

Appendix B: Comments Received by the Public

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Public Comments Collected Via the Comment Box

Note: The following is a list of the comments open house attendees recorded on comment cards provided and collected at the open house sign-in tables from each of the four Pedestrian Master Plan Workshops:

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center (Southwest Chula Vista)

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center (Northwest Chula Vista)

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center (Northeast Chula Vista)

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School (Southeast Chula Vista)

They are transcribed here exactly as they appear on the comment cards.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #1

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center

- It all looks good to me. If it is serious it is the time for the area to do it.
- It was helpful and nice to see the maps.
- This has been a pleasure in attending the SD&E – HEAC. It was very interesting and affirmative. We need more functions like these.
- Project for cameras in intersections with heavy traffic in south west 31 locations for police departments (lights for traffic in the schools).
- Speed limits on Albany St. and Orange
- La Areade hardorside pornef major walkside major sequeredad para los ninos y los pateones poniluan luces y boridos con rampas.
- It's a great satisfaction to see all the improvements that are going on with this project for all the families that spend time in and around our community. Most important is the quality of life for us and our children and their education.
- Thank you!
- We need lights more lights for Castle Park Middle School. The lights that are there cannot be seen and a lot of people might be hit.
- We need sidewalks! It is unfair that we do not have sufficient sidewalks and it is evident that those of us in the center and north do not have a voice.
- You are doing great work. But the area that we need to beautify or make more attractive is 3rd and Palomar it is very busy shopping area.

- Stop lights change to fast. There are not too many sidewalks. The sidewalks have holes sometimes. We need more sidewalks and stops. The streets have to be made more safe.
- The sidewalk goes too early and the 2nd and orange there is a lot of trash and dirt street and to put lights on the Otay parks there is a lot of graffiti.
- Very interesting pedestrians should feel safer on the streets of Chula Vista day or night.
- The presentation was very well organized and laid out. I really enjoyed how at each station a person would explain the information found on all the posters. It made it more enjoyable.
- There needs to be more sidewalks in the schools. The light needs to turn slower. There also needs to be like parks with greener grass. You need lights in Palomar and Otay Park that are on a certain time so we can play at night so we would be more secure in the community.
- We need crosswalk between Hilltop and 3rd. Lights on Quintard by Castle Park Middle School. Streets on Orange need new pavement.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #2
 Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center

- I feel very happy that we have an excellent master plan and pedestrian plan. The community is important in the decisions that affect the city. Our priorities are Vista School and Square and Chula Vista Middle School. Thanks for taking us into account.
- J and South F St. has broken bricks. Speed on 3rd from E to H St.
- All of the information was very interesting. It helps a lot to be able to control all the plans for the city and benefits the children and adults.
- I feel a little more sure about improvements in our community because first and foremost are the school crossings and also for cyclists to have a place to ride that is not on the shoulder since it puts them in danger. There needs to be a stop sign at Park Way and 4th because I am concerned about accidents.
- Existing concerns: L St. Sidewalks (just west of 805) are right on the street (no parking) so cars speed along just inches from pedestrians. Its hopeful that the city departments & schools are working together to make the city more safely walkable.

- Encouraging parents and children to walk to school is a great plan! Its very Impressive all the work that has been done to make CV more walkable & safer for pedestrians. There are so many benefits for all of us. Thank you!
- There needs to be a traffic light for the crosswalk for the kids. The kids are running across the street.
- Slow SCHOOL signs needed near 3rd and H and also 3rd and Alvarado near St. Rose Lima School
- Education needed to alert pedestrians to stop and look both was before entering crosswalks at 4 way stop signs. Also, drivers need to look before opening car doors next to street. Very dangerous for cyclists as well as cars coming along.
- High priority maps really helped visualize future projects. Patient and well informed presenters.
- Love to have the opportunity to discuss issues around my neighborhood that need to be addressed.
- Label all cut curbs as disabled access as per ADA. Wider sidewalks 2 lanes in high pedestrian traffic areas. Skateboarder issue/parks. School Access pedestrian crosswalks w. buttons, lights, and yellow.
- Need a light on 2nd and Quintard in Chula Vista. Traffic Light.
- I would like to listen to a police talk about tips to pedestrians home safety or something of public interest to our community in Chula Vista. Neighborhood watch programs.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #3
 Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center

- Safe resource to school
- Safe routes to school
- Very intense and interesting – the improvements to the city sidewalks
- There is a cinderblock wall at the east end of Gotham in Southwest College Estates that is an enormous detractor of safe pedestrian access to Southwest College on the west and commercial districts on the east. At minimum, a pedestrian through-way should be provided to allow children and families to avoid H Street or Otay Lakes Road and the high traffic volumes and speeds.

- The intersection of Calle la Quinta and Mt. Miguel has high traffic speeds. Mt. Miguel from Proctor Valley to SR-125 has high traffic speeds
- MacKenzie Creek Road between Lane and Rocking Horse – drivers do not respect traffic speeds. Parked cars block visibility for the children to cross.
- I do not live in this area, but I visit my friends on MacKenzie Street, and it is very dangerous. Please check the speeds.
- Recommend providing an electronic copy of the existing conditions report.
- Open Gotham to bikes and peds please.
- Looks like a logical process – maps look good. Priority projects probably should be in western Chula Vista.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #4
 Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School

- Was not sure of the set-up of this open house. Would have been more clear to move from station to station if explained upon arrival. Missing a formal introduction.
- I have personal pleasure in seeing that western Chula Vista is not forgotten and that the streets are going to get better – hopefully this is not just planning and will be implemented. Also, getting rid of the graffiti in the streets will make people feel safer.
- Good information – stations were extremely helpful in assisting the explanation of visual aids.
- Overall excellent presentations. Station 4, Project 11 is really needed. I don't see it getting approved though, due to cutbacks. The Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan is great!
- Thank you for your focus on sidewalks and safe crossings.
- Improving the city for pedestrians and those with disabilities is very important to begin to show that the city is serious about safety.
- Otay Elementary School between Main and Orange – the street is very dark and can't read the signs. A light is necessary. The intersections of Jones, Orange, and Main have a lot of graffiti. F Street and Albany has no light and no police presence.

- The Bayfront area needs much help – this area is low income, and improving this area would give the city a different impression. East H Street needs improvements and better traffic control. There have been several accidents due to speed.
- Regarding downtown Chula Vista, I think it is important to slow down traffic with speed bumps and tabletop crosswalks. It is important not to have bulb-outs that prevent right turns at corners like 5th and F. Bulb-outs at mid-block crosswalks should not remove existing parking places.
- The master plan is great as a source to guide the community and it is important to help the safety of communities and schools by reducing the speed of traffic. There are sidewalks that need repair and liquor stores near schools. Your work is awesome. Thank you for working so that communities have more freedom and safety for people to live in them.

Public Comments Collected Via the Workshop Stations

Note: The following is a list of the comments open house attendees recorded on easel paper provided at each of the four workshop stations from each of the four Pedestrian Master Plan Workshops. The comments are organized by the subject of the four workshop stations and are transcribed here exactly as they appear on the easel paper.

Station 1 – Existing Conditions

Station 2 – Policies and Programs

Station 3 – School Area Assessments

Station 4 – High Priority Improvement Projects

Station 1: Existing Conditions

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #1

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center

- Orange Avenue from Hilltop to 2nd Street needs crosswalks.
- Youth population in West Chula Vista is declining due to families moving to the East.
- On Park and 4th Street there are lots of children and lots of civic/sports uses. This intersection is very dangerous – participant saw someone get hit.
- 3rd and H Street around Rosalina has pedestrian safety issues.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #2

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center

- A flashing green signal would be helpful to warn drivers that the signal is about to go yellow/red.
- Telegraph Canyon Road would benefit from speed humps at Melrose and Hilltop.
- Telegraph Canyon has street racing due to lack of enforcement and driveways.

- Investigate moveable speed humps.
- Oleander north of Telegraph Canyon Road (before J Street) has blind corners and could benefit from speed humps.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #3
 Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center

- Need a 3rd Avenue streetscape plan.
- Find out about H Street transit center (SANDAG).
- Draft pan – end of November and go to council Jan, 2010.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #4
 Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School

No comments recorded at this station

Station 2: Policies and Programs

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #1
 Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center

- 3rd Avenue buildings are a distraction
- 3rd Avenue and Palomar Street have unattractive building facades.
- Orange Avenue between Albany and Main Street has traffic congestion and speed issues.
- Lack of respect for posted speed limits.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #2
 Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center

- Adults (mothers especially) cross illegally with kids, teaching them bad behaviors.
- Walking school buses – do parents and/or kids get tired of the activity?

- Park Way/4th Street turning left off of Parkway – you must pull out to see pedestrians crossing. There is lots of school traffic – signaled intersection rather than stop sign and warning signage.
- Kids biking on sidewalks due to lack of bike lanes, causing pedestrian / bicycle conflicts.
- Pedestrian safety along L Street from Melrose to Nacion: People entering and exiting freeway, exceeding speed limits. Maybe a buffer next to the sidewalk to increase safety and sense of security?
- It's helpful when multiple city departments are working together to improve pedestrian safety.
- Pedestrians jump out into crosswalks after cars have started to cross. It happens often at 4-way stops on 2nd Avenue.
- Pedestrians need to stop and look to see if cars are already in the roadway crossing.
- 2nd Avenue between I and H Streets – drivers get out of their parked cars without looking and could collide with pedestrians or bikes. It would be good safety to teach parents and children to stop and look before they get out of the car.
- 3rd and H Street needs school warning signage.
- Distribute brochures in churches and schools and have representatives come and speak to children.
- Upgrade curb ramps to include truncated drives – people don't know what they are when they are not marked properly.
- In high pedestrian use areas multi use paths should have separated lanes for bikes/skateboards and pedestrians to prevent conflicts.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #3

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center

- Need better police enforcement
- Bike parking and bike lanes

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #4

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School

- Parking should not be removed from the front of businesses to accommodate wider sidewalks and curb extensions

- More education on how to walk safely and legally
- Speed bumps can be effective for traffic calming on low-speed roadways
- People avoid speed bumps
- Pedestrian signal phases need to be longer for elderly people and children to cross. Kids have to run and elderly people have to stop at median (specifically at H Street and F Street crossings).
- Longer phases where there are pedestrian-attracting land uses such as schools and libraries.
- School signage is missing at the middle school near Quintard and 2nd Avenue.

Station 3: School Area Assessments

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #1
 Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center

- Montgomery School: There is no crosswalk in front of the exit gate.
- Broadway / G Street: Lots of pedestrian accidents. Lots of times the cars keep going because no one is killed and the accidents are not reported. The increment time for the crosswalk is not coordinated so the pedestrians can cross first.
- Rice / 4th and K intersection: Heading west on K turning north (right) onto 4th drivers don't pay attention to pedestrians when trying to cross.
- General: Sex offenders in school areas. Since there is a lot of student drop off – pick up put pedestrian push buttons to activate pedestrian beacons like they did at Sweetwater high. It really improved pedestrian activity.
- Vista Square / Vance Street between Broadway and Smith: Business seems slow because of smokers outside of the club. There is constantly a lot of smoke and it goes toward the sidewalk so the pedestrians get it. It's not pleasant or healthy and its near a school.
- Feaster / E and Jefferson: Put a stop sign to cross the street and mark the sidewalk.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #2
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center

- Castle Park / 2nd and Quintard intersection: People don't respect the stop signs so residents suggest putting in traffic lights.
- High number of students at drop-off and pickup times - Put pedestrian push button to activate flashing lights and improve crosswalks like they did at Sweetwater High School, it really improved pedestrian activity
- Arroyo Vista Elementary School – School House Rd & Hunte Parkway Intersection – People jaywalking, no crossing allowed

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #3
Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center

- Stone Gate & Duncan Ranch Road - Eastlake Middle School students take a long time to cross and cause traffic back-up, Safety Patrol and/or crossing guard should be present to control kids crossing and allow traffic flow
- Marshall Elementary School – Mackenzie Creek Road between Rocking Horse Drive & Lane Road – Vehicles speeding (no one drive at 25 mph), cars parked and there is no visibility for pedestrians – need more police enforcement

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #4
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School

- Otay Elementary School – Albany Avenue from Main Street to Orange Ave – Going northbound) there is not enough public lighting on the right side, the darkness causes delinquency and people selling drugs can be seen – Install a better public lighting system and more police surveillance
- Otay Elementary School – Graffiti in alleys between Main Street & Orange Ave – More lighting on the alleys and more police surveillance
- Otay Elementary School – There are a lot of accidents at the Albany Avenue & Orange Avenue intersection – install a traffic signal there
- Lauderbach Park - Too many homeless people, lack of maintenance (eg. dry and yellow lawn) – needs more maintenance

Station 4: High Priority Improvement Projects

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #1

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – Otay Recreation Center

No comments recorded at this station

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #2

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – Parkway Recreation Center

- H Street and 3rd Avenue – fix the sidewalk breaks (all over Chula Vista).
- 3rd and H/Alvarado needs warning signage due to frequent pedestrian cross street traffic from church, school, and parking.
- Glover Avenue (cul-de-sac) needs pavement (deep grind), its been on the list for over 8 years.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #3

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Monteville Recreation Center

- Citizen really likes the crossing treatments at Harborside Elementary School and wants to see more of that at other elementary schools (Vista Elementary in particular).
- Main St. near Melrose/805 to Hilltop has no sidewalks, making it difficult to walk along.
- Main St. (between Melrose and Maple) has uneven intersection (unaligned, offset). There are traffic and merging problems.

City of Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan Open House Workshop #4

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Heritage Elementary School

- East H Street (along entire corridor) needs more lighting (pedestrians are being hit)

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