

Vineyard Road Walk Audit notes 10/24/17

Attending: Pat Eklund, city council; Austin Morris, Claire Venezia; David Parisi, SR2S; Jim Larsou, Principal Sinaloa; Mankjeh Larizadeh, Novato DPW; Mark Silva, NUSD; Chistopher Blunk, Novato DPW; Eric Lucan, city council; Rene De Bos; Shubber Azi; Dina Gibbons; Craig Venezia; Hadar Albo, Parisi Assoc; Erik Nelson

Issues:

Sidewalks are ok until the stretch between Eucalyptus to Sun Lane. There are bushes and personal gardens intruding into the area where a sidewalk would be. Need to check the right of way. Sidewalk starts again a few yards after Trumble.

At the Eucalyptus and Vineyard intersection there is traffic and children coming from all directions. There is a high volume, especially in the afternoon when all the kids get out at once. Bell time for Sinaloa is 8:20

Kids don't use the path on Eucalyptus but ride in the street instead.

On trash day the cans stick out. This happens twice a week. Councilwoman Eklund said she would look into getting them to do the whole street the same day

Need to trim the tree at Trumble . A boy was hit in the crosswalk there – the driver had the sun in her eyes. Another kids was hit at Paladina. Parents are rushing, and distracted, not paying attention.

Would like rules on riding bikes in the crosswalk. Students and parents are generally confused about what the policy is. Note: research affirms that it is not specifically against the law to ride in a crosswalk but that the bicyclists gives up their rights as a pedestrian. ORS 814.410 says mounted **cyclists** are operating a bicycle unsafely on a sidewalk if they are moving "at a speed greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a **crosswalk**." Basically, **cyclists can ride in a crosswalk** so long as they're not moving faster than an ordinary walker

Would like additional school zone striping and signage.

Road narrows from Eucalyptus to Sutro. At Mill and Vineyard there is a confusing fork in the road for pedestrians. There is signage directing pedestrians to go around the island but most kids just go straight.

Between Eucalyptus and Sutro there is only one crosswalk. This results in a lot of pedestrians cutting across Vineyard.

There is an ally coming out from the end of Dominic that kids use to cut through to Vineyard. They often shoot out in the street. There is a blind curve heading west at that spot.

Existing separated path. The amount of leaves on the ground makes the path seem narrower than it is and leads to confusion about whether or not it is a multi-use path.

Sidewalk ends on the east side at 2378 Vineyard.

If the sidewalk gap was fixed there would be a continuous sidewalk on the west side of the street, but kids needs safe crossing options all along the road to get to it.

Vineyard at Sutro – no curb ramps. Tree blocking crosswalk.