

## **AUSTIN CREEK PARENT SURVEY COMMENTS**

English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 6 Responses

**Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?  
Please rate each barrier on a scale of 1-3 with 1 being not a barrier and 3 being a significant barrier.**

I've tried all of the routes and none are protected by sidewalks all the way to school which feels unsafe to walk. Less safe for riding a bike given the lack of bike lanes.

There is no way for children to walk along highway 12.

**Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Melita and 12 do not have full side walks and/or bike lanes that connect into the school neighborhood.

dangerous intersection at highway 12 and Mountain Hawk.

All intersections. Drivers are distracted, or driving in highly unsafe manner (speeding, not stopping at stop signs, hard stops.) Need more frequent Police patrols during school transit hours.

**Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?  
Please rate each barrier on a scale of 1-3 with 1 being not a barrier and 3 being a significant barrier.**

Same as above. No bike lanes on Melita, 12, or in skyhawk. The partial sidewalks on Melita/Queen Ann are too hilly for young children to bike and the road feels dangerous (cars go too fast and road is too narrow). Alternative route would be melita, 12/Calistoga, crosswalk and then back up 12 on the easement near Safeway to get into the skyhawk neighborhood. We walk our bikes until we get to the easement which takes more time. The partial/narrow sidewalk on 12 feels unsafe. At this point, I would not go melita up 12 towards the school directly (maybe a full sidewalk and giant bike lane could help).

dangerous intersection at Highway 12 and Mountain Hawk. faded crosswalk and small, there is not a safe stopping point for vehicle prior to crosswalk

## BINKLEY PARENT SURVEY COMMENTS

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 30 Responses

#### **Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often? Please rate each barrier on a scale of 1-3 with 1 being not a barrier and 3 being a significant barrier.**

We have to cross Montecito which has multiple lanes of traffic and no crossing guard. As an adult on my bike I've almost been run over by rushing parent drivers multiple times. There is no way I'm letting my short kid cross that dangerous street by himself. We bike together or he rides on my cargo bike. The other hazard is kids biking to school have to go past parents dropping off their kids in the parking lot, also not paying attention, in order to get to the place where they lock their bikes. Frankly the school is set up for cars as a priority and not safe for pedestrians or bikes. There are also few graded curbs so my son has to haul his bike over high sidewalks. This can take a while and leaves him vulnerable in the street. On the whole it's pretty stressful and not that enjoyable but we do it daily because we're committed to not using fossil fuels.

We have walked or scooted nearly every day this with a few exceptions (torrential downpours or heading somewhere directly after school in the car) so no barriers really for us.

I live too far for child to walk to school. More than 6 miles away.

We live in Rohnert Park - walking or biking isn't a realistic option.

#### **Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

See above

Age, young girls. Nervous to have them be alone. Busy intersection at st Mary's/montecito

The one 4-way intersection we cross through daily is a source of concern as people are impatient at stop signs, speeding.

No crosswalk at the creek exit on middle Rincon

Dangerous road. Montecito

Our route is pretty safe, but I definitely prefer when there is a crossing guard at Canyon and St Mary. Also some of the sidewalks on Oak Park Way are super broken and can be a bit treacherous for scooters and bikes.

The roads are just too busy for a child to walk over 1 mile alone.

No stop signs at intersections in our neighborhood. No sidewalk on a significant section of the route. Drivers are distracted. My child is an only child and does not have other children to walk to school with. People on Megan's Law list in our neighborhood. Dangerous interaction at Baird and Montecito, no stop signs at Sunshine (long street with cars parked along it inhibit vision, fast drivers) Estes, Gandul Calle and Baird

Too many miles to school, traffic, dangerous intersections, missing sidewalks.

Too far

Homeless and drug activity in Rincon Valley Community Park. At the picnic tables by the bridge and the parking lot on Montecito side.

No stop light or crosswalk available at Montecito and Baird rd.

No sidewalks on Baird rd.

No sidewalks on Benjamin's rd.

Too much traffic speeding on Montecito Blvd.

#### **Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often? Please rate each barrier on a scale of 1-3 with 1 being not a barrier and 3 being a significant barrier.**

I don't trust drivers to pay enough attention to their surroundings to feel safe enough for my kid to ride bike to school. Walking on sidewalk seems far safer

My child does not know how to ride a bike

We live in Rohnert Park - walking or biking isn't a realistic option.

#### **Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Please see note above

Trying to bike down to Saint Mary's in the morning can be difficult. There's people walking on the sidewalks and there's too much traffic on the street.

No designated lanes, cars parked along neighborhood street makes for poor visibility and riding in the road close to traffic

There are no bike lanes. Montecito and Sonoma hwy are both very busy all the time.

Too many miles, heavy traffic, , missing bike lanes, hazardous areas

too far

Homeless and drug activity in Rincon Valley Community Park in the center at the picnic tables by the bridge and the parking lot on Montecito side.

No stop light or crosswalk available at Montecito and Baird rd.

No sidewalks or bike lanes on Baird rd.

#### **Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

Yes. Please email me at Naomi\_sultana\_young@yahoo.com

Before we moved to SR we lived in Berkeley and had no car & biked everywhere. That was a bike friendly town. I have a lot of thoughts on how to improve SR. Please contact me! Also at 510.648.4596

Through Rincon Valley Park, up Montecito, down Saint Mary's

We prefer using creek paths as much as possible

Crossing guards would help

N/A

Brush Creek to Badger to Middle Rincon Road to Montecito to St. Mary's to Canyon

The fastest and (for traffic reasons) safest route for walking or biking, would be to cut through Rincon Valley Community Park. Unfortunately the level of homelessness and drug activity and incidents regarding them and the other mentally unstable people who reside in the area has risen so much over the last couple years I no longer feel safe letting the younger children go alone anymore. The next best alternative would be to travel Baird Rd to cross Montecito and go up Benjamin's Rd. Unfortunately this route has no sidewalks or bike lanes or crosswalk. Baird Rd @ Montecito is almost too dangerous for a vehicle! Much less a child. This intersection really needs a light.

St Mary's to Canyon

### **Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below**

I think we have a long way to go to make Santa Rosa truly safe for kids to walk & bike to school. (I'm talking vehicular danger.) This is such a car-based city. But with the right \$ and planning and prioritization, it can be done. I would be happy to share my experience as a bicyclist if it could help lead to positive change.

Please let's get a light at MONTECITO Blvd @ BAIRD rd, let's not wait for a horrible accident to happen before it gets some attention. And let's make the parks safe for our kids again!

## MADRONE PARENT SURVEY COMMENTS

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 11 Responses

#### **Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?**

The intersection of Montecito/Mission is very, very busy.

Not physically possible. There is no safe/direct route

#### **Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

guard. At least 2-3 times a week, we have close calls by drivers going way to fast or not paying attention to the guard, light, children, or

The intersection of Montecito/Mission is very, very busy.

Traffic, sidewalks, other kids on bikes not following rules.

They are all terrifying. 4th st/ hw 12. Mission blvd. pacific ave. Santa Rosa roads are not kid friendly at all

Dangerous crossing Rinconada at Ducker Creek Trail but more dangerous walking on the right side of the street (no sidewalk)

through the crosswalk while people are crossing.

We live on Montecito Ave up by Zeiber and there are no sidewalks until you get to fountain grove

#### **Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?**

The intersection of Montecito/Mission is very, very busy.

It's not safe

home would be hard for the kids

#### **Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

The intersection of Montecito/Mission is very, very busy.

Lack of trust that other kids know how to behave.

They are all terrifying. 4th st/ hw 12. Mission blvd. pacific ave. Santa Rosa roads are not kid friendly at all.

Intersection at Mission and Montecito only has a crossing guard occasionally. It's a very busy intersection and people turning often go through the crosswalk while people are crossing.

There are not bike lanes on our street

Montecito Ave from Chanate to Zeiber there are no side walks

#### **Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

We come out on Bridgewood Dr from our neighborhood and it's dangerous to cross Montecito to get on Mission. Some people J-walk with their bikes and it's frightening to witness. Walking the bike to the light and crossing on foot makes the trip much longer, but it's safer. Drivers don't look around at that intersection, though.

Acacia Ave, creek crossing

## MANZANITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 8 responses

#### **Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?**

When my son is at his father's house, his opportunity to walk/bike/etc. is MUCH greater; however, his dad and I both feel he is too young to get to school without a trusted adult. Furthermore, I fear for his safety crossing busy intersections like Yulupa/Hoen.

N/a

#### **Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

The intersections at Yulupa and Sacramento are extremely dangerous. We have almost been hit multiple times even while practicing extreme caution. As a parent I will not let my kids walk or bike alone to school, even when older, because of that intersection.

Yulupa Ave. and Hoen Ave. intersection is dangerous, as are intersections all along Yulupa due to fast/distracted drivers.

The major intersection of Yulupa and Hoen is very intimidating, we do not like to walk it.

Love taking the bus!

at least one stop sign—not necessarily a 3-way stop, but morning commuters tear along Woodward (as well as Evergreen) as if there are no children walking and crossing the street all around them during those morning arrival hours to school. I've seen it first-hand waking my children to school. It's very much a safety concern and something that should be given much thought before something tragic occurs there. A stop sign on Evergreen and a speed bump on Woodward could be very beneficial, in this concerned parent's honest opinion. Thank you for giving this consideration.

Driveway visibility on east side of Yulupa. Often ignored crosswalk directly in front of Manzanita.

Dangerous crossing at rock springs & summerfield, no sidewalk on east side of summer field.

#### **Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?**

Same comments as for walking.

#### **Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Yulupa and Sacramento intersections

Yulupa Ave. and Hoen Ave. intersection is dangerous, as are intersections all along Yulupa due to fast/distracted drivers.

Same traffic concern as above — intersection of Evergreen and Woodward in our neighborhood. Thank you.

Driveway visibility on east side of Yulupa. Often ignored crosswalk directly in front of Manzanita.

#### **Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

From the corner of Hoen & Yulupa, heading south to the crosswalk in front of Manzanita.

#### **Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below**

Much appreciation looking out for the welfare and safety of our children.

Hope this survey leads to action to protect our children and not just more data collection.

## Sequoia Elementary School

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 10 Responses

**Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Vehicles drive too fast and the lack of speed enforcement is a serious concern with my children walking to school. It's a shame.

Calistoga Rd at DuPont: faded crosswalk; cars stop in the crosswalk; cars turning right do not yield to pedestrians; difficult for drivers to see pedestrians due to width of street/ multiple lanes

No sidewalks and would have to cross highway 12

Calistoga Road

Hwy is main road to school

**Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Vehicles drive too fast and the lack of speed enforcement is a serious concern with my children riding their bike to school. It's a shame.

Dangerous intersection at Calistoga Rd and DuPont. I would not let my kids bike through this intersection next to cars; they must walk their bikes and stay on sidewalks. Biking seems less safe than walking.

Dangerous crosswalk on highway 12

No bike lane or shoulder on Montgomery Drive and parts of highway 12

Hwy 12

**Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

It's simple, work with the city to make Calistoga road safer for pedestrians. We have both an elementary and high school within 1/4 mile. School zone speeds should be posted and more importantly, enforced.

Calistoga Road

**Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below**

Thanks for doing this survey. I also participated in the school district pedestrian safety meeting. Please make our crosswalks safer! I worry about our crosswalk every week.

## VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 8 Responses

**Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

The cars that pass on Yulupa Ave. Right in front of school get angry when we use the crosswalk button, they sometimes yell at us, honk horns or refuse to stop. This is dangerous and why I must be with the student to allow for walking, students do not know how to gauge on coming traffic speeds, even when we use the button it can be an unsettling adventure.

Traffic along Montgomery Drive and Yulupa

Dangerous intersections to cross Hoen Ave and Yulupa.

The shared school and district office parking lot entrance and exit by the district office. The only entryway is always backed up with vehicles blocking the sidewalk and also forces vehicles to enter via the exit way, which is not good when vehicles are trying to exit the lot as well. This bottle neck area makes it difficult to spot pedestrians as they are walking around or between vehicles that block the sidewalk. I myself have almost been hit having to walk in front of a truck block the sidewalk as another vehicle was entering via the exit way.

If we lived close enough to walk, I'd be concerned with the Hoen and Yulupa cross walks as well as Yulupa in front of the school. Cars move way too fast on those streets

Busy streets 4th street and famers In

Crossing Yulupa Ave (crossing guard with flashing lights help). My child goes to zero period band and the crossing guard isn't always there.

**Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?**

No protected bike lanes on Hoen or Yulupa which are very busy.

Equipping his bike so he can carry his instrument on band days. Also, just worry about how he would navigate into the bike cage/parking through the gates with lots of pedestrians coming and going. Need a dedicated, safe bike entrance to campus (preferably continuous with safe bike infrastructure on the street).

**Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Unsafe even though there are bike lanes- they're not well marked and cars are not respectful of bicyclists

The intersection across Hoen and Yulupa.

We live on other side of town

If we lived close enough to bike, I'd be concerned with the Hoen and Yulupa cross walks as well as Yulupa in front of the school. Cars move way too fast on those streets. It'd also be cool to have bike safety training like they did when I was a kid.

Crossing Yulupa Ave

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We haven't found a route that feels safe and comfortable yet.

NA

For my older son walking or riding from our house to spring lake middle school, the pedestrian pass through at the end of princeton ct. to mayette ave was a great, safe pass through. It doesn't show up on google maps, but there is a pedestrian only alley directly connecting the start and end of this route: <https://goo.gl/maps/vR9LRnAAs89EWzbx5>

## DOUGLAS L. WHITED ELEMENTARY

### English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 12 Responses

#### Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?

Sonoma Hwy in front of Whited is a RACETRACK OF WEST BOUND TRAFFIC IN THE MORNINGS. Zero vehicles follow the speed limit, including school buses, cops, ambulances, fire engines. It's a death trap to try and cross at Jack London. We tried and witnessed 3 rear end collisions while crossing so without ANY SUPPORT after over 20 calls to both CHP, and SRPD our only safe option is to drive and we literally live across the street from the school.

Significant speeding issue on highway 12, lack of safe crosswalks, intersections too big, too busy. Multiple private properties without ANY sidewalks at all forcing child to walk ON the sonoma highway in speeding traffic. school zone not enforced. ever.

There are issues with the crosswalk light not working. There also isn't a crossing guard on the busy street. Cars turning right never check to see if people are crossing.

The weather is a big barrier. It's often too cold or raining.

#### Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)

Sonoma Hwy and Jack London zero way to cross safe!!! NEED A PUSH BUTTON RED LIGHT TO ACTUALLY GET CARS TO STOP

Jack London- people drive above speed limit in this street all time. I've had drivers yell at me for stopping to let children cross the street to get to school and almost run over a child just to get around my car.

Crosswalk light at school at and middle Rincon has been out for multiple weeks. No crossing guard at that crosswalk when school lets in or out.

Our walk is from acacia lane to whited along highway 12. missing sidewalks on both sides and only one crosswalk at the middle rincon intersection, unguarded, school zone completely unenforced. Speeding a huge problem. Child would walk to school every day if not for the psychotic traffic and hazardous lack of infrastructure. Instead I drive two blocks in my SUV. My options are contribute to climate change or let my kid get pancaked by some sociopath doing 50 in a school zone with no sidewalks.

Intersection is School Street and Middle Rincon Road, the crosswalk lights and button do not function. There is no crossing guard at this intersection. My child has nearly been hit several times.

Walking the creek path seems questionable for safety and the cross walk on middle Rincon is good but drivers on middle Rincon do not always adhere to it

#### Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?

Same as above

Weather

#### Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)

Same as above

Highway 12 is busy in the morning and cars drive fast

Middle Rincon cross walk and creek path

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Same as above

None

Acacia Lane to Whited needs sidewalks all the way and middle rincon at 12 needs another crosswalk and traffic calming measures. The school zone needs to be enforced, and the speed limit in general needs to be enforced. Things are really bad for resident pedestrians of the neighborhood and literally impossible for anyone using mobility aids. Between Acacia and Middle Rincon along 12 there are no areas to cross the highway and sections with no sidewalks on both sides, making it impassable. The whole area is one big ADA violation and I have literally never seen anyone pulled over for speeding even though traffic routinely goes at fifty the whole way. We would love to be able to walk to school, it is only two blocks, but they are the most dangerous two blocks we've ever seen.

#### Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below

Pretty sure I made my points... the city and the police think dead kids are better than safe school speed limits being enforced

None

It would be nice if all the creeks through Santa Rosa were maintained, accessible and connected, not just some of them. They would provide a beautiful route through the city for walking and riding bikes and getting to shops and restaurants, even if I personally don't need to take one to get my child to school. The creeks nearest to my house are gated.



**SLATER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 2 Responses**

**Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?**

The ONLY barrier to biking or walking is the lack of a safe route.

**Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Child cannot safely cross the street due to speeding heavy traffic and lack of sidewalks or protected bike paths.

On Montgomery Dr at Jacqueline Dr a crosswalk is desperately needed. Jacqueline Dr directly leads to Slater MS and why there is not a crosswalk at such a busy street that leads to the school is really lacking.

**Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?**

There is not a safe place for a bike on the road. The road is too narrow and the intersection is confusing.

**Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

Montgomery Drive at Mission and crossing Montgomery Drive at Jackson Street.

We live too close to the school to bother with a bike. Walking is the best option for us.

**Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

On the corner of Mission and Montgomery is a large affordable housing complex, I have witnessed young kids riding bikes to Slater Middle and having to navigate the corner crossing, cars honking, kids are terrified. I have the privilege of being able to drive my child to school but I assume the kids on bikes parents are at work or don't own cars because the route is extremely risky. The corner must be fixed to accommodate these kids.

We cross Montgomery Dr at Jacqueline Dr and then walk straight to Slater MS.

<b>Santa Rosa French American Charter School</b>
<b>English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 26 responses</b>
<b>Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?</b>
We live too far.
Traffic in Santa Rosa is exceptionally dangerous. I have been walking and biking my children to school for eight years in Santa Rosa. Every single day we are confronted by drivers speeding through pedestrian walks and running red lights. It is incredibly unsafe. Even standing at the crosswalk with children does not stop traffic. Nor does being halfway through an intersection stop traffic; each week, drivers speed through intersections WHILE we are in the crosswalk. Traffic safety is the biggest concern period. I have three children at three different schools, and as I noted, have been walking or biking my children to school since 2014 in Santa Rosa.
It's cars. They make every possible route unsafe and unpleasant. We need more pedestrianized streets with no car traffic that are pleasant and safe for people to enjoy free of threats to life, loud noise, and fumes.
<b>Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
We have to cross Farmer's Lane at Montgomery, and the blinking yellow left turn signal light in combination with the "walk" sign is a big issue. We've nearly been hit in the crosswalk on several times.
Crossing Montgomery
Dangerous
Fairgrounds / Brookwood
Dangerous intersection
Crossing 4th street onto Talbot. A lot of people don't stop when the flashers are on.
Route is far and crosses fast/dangerous Brush Creek. Montgomery Ave and Sonoma Ave are super congested with people driving badly.
Fourth Street, Montgomery Street, Pacific at Mendocino, Yulupa, Farmers
Montgomery and Farmers intersection is dangerous for walkers/bikers as there is no bike lane and drivers are extremely aggressive in the intersection and frequently don't observe the crosswalk signals. Sonoma Ave and Farmers is slightly better with regard to biking/walking and I prefer using that intersection, though it's not the most convenient. The vacant property by St. Eugene's Catholic Church frequently has unhoused individuals coming/going from the creek on the property and that is a concern.
Sonoma Ave in general
Concern with the corner Yulupa Hoen: speeding and card turning right on Hoen not seeing pedestrian
Other intersection is Farmer's with lots of cars speeding
Driveways along Sonoma Ave are dangerous.
1. No sidewalks on preferred route. 2. The pedestrian/bike crossing light on Dutton Ave to cross the Joe Rodota trail is often missed by drivers because of the placement of it. Drivers will run red lights not knowing that pedestrians or bikers have the right of way. 2. Shady folks on walking/biking (Joe Rodota/Creek) trails, which leads us to walk on services streets. 4.. Walking on the sidewalks of Sebastopol Road is a barrier because cars are not looking out for pedestrians when leaving parking lots or cars are going from one parking lot to another one that's across the street using the suicide lane. This often makes car traffic a nightmare and pedestrians or bikers have to fend for themselves.
Sebastopol Road sidewalks are mostly driveways and walking on them with cars approaching you from all angles feels like impending doom.
We have to use the crosswalk at 4th and 12th. I would not let my children cross this street alone. Many cars don't stop even after the flashing lights start.
<b>Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?</b>
My child's backpack is SO HEAVY that he has a wheeled backpack + chromebook to carry daily + sports sack on those days he has sports. Where would he put those things on a bicycle? The amount he has had to carry is ridiculous.
Bike parking at school.
See previous note about unsafe car drivers.
Painted bike lanes are a cruel joke. Drivers are speeding, texting, impaired, flaunting all traffic rules and raging at each other and I'm supposed to trust that they will stay on the right side of a painted line... I have a hard time trusting that with my own life let alone my six year old or nine year old who are confident, experienced riders.
<b>Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
Super concerned about having kids bike on Montgomery, cross Farmer's, and continue down Sonoma. Too busy.
Fairgrounds/Brookwood

<b>Maria Carillo High School &amp; Rincon Valley Middle School</b>
<b>English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - Marilla Carillo (1 response), RVMS (6 responses)</b>
<b>Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?</b>
Santa Rosa does not have protected bike lanes. My child is a sitting target for motorists not paying attention when on his bike.
<b>Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
Intersections (Calistoga Rd & Dupont Dr), (Calistoga Rd & Montecito Blvd), (St. Mary Dr & Montecito Blvd), (Middle Rincon Rd & Montecito Blvd), and (Middle Rincon Rd & Sunshine Ave). Drivers do not wait patiently for pedestrians in the cross walks.
Mission & Montecito, fast traffic, no protection for bike lanes.
We live 1 mile outside city limits, off Wallace Rd. No sidewalk, narrow 2 lanes, sometimes inattentive drivers who don't pass bikers/joggers safely
Calistoga Rd X Hwy 12
<b>Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often? Please rate each barrier on a scale of 1-3 with 1 being not a barrier and 3 being a significant barrier.</b>
Santa Rosa needs protected bike lanes.
A major concern is the number of punctures my son get due to goat heads that are allowed to grow on Chanate. the weeds are tall and literally, get into my son's face when he rides. The roads are already terrible and there is a lack of safe bike lanes. I have brought this to the notice of the city and posted on their page but they have done nothing about it. It's an absolute shame and very discouraging to parents and students.
<b>Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
Calistoga road is a very busy street
Intersections (Calistoga Rd & Dupont Dr), (Calistoga Rd & Montecito Blvd), (St. Mary Dr & Montecito Blvd), (Middle Rincon Rd & Montecito Blvd), and (Middle Rincon Rd & Sunshine Ave). Drivers do not wait patiently for pedestrians in the cross walks.
Mission & Montecito, traffic is too fast, no protection for bike lanes.
Same reasons as for walking
Chanante & Montecito Ave.
<b>Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.</b>
Our preferred route takes Calistoga from Dupont to Badger, then Badger to RVMS. Our biggest concern is the intersection at the Montecito crossing.
Mission to Montecito- main thoroughfare- needs safety for bikes
There is only one route my child can take along Chanate and Montecito. The pavement is uneven, the lighting is terrible for motorists. It is known that cyclists have been killed by traffic on this road and yet nothing is done to ensure safety. The cycle paths are overgrown by grass and trees.
From Hwy 12: North on Calistoga, Left on Montecito, Rt on Middle Rincon
<b>Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below</b>
With regards to driving and dropping of my child at RVMS in the mornings, I would like to express my deep concern for the safety of other motorists. There is an alarming amount of illegal U-Turns occurring on Middle Rincon directly in front of the school track. Not only is this unwise and unsafe but it sets the expectation to future drivers that this maneuver is acceptable. There are several (four I think) no U-Turn signs along Middle Rincon near the corner of Badger, maybe within a 200ft stretch. They are laughably useless as they parallel the thin cement island which, for the same distance, serves as a better guard. The Santa Rosa police department would be overwhelmed with the daily number of tickets they would have to write should they ever enforced this.
Santa Rosa is a bike-unfriendly town. It clearly cares little for the safety of its students.
Hi Tina!! Happy to see you're still leading and supporting this great organization!

Traffic at these times of day is thick and unsafe for cycling
Crossing 4th street onto Talbot. A lot of people don't stop when the flashers are on.
Route crosses fast/dangerous Brush Creek.
See above
Need to ride on Mendocino Ave for about half a mile which doesn't seem safe. Would love to bike daily to school. We used to ride bikes 3x a week to pick up our kids while living in Dallas, TX on the trail they have going through the city. I wouldn't feel safe on trails alone with my kids in Santa Rosa due to homeless encampments, but also don't want to be on the main streets.
Montgomery and Farmers intersection is dangerous for walkers/bikers as there is no bike lane and drivers are extremely aggressive in the intersection and frequently don't observe the crosswalk signals. Sonoma Ave and Farmers is slightly better with regard to biking/walking and I prefer using that intersection, though it's not the most convenient. The vacant property by St. Eugene's Catholic Church frequently has unhoused individuals coming/going from the creek on the property and that is a concern. I like the concept of painting/paving a bike lane a different color such as green or clay color so alerts drivers of the space. Also Montgomery Dr is not in good condition- lots of potholes and they easily crumble- this leaves lots of debris in the bike lanes. And the street sweeping schedule isn't frequent enough to keep this clean. Montgomery Dr traffic also is 35mph, which drivers frequently exceed upwards of 50mph, so lots of sudden stops/starts, not slowing down for traffic that make turns, etc, makes biking very dangerous. People drive on Montgomery to avoid Hwy 12, but drive just as fast and hurriedly.
Crossing at Yulupa and Farmers and any cross street
Driveways along Sonoma Ave, narrow lane at Brookwood.
1. Preferred route has a crossing traffic light on a busy street (Sebastopol Rd/McMinn Ave). Cars do not always stop for pedestrians/bikers. 2. Joe Rodota trail and Creek trail isn't always safe for families to ride due to shady activity along the way. 3. Other preferred route, which gets us to the Smart train bike trail doesn't have bike lanes and cars often go faster than normal.
Barham Avenue is the only connector in this part of Roseland to get to the SMART path and there is no shoulder/sidewalk and cars routinely speed at 50+ in this 25 MPH zone because the road design allows this. It is really dangerous and discourages us from riding. Alternatively we could cross Sebastopol Rd at McMinn Ave but every single time I attempt to cross there vehicles blast through the flashing lights, nearly killing us. Same thing happens at Dutton Avenue at the Joe Rodota Crossing. Sonoma Avenue needs a parking protected lane on each side, there is plenty of room for it.
Riding on 4th street is too dangerous.
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We live on Belmont Court and walk/scoot to school through Austin way. Keeps us off 4th street and is beautiful and quite. Then we cross 4th onto Talbot and then cross Montgomery to the school. It's been a great route with flashers and crosswalks on each busy street.
We usually take neighborhood streets via bikes to Sonoma Ave from Midway Drive to French American Charter School. Sonoma is a busy road, and my daughter is 5, so she bikes on the sidewalk. I do worry about inattentive drivers or her own inattentiveness at intersections on Sonoma where traffic travels very quickly. But we have a wonderful crosswalk crossing guard with a traffic light so that part feels very safe.
all of the major roads with schools on them should have bike lanes and traffic lights at major intersections to permit school children to cross safely. Drivers run red lights DIRECTLY in front of the school WITH THE TRAFFIC CROSSING GUARD IN THE CROSSWALK.
I like the Humboldt bike route, but dread having to ride on Mendocino Ave so we avoid riding bikes to school unfortunately.
The homeless are a concern.
I have a couple preferred routes, but I don't always feel safe when I take them because other routes are worse.
1. Joe Rodota/Creek trail, unfortunately becomes a haven for folks. This makes the trails unsuitable for families to want to use the them. 2. No bike lanes on South Ave or Barham Ave, these are streets we often ride on to get to the bike trails. 3. Crossing light at McMinn Ave and Sebastopol Rd doesn't always feel safe as cars often miss the light and speed through. 4. Crossing light at Dutton Ave and the Joe Rodota Trail is often missed by cars because the placement of the lights are hard to see by drivers.
The routes I mention above go from Roseland to SRFACS but have their dangers as I outlined above. They do travel on the Santa Rosa Creek Greenway which is really nice, barring the awkward and dangerous connection from the SMART path to the trail.
<b>Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below</b>
We live in Roseland and our school is on Doyle Park Dr. It is too hard to bike to school then for my son to go to work in Healdsburg. They do bike together on the weekend though.
Thank you for doing this. I think the more we can create safer infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists, the better our environment and well being could be.

**Strawberry Elementary School**

**English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 17 Responses**

**Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?**

Mentally unstable homeless people

We live close, but have to get our eldest to Slater before my Strawberry student can be on campus so we often drop her off to school on the way back home from Slater. She doesn't like to be home alone for awhile before she has to leave for school. This may change for 5th or 6th grade

My wife will never permit our daughter to walk or bike to school because of child abductions.

**Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)**

kind of stop sign and cars often drive very fast around the corner from Rainier to King Arthur. I have seen many close calls of cars hitting pedestrians crossing that street. I feel a stop sign on Rainier at that intersection would give drivers enough pause to see pedestrians in the street on King Arthur.

The street in front of the school is very unsafe and there are constantly people double parked in the street so you have to blindly go around them. The police came one time and told everyone to move and they ignored him and he left. Unfortunately if there are no ramifications people will continue the behaviors.

Crossing Yulupa Ave from Creekside. Pedestrian crosswalk is at Yulupa and it is a very busy intersection before and afterschool because so many parents go back and forth between Yulupa Elem and Strawberry Elem. Traffic travels very fast and cars are not always courteous to walking/bike crossers.

Crossing, farmers Lane, crossing Hoen, crossing Yulupa

**Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?**

Risk of bicycle theft

My wife will never permit our daughter to walk or bike to school because of child abductions.

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Bethards and Summerfield are too busy and fast-moving

Crossing, farmers Lane, crossing hoen, crossing Yulupa

**Q49. One of our program goals is to identify and continue to improve preferred walking and/or bicycling routes to school. Do you have a preferred route or routes that you would like to share? Feel free to also share any concern that you have about that route.**

We use the paved path between Summerfield and Strawberry Park which is great.

Our child would have to navigate across farmers Lane, somehow go through the apartment complex to get to Hoen, which is not great, cross, Hoehn, and cross Yulupa and then go through the safer neighborhoods to get to school.

**Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below**

I've never understood why there aren't flashing lights at the intersection of Summerfield and where Parktrail starts. There is even a preschool on the corner of this intersection, yet there is only a crosswalk but no way to warn drivers that someone is crossing. Drivers commonly speed through that intersection and I've almost been hit with my kids in tow while trying to get across Summerfield, more than once. It's completely baffling that a flashing light and pedestrian button isn't installed.

<b>Yulupa Elementary School</b>
<b>English Safe Streets for All Parent/Caregiver Survey (2023) - 25 responses</b>
<b>Q45. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) walking to school more often?</b>
Although we live too far away from school to walk, even just the walk from our car to the campus is significantly dangerous daily. It seems that driving/traffic/parking rules are not abided by or enforced before or after school.
Both parents work outside of home & would have to backtrack if walked. Time issue
<b>Q46. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to walk to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
Busy street - Summerfield Rd
No sidewalks and crosswalk across Montgomery Drive past Mission
Busy streets
Bethards and Canterbury, we use this crosswalk and have almost been hit by cars so many times I've lost count. I would love one of those overhead flashing signs for this crosswalk like you have at Yulupa and Tacheva.
Intersection of Yulupa and Tachevah has no crossing guard. The pedestrian crosswalk is not safe for younger children because it is very busy and cars don't always stop.
Tachevah and Mesquite intersection has hundreds of kids cross daily and there is a near miss almost every day. That crosswalk needs flashing lights and better striping. It also needs better illumination for winter months.
The cross walks at mesquite/tachevah and at tamarisk ct are dangerous. The mesquite crosswalks are very dangerous even with a neon crossing guard with a stop sign and whistle.
Sidewalk conditions along hoen Ave. the blind nature of much of Yulupa not giving enough sight lines for drivers
Any crossing of Yulupa. The only reason Summerfield is safe to cross is because of the crossing guard
Canterbury Dr & Bethards.
People drive fast. No cross walk light or crossing guard available
Dangerous intersection at Holland drive and bennett valley road. Also Holland drive (which we live off of) does not have sidewalks.
Dangerous intersection at Yulupa and Techevah. I have asked the city multiple times to make the crosswalk safer but I am told the intersection is not busy enough. I cross Yulupa 4 times a day to walk my son to and from school and it is so dangerous.
Bethards and Yulupa intersection
<b>Q47. As a parent, what would you consider to be barriers to your kid(s) biking to school more often?</b>
We live too far from school, on country roads, to ride bikes to/from school
<b>Q48. Please describe any specific locations or concerns along your child's route(s) to school that are a barrier to allowing your child to bike to school (i.e. dangerous intersection at X and Y streets, faded crosswalks, narrow or missing sidewalks, lack of protected bike lanes, infrastructure hazard, etc)</b>
Turning left onto Yulupa from Creekside when heading west is gnarly since there is no light on Yulupa.
Same answer as above with Bethards and Canterbury. When biking we have to be even more strict with our kids when crossing Bethards. We walk their bikes across, and still have almost been hit multiple times.
There are no bike lanes leading to Yulupa school. Many intersections in the area still don't have ADA ramps for the sidewalks. With so many kids on bikes without bike lanes, they have to use the sidewalk for safety reasons. The lack of ADA ramps also effects all the parents with strollers.
Bethards & Yulupa
Same as above
Intersection of Yulupa and Techevah.
Yulupa Ave in general. Too much traffic.
Bethards and Yulupa intersection
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Through the neighborhoods feels fine, pulling out onto Yulupa is scary
Tachevah
Canterbury, cross Bethards & through mesquite park
I wish there were a walking school bus group that could organize a safer way to get from Strawberry to Yulupa and visa versa
<b>Q57. Please feel free to leave any additional comments below</b>
Thanks!
Whether it's the city police or the school's responsibility, the vehicle safety bear yulupa elementary is not considered. Besides reckless driving not being addressed, parking parameters/laws are not enforced - red curbs, parking near corners, parking in front of fire hydrants.