

McDowell Elementary Walk Audit Recap & Discussion

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE

DECEMBER 21, 2023



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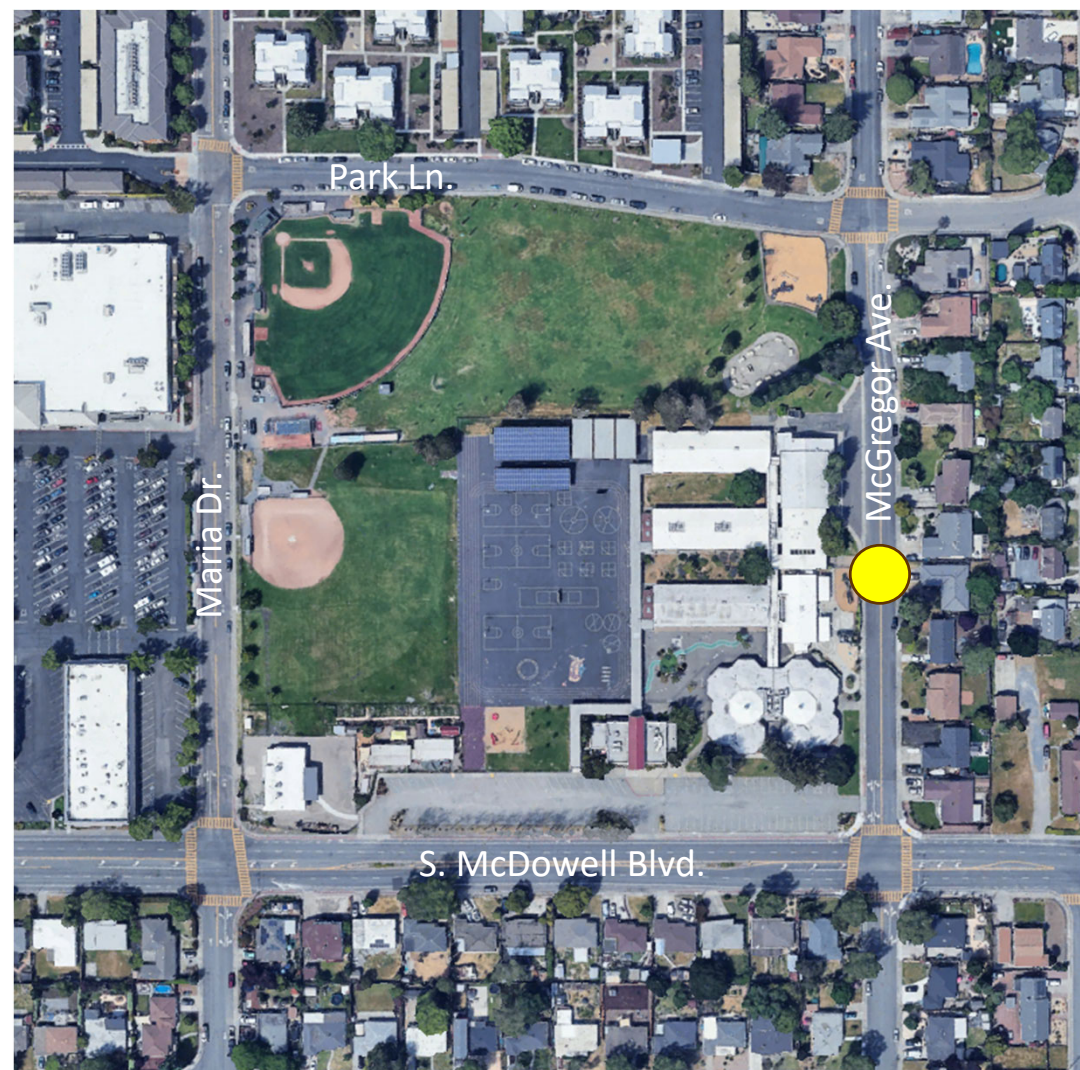
McDowell Elementary Walk Audit

- Thursday, November 30, 8-9:30 AM
- Participants from Safe Routes to Schools, Cool Petaluma, City (Public Works & Police), & McDowell Elementary
- Focused on school block perimeter (McGregor Ave / Park Ln / Maria Dr / S McDowell Blvd)



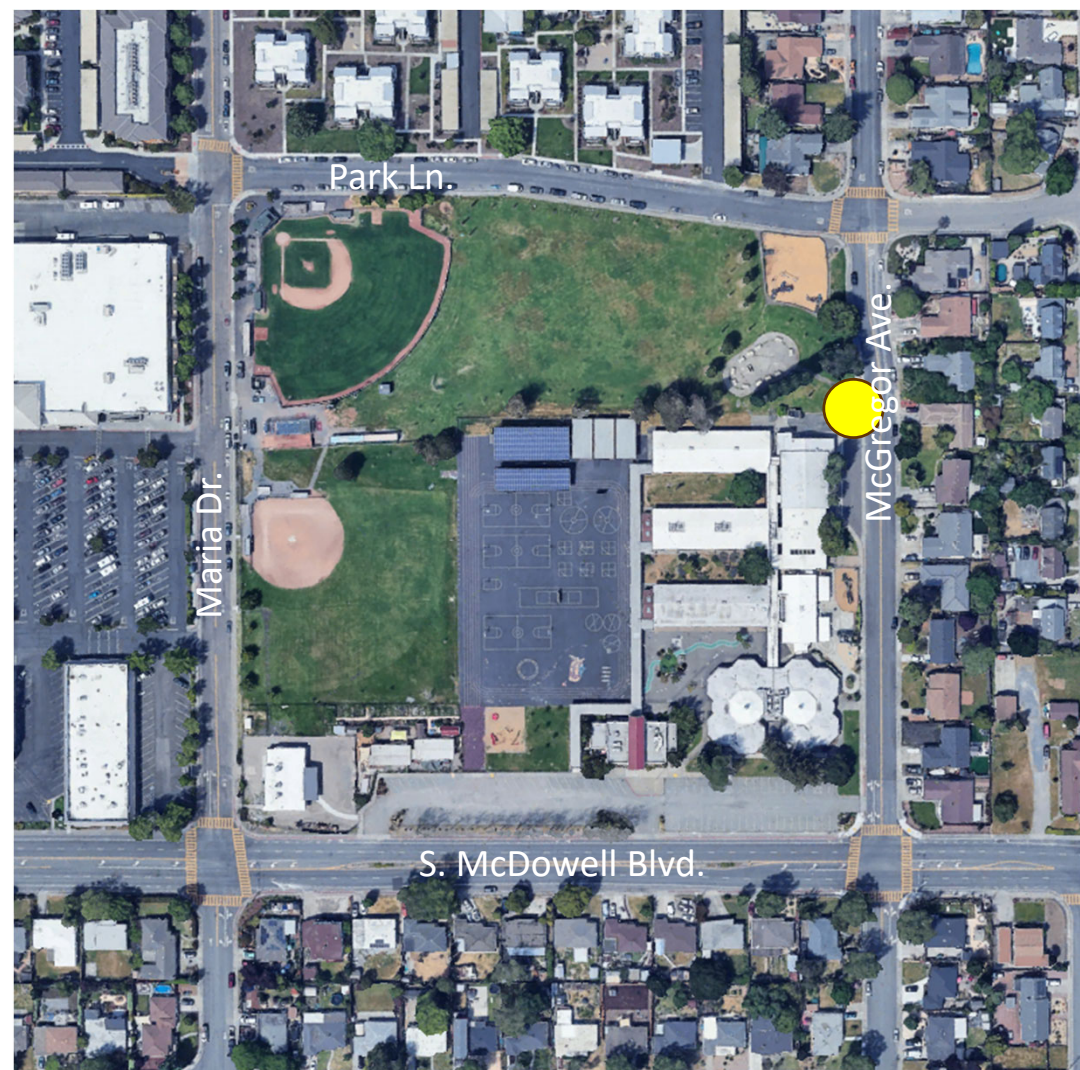
Walk Audit Recommendations

Please note that all recommendations on the following slides are meant to capture **possible** solutions to issues or ideas raised during the walk audit. Each of these recommendations are subject to additional design, analysis, outreach, funding, prioritization, and approval by the City and/or Petaluma City Schools prior to implementation.



School Entrance on McGregor Ave:

- 1) Install new mid-block crosswalk (City)
- 2) Install 50' school bus pick-up/drop-off zone (City & PCS)
- 3) Explore striping, signage, or median to discourage u-turns out of loading zone (City)



Loading Zone on McGregor Ave:

- 1) Relocate ADA parking space impeding loading zone entry (PCS)
- 2) Create part-time loading zone to allow loading zone queueing along curb during school drop-off/pick-up times (City)



Existing conditions



Painted bulbouts at Jefferson & Vallejo St

McGregor Ave & Park Ln:
Install bulbouts (City)



McGregor Ave (Park Ln – S McDowell Blvd)

Explore traffic calming elements, especially near intersections



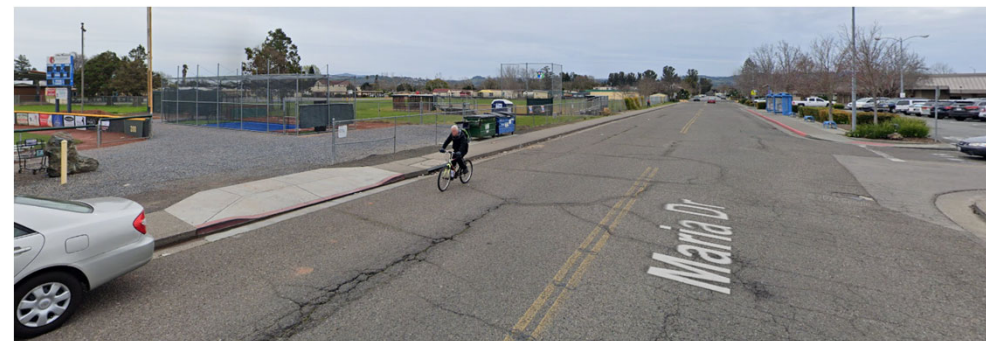
Park Ln

- 1) Install new mid-block crosswalk (City)
- 2) Create pedestrian pathway from Park Ln to new rear entrance (City & PCS)



Maria Dr & Park Ln

- 1) Add crosswalk to west leg of intersection (City)
- 2) Install bulbouts (City)



Maria Dr (Park Ln – S McDowell Blvd)

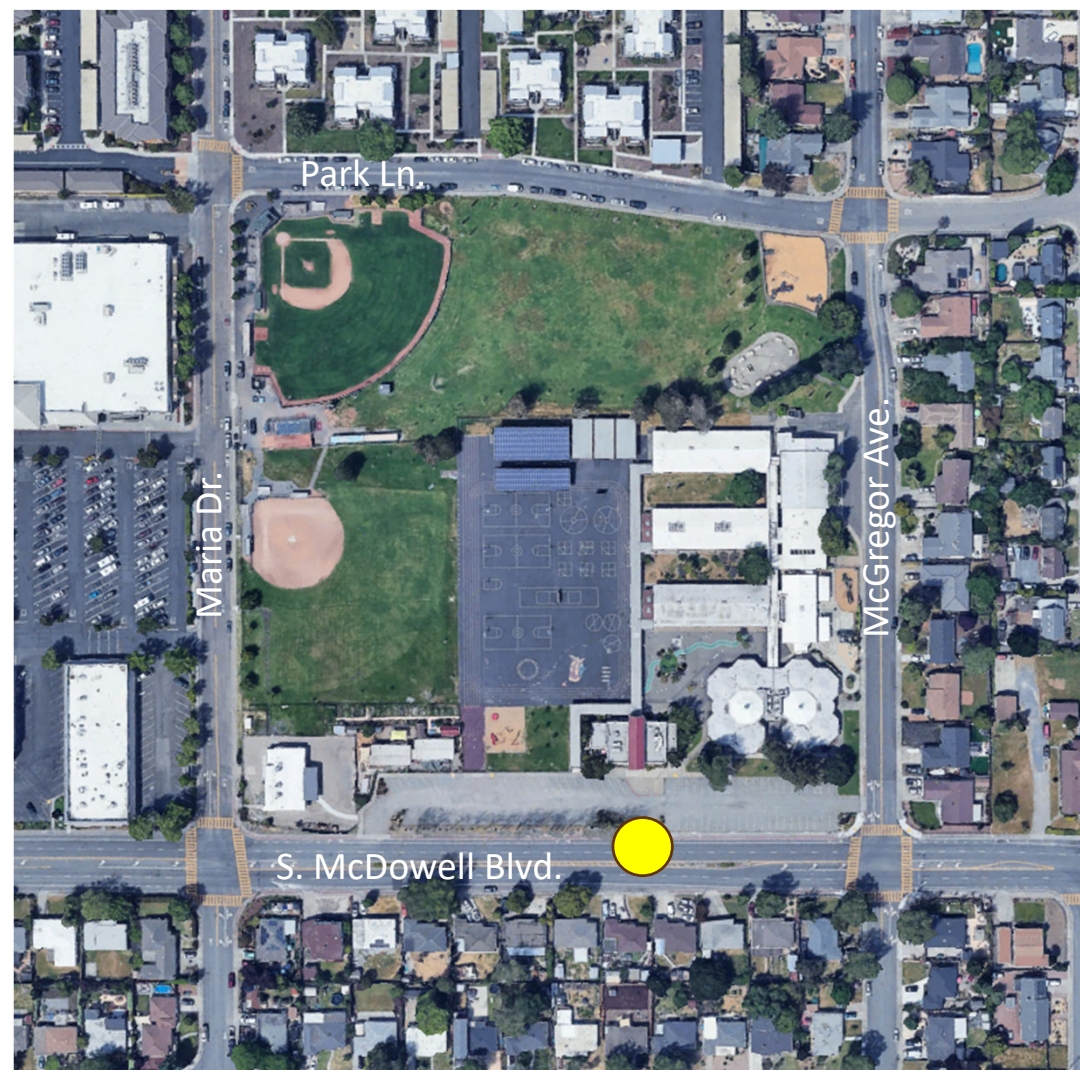
- 1) Install new mid-block crosswalk (City)
- 2) Prohibit overnight parking (City)
- 3) Create pedestrian pathway from Maria Dr to new rear entrance (City & PCS)



Protected cycletrack (Vancouver, BC)

Maria Dr (Washington Creek Trail – S McDowell Blvd)

Eliminate eastbound parking to create two-way protected cycletrack (City) (Little League parking could be accommodated in new parking lot, on Park Ln, and/or on school property)



Parking lot entrance/exit on S McDowell Blvd

- 1) Improve signage/stripping to alert drivers of right turn/entrance only (City & PCS)
- 2) Fill gap in median to prohibit u-turns on S McDowell (City)



S McDowell Blvd

Explore feasibility of lane conversion (“road diet”); additional improvements could include roundabouts at Maria & McGregor intersections, protected bike lanes, landscaping (City)

Additional Feedback

Contact Information & Resources

- Transportation Planning & Engineering: safestreets@cityofpetaluma.org
- Petaluma Transit: transit@cityofpetaluma.org / 707-778-4460 / transit.cityofpetaluma.net
- City Bike Map: cityofpetaluma.org/bikemap
- Report an Issue (Hazards & Quick Fixes): cityofpetaluma.org/issues
- Safe Streets Nomination Program (Traffic Calming & Safety Improvements): cityofpetaluma.org/ssnp
- Slow the Fast Down Campaign: cityofpetaluma.org/slowthefastdown