

**11/1/2022 Community Workshop:
Montara Traffic Safety near Farallone View Elementary School.**

Approximately 20 people attended this session including: SMC Director of Public Works, Ann Stillman; DPW Deputy Director – Road Services, Khoa Vo; Principal of Farallone View Elementary School, Amy McVicker; Cabrillo USD Coordinator of Student Services and Special Projects, James Barnes; Safe Routes to School Coordinator for Cabrillo USD, Carlene Foldenauer; Farallone View Elementary School parents and Montara community members; Len Erickson and Gregg Dieguez, MCC.

Action Items and Follow-up:

1. DPW will write local residents to trim vegetation encroaching on intersection visibility, and follow-up as needed for enforcement.
2. DPW will proceed with street markings on intersections of concern in the next couple of months, under the Maintenance budget and tasks. Details to follow.
3. DPW will evaluate erecting signage for school crossings within 500' of the school entrance (e.g., 4th and Le Conte Ave.) based on Len Erickson's findings in traffic regulations. Hopefully this will also fall within the current Maintenance budget.
4. DPW will explore budgeting \$300-500K in the next 2023-25 budget cycle for a thorough traffic study which may yield the more comprehensive measures desired by the school staff and community. This could take six to twelve months elapsed time, followed by implementation scheduling.
5. The MCC will support DPW efforts to budget for the traffic study mentioned above.
6. Traffic on Sunshine Valley Rd. is too fast and not controlled by existing measures. The MCC will invite the Sheriff to an upcoming meeting where residents can request both enforcement and measurement of traffic speeds. It was noted that the addition of a Cypress Point MidPen development with hundreds of extra cars and one-way traffic on Carlos St. in Moss Beach will exacerbate this problem and must be studied and mitigated as part of that project. ?Unclear whether any upcoming DPW traffic study would include this issue?
7. There is no safe way to walk to Farallone View Elementary School along Hwy1 from Moss Beach (east side of Hwy 1 – from Carlos Street to 14th). Recent fatal bicycle accidents were cited along Hwy 1. The MCC will follow up with Caltrans to request temporary concrete barriers (such as those temporarily in place near Mirada Rd and the Medio Creek Bridge). ?Unclear whether any upcoming DPW traffic study would include this issue?

Background Discussion:

1. DPW must follow established guidelines and standards in erecting street signage, or potentially face legal liability issues.
2. Since DPW has studied the 5 intersections requesting Stop signs, and they all fail the code requirements; they cannot erect Stop signs there. (It was noted during discussion that accidents are often not reported, and that the LACK of traffic is what emboldens drivers to proceed through unsigned intersections - hence the disconnect between reality on the street and the legal requirements)
3. Ms. McVicker cited two accidents involving children near the school in her 3 years here.
4. To establish Yield signs DPW must consider the secondary effects on traffic flow in the region, which can include faster traffic on the streets without Yield signs. This is one reason a comprehensive traffic engineering study is required. It is hoped that such a study would also advance several related traffic initiatives: Safe Routes To School, Connect the Coastside, and Complete Streets.
5. The school has a morning crossing guard ~8am, but does not have staffing for the afternoon. Volunteer crossing guards and crossing guard companies have also been explored with no success.
6. Residents voiced concern that 25mph was too fast a speed limit for narrow Montara streets without sidewalks. However, the Right-of-Way (which includes portions of residents' yards) is 40' and thus justifies the speed limit.