

## **Introduction**

Community Walk #1 took place at 10:00am on June 7, 2014 and was attended by approximately nine people. Attendees met at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Olympic Boulevard and proceeded to Glenside Drive and Reliez Station Road, making stops along the way to make observations. The walk lasted about two hours. The summary notes are organized by stop and reflect Stantec's understanding of the comments made by attendees during this walk.

## **Pleasant Hill Road/Olympic Boulevard**

- Morning Congestion: Left turn from Olympic Boulevard to Pleasant Hill Road. Few vehicles continue east on Olympic.
- When eastbound left turn backs up, through traffic on Olympic Boulevard uses bike lane to bypass the queue.
- At the southbound right turn, a sign restricting large trucks (No trucks over 3 tons) is placed too late to be effective—there is no reasonable path for trucks to divert once in the right turn. Need signs placed earlier on Pleasant Hill Road and on Olympic Boulevard.
- All the streets in the study corridor except Andreasen Drive have other routes for trucks to access.
- Huge buses use road frequently-teams going to games at St Mary's College.
- Video cameras are a potential solution for enforcement
- There are new plans for trail extension that will connect to Burton Valley
- The volume of recreational pedestrian and bicycle traffic on weekends is very high
- Bicycle traffic has the option of using the Lamorinda trail
- Online navigation programs such as Google Maps and Bing have, in the past, directed motorists and trucks to use the narrow and windy portion of Reliez Station Road that connect Olympic and Pleasant Hill Road where they (especially trucks) have difficulty turning left onto Pleasant Hill Road. Google appears to have resolved this issue after the City complained.
- The congestion built up at the eastbound left turn from Olympic Boulevard to Pleasant Hill Road is traffic destined to SR 24 & I-680 North, and avoiding delays on Moraga Road and Downtown Lafayette
- If widening of Olympic Boulevard is possible, it should occur in the westbound direction
- A potential configuration to make space available for widening Olympic is to consolidate both directions of bicycle lanes on one side of the street utilizing the existing trail

## **Olympic Boulevard and Reliez Station Road**

- May be an opportunity for a roundabout
- Reliez Station Road southbound right turns frequently do not stop, but there is no enforcement
- Beechwood-some people do not come via Reliez Station Road
- The southeast corner of Reliez Station Road/Olympic Boulevard houses a PG&E high pressure gas line pumping station and a fiber optic trunk junction making that corner impossible to modify

- Andreasen Drive serves a total of 16 homes
- The Keep Clear pavement marking on Reliez Station Road at Andreasen Drive has poor visibility to traffic on Reliez Station Road
- The driveway accessing the home located on the northwest corner of Beechwood Drive and Reliez Station Road egresses onto Beechwood but directly at the corner nearly invisible to drivers turning right from Reliez Station Road onto Beechwood Dr.
- Calculation of sight distance on Reliez Station Road needs to account for grade (which reduces the effective stopping distance)
- The path adjacent to Reliez Station Road was built in 1991

#### **Las Trampas Road / Richelle Court / Reliez Station Road**

- With closure of Happy Valley School the district will send the students to other schools and the traffic will impact the corridor. Burton Valley is the largest school in the district and the only school with capacity.
- The pedestrian crossings in both directions are unsafe due to poor sight distance and high speeds.
- Previously proposed ADA improvements would worsen the conditions for motorists attempting to turn from Las Trampas Road. Presently the ADA improvements are on hold indefinitely and the intersection remains non-compliant
- An cause of a collision while making a southbound left turn from Las Trampas Road to Reliez Station Road was inadequate visibility
- The parabolic mirrors installed for the benefit of Las Trampas Road and Richelle Court traffic do not function correctly due to scratched and fogged plexiglass coverings and scratches and grime on the mirrors so nobody bothers to use them except at night when headlights reflect off of the mirrors. The mirrors need to be cleaned and maintained, at a minimum, but residents are not confident that mirrors are the appropriate solution
- Consider the use of rumble strips to warn approaching drivers of the intersection crossing
- Potential solution may be to relocate the crosswalk nearer to the roadway (not clear which crosswalk is being referenced)
- Traffic generally stops for pedestrians, but occasionally drivers will not stop even with pedestrians in the crosswalk or will slam on brakes at last minute
- There have been numerous unreported crashes in the westbound direction of Reliez Station Road immediately west of Las Trampas Rd where the road curves, vehicles driving too fast would slide at the curve and leave the roadway ending up in the front yard of the adjacent home, approximately six or seven crashes occurred at this location but there has not been a crash since the City grooved the pavement
- A new guardrail was put up recently. There were seven accidents 5 to 7 years ago
- Narrowing Las Trampas Rd could be a solution
- Conduit and power supply for a traffic signal are already installed at this intersection

**Dianne Ct. / Reliez Station Road**

- Consider a traffic circle at Dianne Court to slow traffic

**Glenside Drive/ Reliez Station Road**

- Congestion in both directions (morning and evening)
- During afternoon school release time Glenside Drive backs up due to traffic from Stanley Intermediate School (3:15 pm)
- Residents of Las Trampas Road will sometimes travel indirectly to use Glenside / Reliez Station Road as an alternative to turning left from Las Trampas at the top of the hill
- Traffic conditions at 3:00 pm-northbound traveling fast while southbound is bumper to bumper