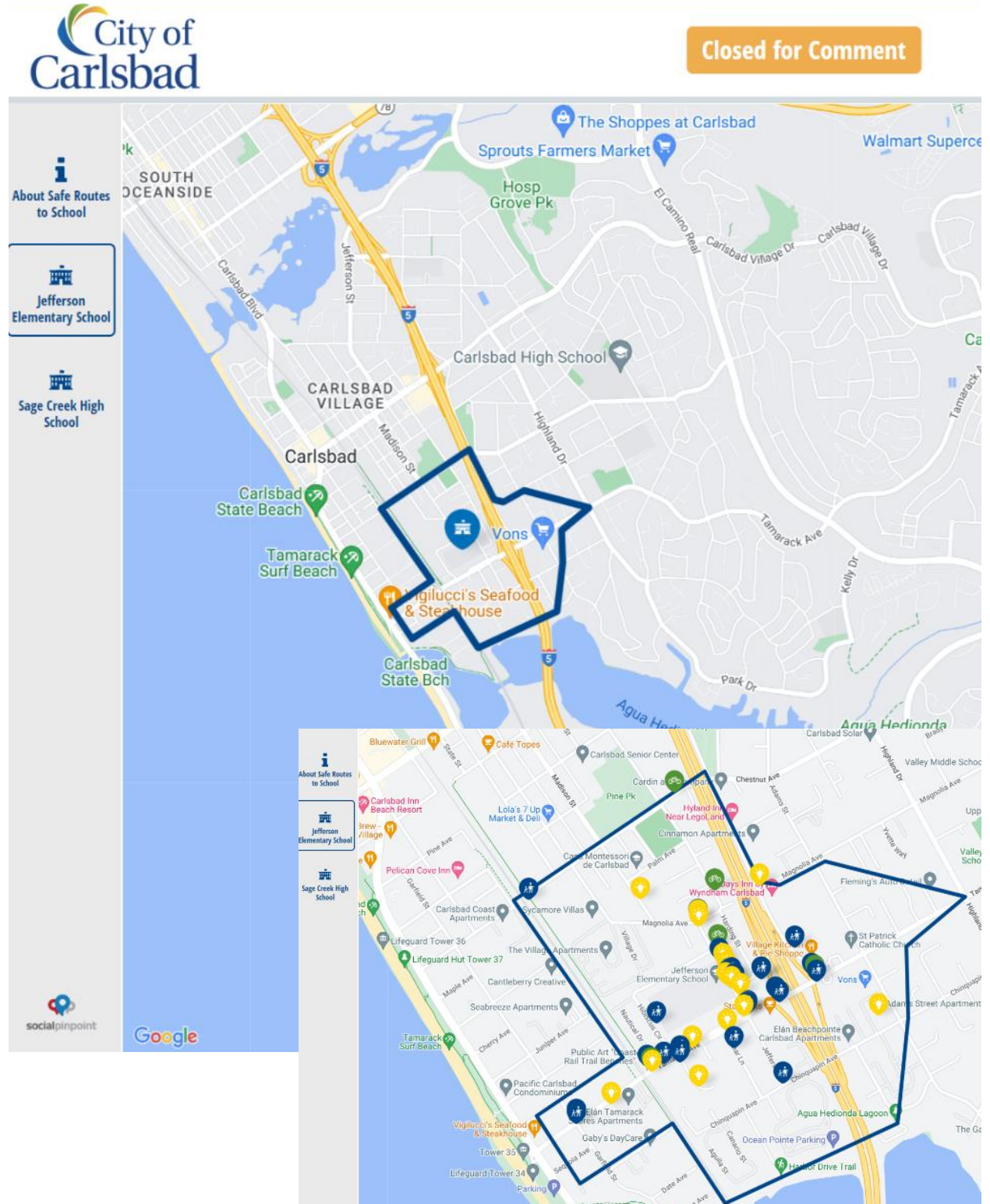


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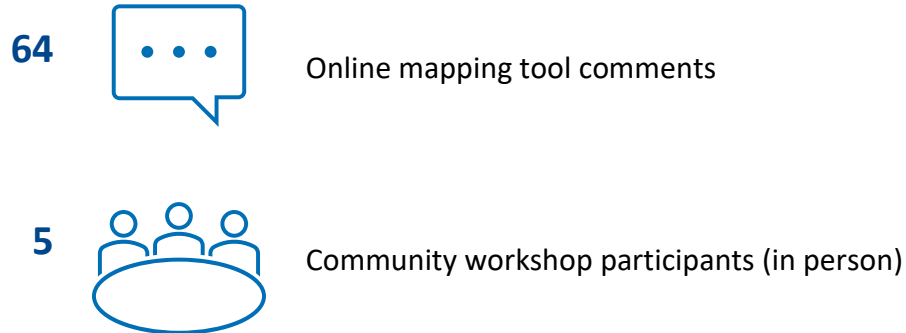
In person listening session



Online input map



Who participated



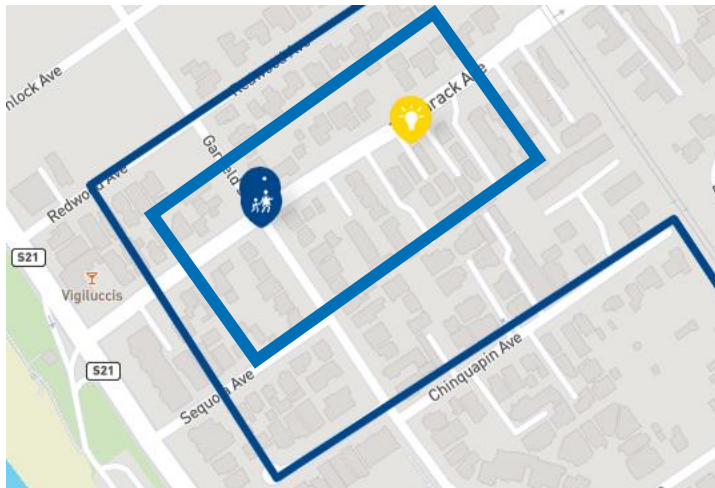
What we heard

Each engagement opportunity included a mapping experience to identify specific locations and types of improvements to be made.

Comments and survey responses have been categorized into overall themes and topics. Readers are strongly encouraged to review the verbatim comments in Appendix A to get a better understanding of specific ideas, priorities and concerns expressed.

Areas for improvements

Tamarack Avenue – Between Garfield Street and the railroad tracks – 3 pins



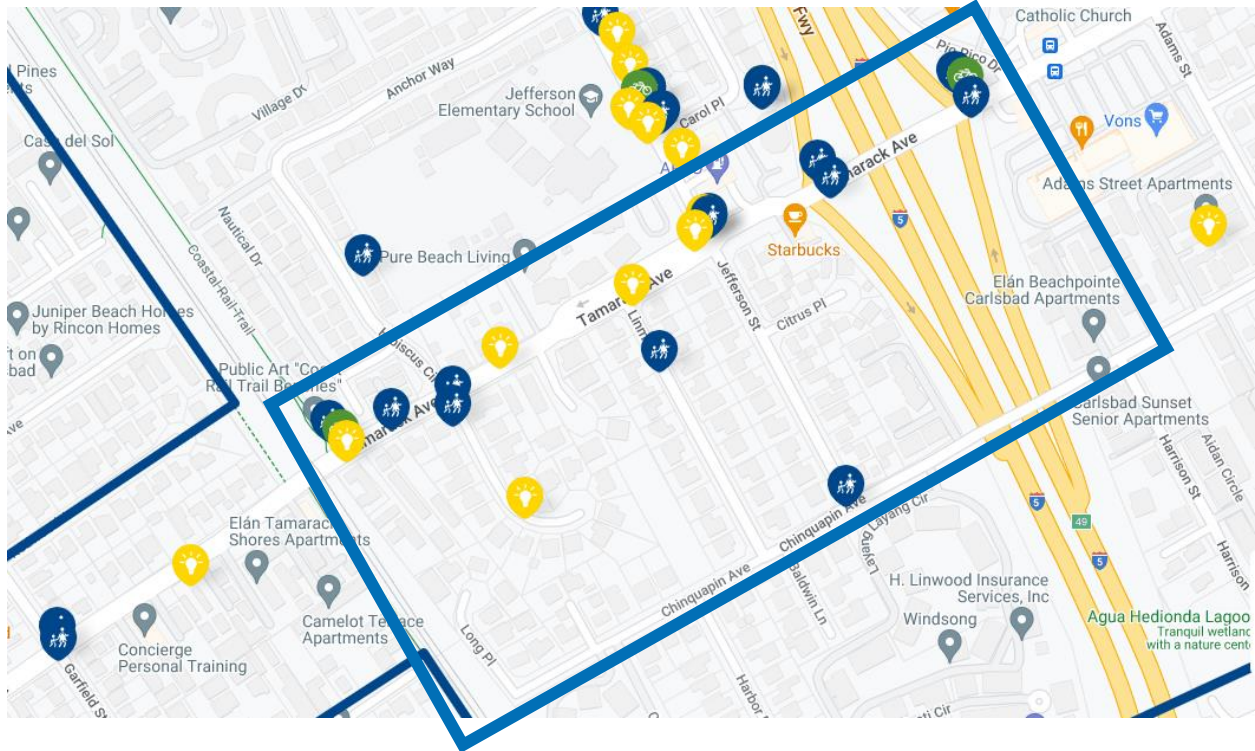
Pedestrian improvement

- Improve lighting and visibility of existing crosswalks across Tamarack Avenue at Garfield St

Traffic calming

- Install traffic calming measures to slow down cars

Tamarack Avenue – Between railroad tracks and I-5 (21 pins)



Pedestrian improvements

- Improve connection across the north and south entrances of the Coastal Rail Trail
- Add high visibility crosswalks across Tamarack Avenue at Hibiscus Circle
- Add lighting and sidewalks to south end of Hibiscus Circle
- Add sidewalks on Linmar Lane
- Enhance visibility, add crossing guards at Jefferson and Tamarack
- Improve crossing across freeway entrances and exits
- Add crosswalk at Jefferson and Chinquapin

Bicycle improvements

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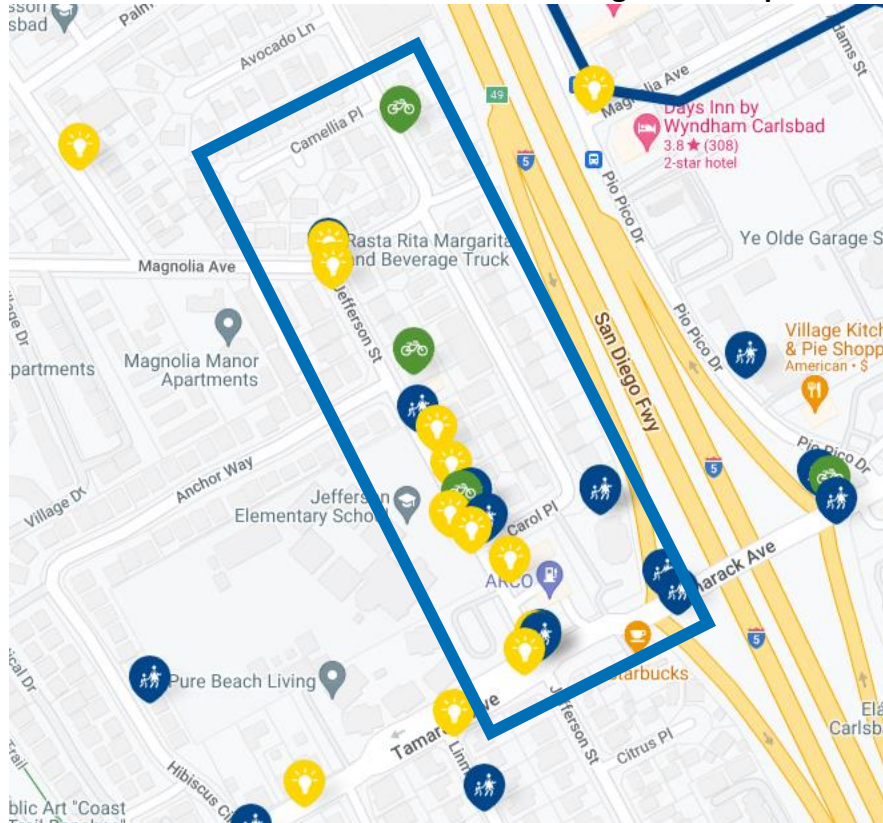
Traffic calming

- Install traffic calming measures on Tamarack and Chinquapin to slow down cars
- Install school zone signs

Traffic congestion

- Evaluate signal time of light at Tamarack and Pio Pico to alleviate congestion at Tamarack and Jefferson

Jefferson Street – Between Tamarack and Magnolia – 14 pins



Pedestrian improvements

- Improve visibility of crosswalk, add crossing guards at Jefferson and Magnolia
- Add additional crosswalk near entrance of school parking lot
- Improve visibility of crosswalk to the school, prevent cars from blocking it during congested times
- Add sidewalks all along Jefferson

Bicycle improvement

- Add bike lanes to the school

Traffic calming

- Install traffic calming measures to slow down cars
- Limit right turns from Jefferson onto Tamarack during school times
- Address blind spot of exiting the gas station onto Jefferson

Traffic congestion

- Improve traffic flow of drop-off and pick-up in the parking lot
- Improve visibility and congestion for cars exiting the parking lot to turn left on Jefferson
- Evaluate signal time of light at Tamarack and Jefferson
- Consider one-way traffic between Magnolia and Tamarack
- Lack of parking near school is an issue

Other comments for other areas

- Bike lanes on Harding Street are blocked by trash cans
- Potholes and repaving needed at Jefferson and Magnolia
- Enhanced biking conditions on Chestnut between Harding and Pio Pico
- Improve visibility for cars turning onto Pio Pico from Magnolia, install traffic calming on Pio Pico
- Enhance pedestrian and bike safety along Pio Pico at St. Patrick's school parking lot exit
- Install traffic calming improvements at Chinguapin and Adams St

Topics

Appendix A includes all of the verbatim comments related to these themes as well as comments categorized by the following topics:

Biking improvement

Pedestrian improvement

Traffic calming

Traffic congestion

Next steps

The Transportation planning team will use community input and other technical evaluations including a walking audit to draft a Safe Routes to School plan, which will include short-term and long-term infrastructure improvements. A draft plan will be shared with the community for additional feedback in summer 2024.

The Safe Routes to School plan will be presented to the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission for recommendation of approval, then to the City Council to determine next steps for design and funding of the improvements.

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Appendices

Online mapping comments
In person workshop feedback
Other online comments

Online mapping comments

Theme	Comment	Street (where the pin is)	Cross street (nearest cross street)
Traffic calming	I live at the 4-way intersection if Adams and Chinguapin. Cars coming west down Chinguapin from Highland and Hillside do so at high speeds and rarely stop fully at the intersection. Many bicyclists also come racing down the hill and fly right through the intersection without stopping. I have personally observed many near collisions both vehicular and bike. The speed bumps on Tamarack have pushed traffic down Chinguapin as drivers seek to avoid the lights and speed bumps on Tamarack.	Adams St	Chinguapin Ave
Bicycle improvement	We need sharrows on Chestnut between Harding and Pio Pico.	Chestnut Ave	Harding St
Bicycle improvement	Chestnut ave is the most unsafe street, especially near Carlsbad high school. People aren't willing to wait for someone turning left so they veer around into the bike lane. We need left turn lights and extra lanes for turning from chestnut to Monroe.	Chestnut Ave	
Walking improvement	Agree! At least connect the pedestrian/ bike access via an underpass or train overpass.waiting to trench the trains is going to take too long and we need an immediate solution	Chestnut Ave	Railroad tracks
Walking improvement	Figure out how to make chestnut go through so there is a direct route to school this way.	Chestnut Ave	Railroad tracks
Walking improvement	I've also observed this and noticed cars using this stretch of road at a high rate of speed.	Chinguapin Ave	Jefferson St
Walking improvement	Need stop sign at Chinguapin and Jefferson. Drivers coming south on Chinguapin are often driving fast	Chinguapin Ave	Jefferson St
Bicycle improvement	Residents on the west side of this street block the bike lane with their trash cans every week.	Harding St	Camellia Pl
Bicycle improvement	All parallel parking on Jefferson between Magnolia and Tamarack should be removed and replaced with a bike lane.	Jefferson St	Anchor Way

Bicycle improvement	No bike lane near school while I ride this road daily for child drop off.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Bicycle improvement	This intersection needs to be repaved. Especially after heavy rains, pot holes occur and are dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians.	Jefferson St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic calming	Drivers turning onto Jefferson from Magnolia routinely run the stop sign, even with children around.	Jefferson St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic calming	Cars need slowed on this street via cross walks and speed bumps like done on the east side of tamarack. Cars speed at terrible speeds here, an area that should be a way to connect the south and north end of tamarack.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Traffic calming	Can we PLEASE get speed bumps along this stretch of Jefferson?? I've seen people speed (40+mph) and even PASS other cars DURING school pickup or drop off while little kids and families are everywhere.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Traffic calming	We need speed bumps ASAP. It's impossible to get out of driveways on Jefferson street by the elementary school. There's been multiple crashes now of residents pulling out of driveways & cars driving fast down Jefferson street. Also hard to see pedestrians when you're backing out as the parked trucks block your view. We need mirrors on lampposts for pedestrians safety. With the new apartments, parking is going to be impossible and there will be more bad accidents.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Traffic calming	<p>People use Linmar heavily as an alternate route. We frequently see people coming from Linmar and turning (in either direction) onto Tamarack without looking for pedestrians crossing in front of their cars. Lots of near misses here.</p> <p>Please step up patrols on the western stretch of Tamarack if you want more people walking/biking to school. Please take measures to reduce the flow of traffic and increase safe crossing opportunities.</p>	Jefferson St	Carol Pl

Traffic congestion	Jefferson between Magnolia and Tamarack should be a one-way street for vehicles, and two-way for bikes. A study should be done to determine best flow for vehicles -- either north or south.	Jefferson St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic congestion	Every day, we see people on Jefferson who are not dropping off/picking up kids at school get angry about the backup of traffic, honk, yell, and illegally and dangerously go around cars that are waiting in the line of backed up cars to get into the Jefferson parking lot. This is extremely dangerous and if it continues, someone will inevitably be hurt or killed.	Jefferson St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic congestion	I've seen this many times too. Illegal passing around cars waiting to get into and out of the Jefferson parking lot. It happens daily.	Jefferson St	Tamarack Ave
Traffic congestion	Agreed. We have also noticed people driving this stretch of road during school pickup who are NOT dropping children at school and they become impatient, honking and yelling at drivers who are in the midst of school pickup and dropoff. When Jefferson is backed up during drop off/pick up, we regularly see non-school drivers dangerously go around the line of cars waiting to drop kids off at school. If people keep doing this, it will result in someone being struck and injured/killed.	Jefferson St	Tamarack Ave
Traffic congestion	Agreed. We regularly see non-school drivers on this road during pick up/drop off become frustrated, yelling, honking, and unsafely and illegally going around the cars waiting on Jefferson to drop off/pick up their kids. If this continues, someone will eventually be injured or killed.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Traffic congestion	This should include the lights at Tamarack and I-5/Pio Pico too. I frequently see the light green at Tamarack/Jefferson but nobody can turn left onto Tamarack because Tamarack itself is backed up.	Jefferson St	Anchor Way

Traffic congestion	It is not safe for kids to walk to school via Tamarack (west of 5). It is also not safe nor pleasant for people to drive to school via Tamarack/Jefferson. There is extremely limited parking on Jefferson near school due to the new housing. The school parking lot gets clogged up, creating backup on Jefferson. Parents are in an impossible situation--drive their kids to school in the chaos of the traffic? Or take the risk of walking on a road where people are driving far too fast?	Jefferson St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic congestion	A traffic study is needed to better time the light at Jefferson to Tamarack. This causes a backup for the parents leaving the school drop off and creates a dangerous situation for people turning left (blindly) from the school onto Jefferson.	Jefferson St	Anchor Way
Traffic congestion	The timing on this light causes massive traffic congestion during school drop off and pick up. If Jefferson's parking lot could flow better, more parents would be willing to drop off and pick up in the parking lot rather than find street parking and walk in.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Walking improvement	Extremely dark street with blind turn and no sidewalks. Just last night we were on a walk home from an evening Jefferson event and a car couldn't see us and the street is the only place to walk on.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Walking improvement	Is the new crosswalk going to be lighted like the ones on Carlsbad Blvd?	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Walking improvement	Why is the new crosswalk not elevated like the new crosswalks on Tamarack?	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Walking improvement	Many families that live inside the Windsong gate, or around chinquapin cross here at chinquapin to Jefferson on the side of Jefferson that has the sidewalk. We've all been saying for years how helpful it would be to have a crosswalk so it would be easier for cars to see the pedestrians and kids trying to cross here. It would also possibly help the speeding of cars down this road making it safer for all of the walking families on this side going to Jefferson.	Jefferson St	Chinquapin Ave

Walking improvement	It is a travesty that there are no protected crosswalks, of the kind we now see on the Coast Highway and Tamarack, anywhere on Jefferson, the very street that the elementary school is on. We don't need a monstrosity like the one at Valley and Jefferson, just a nice sign with a button to push for warning lights.	Jefferson St	Carol Pl
Walking improvement	The exit driveway at the school constantly gets blocked due to the light at Jefferson, which causes backups in the parking lot and a dangerous situation for the crosswalk. If there were striping to "keep clear", it could help traffic leave the parking lot for those parents needing to turn left.	Jefferson St	Tamarack Ave
Walking improvement	There is no sidewalk on north end of Linmar making it difficult for pedestrians who have to walk on a narrow street. Intersection for eastbound Tamarack to Linmar Lane is a blind turn.	Linmar Ln	Tamarack Ave
Bicycle improvement	Dangerous gravel pot hole areas of bike lane all along magnolia.	Madison St	Magnolia Ave
Traffic calming	intersection of Magnolia and Pio Pico Dr. in re: often poor visibility due to large trucks parked along Pio Pico Dr. There is a combination of that along with speeding that makes this are dangerous when trying to travel from Magnolia to turn onto Pio Pico Dr.	Magnolia St	Pio Pico Dr
Walking improvement	This area becomes very dangerous when parents are parked to pickup children from St. Patrick's School as often traffic traveling South is made to move over for on-coming NB traffic that is unable to utilize their lane to do cars stopped along the sidewalk. Bicyclists and pedestrians on the West side of Pio Pico are put at risk of a collision when this happens.	Pio Pico Dr	Tamarack Ave
Bicycle improvement	The entrance to the Rail Trail needs a more obvious crosswalk and better entrance for bikes heading west on Tamarack.	Tamarack Ave	Railroad tracks

Bicycle improvement	Crossing the Freeway entrance and exits is a complete nightmare for pedestrians and cyclists. Please come up with ways to fix these for the Jefferson children, as well as the kids who head from to Valley Middle School and CHS.	Tamarack Ave	Freeway entrance/exit
Bicycle improvement	This whole intersection and area would benefit from pedestrian and bike improvements. This would also help the St Patrick's students.	Tamarack Ave	Freeway entrance/exit
Bicycle improvement	Please provide a permanent crossing guard since this intersection is extremely busy in the mornings and after school.	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St
Bicycle improvement	Please fix and connect the rail trail here to the Southside of Tamarack. without a crossing here, kids and adults are crossing to the north side of Tamrack Avenue at their own risk in multiple spots and then are often riding in the wrong direction (against Traffic) in order to get to the rail trail. It's dangerous and shouldn't happen.	Tamarack Ave	Railroad tracks
Traffic calming	I live on the south side of Tamarack and find that cars are often going well in excess of the speed limit as they come from Garfield going eastbound on Tamarack between Garfield and the train tracks. The downhill slope coupled with lack of slowing measures and very little patrolling results in speeding. It is difficult to pull out of our driveway due to the excessive speed of traffic here. The high speed of traffic creates a safety issue for my children walking to school.	Tamarack Ave	Railroad tracks
Traffic congestion	We look forward to traffic studies during school drop and pick up hours. Please conduct the study at the hours of 7:45-8:10 M-F and 2:10 to 2:35 M-F (with the exception of Thursday afternoon, with pickup being at 1:25 on Thursdays).	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St

Walking improvement	Absolutely!!! This is long overdue. We are encouraged to bike and walk on the rail trail but when it hits the street at Tamarack, it's incredibly unsafe to cross the street to the south due to consistent oncoming vehicle traffic and impaired visibility. A big crosswalk with street signs would be a very simple first step.	Tamarack Ave	Railroad tracks
Walking improvement	Agreed. As an adult, I am nearly hit on a regular basis while crossing this cross walk on foot. Walking with my toddler, I've been nearly hit several times by cars who go into the intersection while I am midway through the cross walk. I do not feel it is safe for my children (even my 11-year-old) to safely cross this intersection.	Tamarack Ave	Garfield St
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Walking improvement	We need crossing guards here!	Tamarack Ave	Magnolia Ave

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Walking improvement	Please give us a crossing guard here for children to cross safely. I know other schools in the area have more than one crossing guard (Kelly, for example). Because Jefferson is directly adjacent to the freeway, and because people regularly use the roads near the school for non-school, high-speed freeway diversions, it is very surprising that we have not been allotted additional crossing guards so that our kids can get safely to school. We also need more patrolling of the roads near Jefferson.	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St
Walking improvement	Please provide a permanent traffic crossing guard at this major intersection for both pedestrians and bikes.	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St
Walking improvement	We need a safe and high vis crosswalk somewhere between Garfield and Jefferson on Tamarack for kids to cross from the south side of Tamarack to the north and vice versa. Placement could be just east of the train tracks or at the intersection of Hibiscus and Tamarack. The cars on this segment routinely travel at such a high rate of speed that it's very difficult to cross Tamarack, even when we attempt to use the corner to corner cross (no cross walk) at Hibiscus. More speed reduction please.	Tamarack Ave	Hibiscus Cir
Walking improvement	The school could really use another crosswalk at this location	Tamarack Ave	Hibiscus Cir
Walking improvement	A raised pedestrian crossing with lights (like at tamarack/valley) would help with visibility and slow traffic down. The crossing guard does their best, but it's not a safe situation.	Tamarack Ave	Hibiscus Cir
Walking improvement	Can we consider 2 things--1. better lighting/illumination for this crosswalk at night and in the early morning? 2. making the crosswalk high vis (maybe a push-button illuminator? Please also note that drivers seem to have a difficult time seeing pedestrians as the sun is setting over this intersection. Glare is a factor. We have near misses with cars here almost daily while crossing on foot.	Tamarack Ave	Garfield St

<p>Walking improvement</p>	<p>Rail trail needs a Lighted Crosswalk!!!</p> <p>Please make it simple for kids to cross the road with a lighted flashing crosswalk to connect the rail trail to the south side of Tamarack</p>	<p>Tamarack Ave</p>	<p>Railroad tracks</p>
<p>Walking improvement</p>	<p>Hibiscus circle should be connected via a cross walk to the north end of tamarack. Currently the south side of tamarack has limited places to cross tamarack. And more importantly, there is a significant distance between Garfield and Jefferson that allows cars to pick up significant speeds and stop signs and or raised cross walks like done on the east side of tamarack would lend the south end of Carlsbad to have safe walking paths and feel more included in what should be a neighborhood.</p>	<p>Tamarack Ave</p>	<p>Hibiscus Cir</p>
<p>Walking improvement</p>	<p>100% agree with this. There is too great a distance between Garfield and Jefferson St on Tamarack for kids crossing from the south side of Tamarack to the north side. We need a high visibility cross walk btwn these two points and more speed patrolling. My kids can't safely walk this route at present with the high rate of speed of the car traffic and the issues with safety crossing even at the Tamarack/Jefferson and Tamarack/Garfield intersections for pedestrians.</p>	<p>Tamarack Ave</p>	<p>Hibiscus Cir</p>
<p>Walking improvement</p>	<p>Agreed. This is not a safe crosswalk for kids to cross on their own. The speeding issues on the stretch of Tamarack west of 5 coupled with lack of safe places to cross make it prohibitive for older kids to walk to school without adult supervision. We frequently see cars turning right from Jefferson onto westbound Tamarack without checking for pedestrians in the crosswalk.</p>	<p>Tamarack Ave</p>	<p>Jefferson St</p>
<p>Walking improvement</p>	<p>This intersection is incredibly busy with vehicles, pedestrians, and bikes. Safer more controlled. Crossing system is definitely needed.. Please add crossing signs, flashers, buttons for the pedestrians, and ADA curb ramps as the street to sidewalk transitions are noncompliant and very dangerous.</p>	<p>Tamarack Ave</p>	<p>Garfield St</p>

Walking improvement	Might consider using Hibiscus as a safe route to school instead of Tamarack if better speed reduction and crosswalks cannot be implemented on Tamarack. Cars tend to travel more slowly on Hibiscus (and there's a sidewalk) making it a potentially safer route for kids coming from the western stretch of Tamarack to Jefferson.	Tamarack Ave	Hibiscus Cir
Walking improvement	Visibility for drivers turning left is made even worse by vehicles frequently parked illegally along the red curbs.	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St
Walking improvement	Extremely dangerous street where cars go well above speed limit a majority of the time. Limited stops or speed bumps slowing cars down. Makes south end of tamarack stuck with dead ends and no ability to connect with its school community on the north end.	Tamarack Ave	Jefferson St

In person workshop feedback

Pedestrian improvements

- Need for safe crossings across Tamarack Ave
- Not as many opportunities to cross Tamarack to get to and from school
- Trouble crossing at Hibiscus – no crosswalk.
- People walk down Anchor Way
- Need ADA crossing
- Need to watch for driveway at gas station
- Move crosswalk more toward entrance of parking lot

Traffic safety

- At the top of Garfield, crest of hill, people come from the stop sign and fly down
- Speeding cars. No stop sign between Garfield and Jefferson
- Cars turn right out of Jefferson to Tamarack – struggle. Don't look for pedestrians
- Lack of parking near school is an issue
- Need traffic calming on Tamarack – let it be known it's a speed trap
- Need traffic calming at Chinquapin and Jefferson
- Need school zone signs and speed feedback signs
- Visibility is poor coming out of the school parking lot, especially if ppl there.

Biking improvements

- Bikers frequently cross at rail trail – need crossing

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Other comments

From: Emily Kuhnel <emilykuhnel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:32 AM
To: Nathan Schmidt <Nathan.Schmidt@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Jefferson Elementary traffic

Hi, Mr. Schmidt. I was unable to make the traffic meeting last night at Jefferson Elementary, but the other parents who went said they were so thankful for your listening ear.

I walk my two kids to Jefferson Elementary School every day. As they get older, they ask if they can soon walk on their own. I tell them a resounding NO WAY as the traffic stands right now.

We live at the end of Chinquapin on the east side of the tracks. I think we get forgotten in the Jefferson Elementary traffic plans since we are on the other side of Tamarack.

Chinquapin is becoming a major thoroughfare. Why? It is high density living. I'd estimate 1,000 residents back here, including more young families than 10 years ago since we are all priced out of homes. Also, tons of biker groups are avoiding the Tamarack intersection.

What does the Chinquapin area need? You are the pros, but here are our TOP thoughts:

- Crosswalk at the end of Jefferson to the other side of Chinquapin. People are darting from in between cars every which way. Offer some direction. (Maybe a crosswalk off Linmar, too!)
- School zone signs!
- A crossing guard at Tamarack and Jefferson

Other ideas:

- If not a crossing guard at Tamarack/Jefferson, maybe limit right turns during school zone times? Those people turning right are NOT looking out for our kids.
- Possibly a speed bump or speed table on Chinquapin? A digital "your speed" sign?
- Sidewalks down both sides of Jefferson all the way to the end.
- They have time the Tamarack/Jefferson lights better in recent months so the crossing light is a few seconds BEFORE the green light, which has helped a ton. Thank you!

We appreciate your attention to our area and look forward to your plans. THANK YOU!

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From: Marie Moreland <marietmccarthy@yahoo.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Nathan Schmidt <nathan.schmidt@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Jefferson Elementary safety on the Street

Nathan

Theres been numerous crashes now on this street. I reside at 3715 Jefferson street. I've seen vehicles blow through every stop sign at the T junction with magnolia and one house at the T has had numerous trucks crash into & through their house. Theres safety bollards there now.

We are finding it impossible to back out of our driveways safely. Trucks parked in street block the view. We are about to install a mirror on our lamppost outside, as I'd a child on a scooter that nearly hit my car as I was driving out of my driveway and my Tesla was forward facing. I guess they didn't see or hear the car. Luckily I drive at a snails pace as I know how dangerous our street is. Also I've almost been hit and missed from backing out and cars not seeing me if there's large trucks parked on my street.

There's been a wreck just recently up the street with someone trying to back out of their driveway. We need speed bumps ASAP. Cars speed up and down this street and don't stop at signs. They side swiped the truck trying to back out of their driveway.

IMHO if you put a cycle lane in, without speed bumps, there will be fatalities. It's one of the most dangerous & busy streets in Carlsbad. And the only artery into the barrio.

People pull out of Arco gas stations so fast too. It's a bit of a blind spot. Traffic and parking will inevitably get worse with the new sea breeze apartments.

We should probably have traffic lights on magnolia. Speed bumps, traffic lights, safety mirrors on lampposts are a start before you think of cycle lanes.

Also the principle of Jefferson elementary has made it more congested due to the fact they now only allow one of the two drop off lanes.

Feel free to contact me and I can also put you in touch with neighbors who have witnessed all these accidents. It's only a matter of time that there will be a fatality.

Marie Moreland
949 371 1849
Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: THE TEAM FAMILY <peacelovesunshine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Nathan Schmidt <nathan.schmidt@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Safety near schools

Hi,

The online map was not working on my phone. We need lighted crosswalks and crossing guards near Jefferson Elementary. Specifically at the three way stop sign on magnolia and Jefferson. Cars run that stop sign all day every day and every morning walking my kids to school we almost get hit.

Also, the system for school drop off and pick up that the new principal at Jefferson implemented, has made walking to school extremely dangerous. Cars are piled up. Cars get impatient and cross into the wrong lane to bypass school drop off. Kids and adults j walk and I have seen multiple people almost get hit. It's not safe. It's not functional.

Thank you.
Marion Team
Sent from my iPhone



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I have been concerned about the Tamarack/Jefferson intersection for years. People run the red light going East to get on the I-5 southbound a few seconds faster.

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