



CARRIAGE/LAUPPE SAFE SCHOOLS CORRIDOR PLAN

CITRUS HEIGHTS

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INTERACTIVE ZOOM WEBINAR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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| 1 | How does enforcement play into these plans in general? | Currently, the Citrus Heights Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Team selects locations to enforce based off of collision data and complaints. The Traffic Team uses both enforcement and education to address various concerns, and this will continue throughout the city and on the Carriage/Lauppe corridor. The Police Department enforcement team has designated officers for each school and will continue to enforce traffic safety violations. If you have any concerns, such as speeding or vehicles blocking your driveway, the Police Department encourages you to call their non-emergency line at (916) 727-5500. |
| 2 | How did you get the word out for the survey? | The survey was promoted along with today's webinar. The city collaborated with the three school (Mesa Verde High, Carriage Elementary, and Sylvan Middle) to share with their families. A sign was placed at Carriage Dr Elementary during their lunch pick up times. The survey and webinar were promoted through the city's social media (Facebook, nextdoor). Information was also included in the city's Monthly E-Newsletter in May, and fliers were mailed out fliers to all residents and property owners within 1000' of the project corridor. |
| 3 | How are you encouraging bicyclists and pedestrians to behave more safely? | <p>The District run Safe Routes to School Program provides staff who actively educate students on bicycle/pedestrian safety and encourages students to walk/ride to school. These efforts are conducted via school assemblies and classroom presentations. Carriage Drive Elementary has available bicycle and pedestrian education programs. All three schools on the corridor continuously send traffic safety messages to their students and families. Specific concerns are also addressed directly with students as necessary.</p> <p>The Citrus Heights Police Department hosts educational events multiple times a year including assemblies and events to discuss general traffic safety, kids safety, bicycle safety, and pedestrian safety. These education events are offered and presented at numerous schools throuout the city. In addition, enforcement plays a crucial role in education. When one student is cited for a traffic safety violations (such as not wearing a helmet) word spreads quickly to other students.</p> |
| 4 | What can we do about a crossing guard? | Neither the city nor the school district currently have a crossing guard program. Part of the Carriage/Lauppe Safe Schools Corridor Plan is to evaluate the feasibility, steps to start a new program, costs, and best practices of a Citrus Heights citywide crossing guard program. Recommendations regarding crossing guards is still under evaluation and we anticipate having more information to share in the coming months. |
| 5 | Carriage and Calvin would benefit from a high visibility crosswalk. Can that be done? | Yes. This intersection is included in the proposed list of intersections for high visibility crosswalks. |

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| 6 | Will crosswalks also have stop signs? | Not all crosswalks will have stop signs. Installation of stop signs must be based on the amount of vehicles/pedestrians/bicyclists entering the intersection during all hours of the day. Along the Carriage/Lauppe corridor, some intersections will have crosswalks with stop signs, others yield, and some will remain uncontrolled. The location of each is shown on the concept drawings. |
| 7 | Will the curbs on the Lauppe Lane curve be raised with the raised roadway? or will they be the same height? | The curbs will remain at a constant height. Other treatments may be installed. These design details will be worked out during the detailed design phase of the project. |
| 8 | For the RRFB, how long do the flashing lights stay on? Kids do not always walk quickly across the street. | The time the flashing lights are on is typically calculated based on the length of the crossing. However, this time can be increased by the city's Traffic Engineer depending on use and behavior at each location. |
| 9 | Calvin and carriage gets crossed from each side by students. But there is only one section designated for crossing. Can that be improved? | Sometimes, it is best to have only one crosswalk at an intersection to minimize the conflicts in the roadway and increase safety for all users. The current concept drawings only show the crossing on one side of this intersection. However, we will evaluate the possibility of a marked crosswalk on both sides of this intersection. |
| 10 | Is it possible to install Speed Humps on Carriage Drive between Mesa Verde High School and Calvin Drive to slow down people? | Yes. Both alternatives propose speed humps along Carriage Drive. |
| 11 | If vertical curbs are installed on Carriage Drive, how would these affect the residential driveways as they are already high? | Replacing the existing rolled curbs with vertical curbs will require the front portion of each private driveway to be reconstructed. The new drive would dip lower toward the street. Currently, one of the complaints we sometimes hear regarding rolled curbs is that private vehicles scrape the bottom when entering their driveway. The new driveway approaches would help with that issue. In addition, vertical curbs will clearly define where driveways begin and end. This may help reduce the amount of vehicles that block driveways while parked/stopped for school drop off/pickup. |
| 12 | Do the vertical curbs make it more difficult for students on bikes? | No, vertical curbs will not make it more difficult for bicyclists. Vertical curbs will provide extra protection for pedestrians and bicyclists on the sidewalk or shared use path. These curbs will stop vehicles from parking partially on the sidewalk, providing extra space for non-motorized users. Vertical curbs will have no effect on the bicyclists who choose to ride in the on-street bicycle lanes. |
| 13 | Will there be enough room for cars to go around the circular intersection from Kania Avenue and turn left on to Carriage Drive? | Yes, there will be enough room for passenger vehicles and emergency vehicles to make the turns at the circular intersections. To see a similar circular intersection to the one that is proposed at Carriage Dr/Kanai Ave, please visit the intersection of Spicer Dr/Sperry Dr in the city of Citrus Heights. |
| 14 | In Alternative 1, some residents will not be able to park in front of their homes but can park across the street in front of someone else's home. How many homes does this affect? | There are 38 houses on the east side of Carriage Drive with the proposed widened sidewalk which would have no on-street parking in front of their properties if Alternative 1 is implemented. |

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| 15 | Will this presentation be posted online for review or for those who missed? If so, where? | Yes, a recording of the presentation will be posted on the City's website (www.citrusheights.net/944). In addition to the recorded posting, a copy of the presentation slides, poll results and Q&A will be posted on the website. |
| 16 | How can we slow traffic and speed down Carriage Drive? People often do not stop at the sign on Carriage Drive at Calvin Drive. We need speed bumps on this road. | Speed humps are proposed throughout the corridor. In addition, many of the other proposed improvements are intended to reduce vehicular speeds: - Curb extension will slow turning vehicles - Narrowed travel lanes and wider bike lanes has also been shown to reduce vehicles speeds - Roundabouts and circular intersection require lower speeds. When some or all of these are installed together on a common corridor, the effects are compounded. To report stop sign violations, please call the Citrus Heights Police Department's non-emergency line at (916) 727-5500 for enforcement. |
| 17 | During school hours parents are blocking driveways to pick up children. Can we please give them a parking area somewhere or enforce this better? | Right now parking is permitted on-street is this is not proposed to change except as noted in specific areas on the concept plans. Vertical curbs will help identify driveway locations. Currently, with consistent rolled curbs it is sometimes hard to tell where driveways begin and end. Vertical curbs can help define driveways and ensure vehicles know appropriate locations to park to minimize the amount of vehicles blocking driveways. There is not a lot of additional space in the public right-of-way to accommodate any more parking. However, we are looking at the school's onsite circulation and will be working further with school principals regarding their parking lots and on-site parking. If a vehicle blocking your driveway, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number at (916) 727-5500 for enforcement. |
| 19 | If the driveway off of Carriage (mid-block) will be closed to emergency vehicles only, will the drop off area be changed, also? Right now it is simplest to pull into that driveway to access the drop off in the fenced/railed off area. | We have not designed the detail of the inside of the school parking lots, yet. If the driveway on Carriage were to be closed to passenger vehicles, and only open to emergency vehicles only, it would require a change in the parking lot circulation. However; by providing more stacking space in the parking lots we are hoping the drop-off pick up will work better, overall. We have been looking in detail on how the parking lot entries and exits interact with traffic on Carriage Drive. Currently, traffic backs up from the Carriage Drive Elementary parking lot onto Carriage Dr blocking traffic and making it difficult to drive on the corridor during arrival and dismissal times. Although it is posted "no left turn", vehicles continue to turn left out of the parking lot, causing additional safety and operational concerns. By closing this driveway we are able to address these, and other issues. |
| 20 | Will the district bring back busing? | The District stopped regular student busing in 2010 during the economic downturn and took that funding and put it in the classrooms. Although it is possible to reverse that change, it is not likely the community would want to remove funding from the classrooms to bring back busing. The District welcomes anyone to get in touch with the Board of Trustees and provide your input on that. |

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| 21 | Have you looked into the bell times for each of the three schools and how they relate to each other? | There was a change made this past year from a 5 min difference in starting bell times to 10 minutes. That change greatly improved the traffic flow in front of and within the school parking lots. It didn't solve the problem, but made it much better. We will consider additional changes, but also recognize that the three schools on the corridor do work together. We must be careful not to solve one problem only to create a new one. |