

SAN ANTONIO/ RENGSTORFF/ DEL MEDIO NEIGHBORHOOD AREA FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Follow-up Responses to Issues Raised at the May 26, 2016
Council Neighborhood Committee Meeting

Presented below are the City's responses to questions requiring follow-up from the April 21, 2016 Council Neighborhood Committee meeting with the San Antonio/ Rengstorff/ Del Medio neighborhood Area. If you have further questions about any of the following responses, please contact the responsible Department at the phone numbers noted below. General questions can be directed to Vera Gil, Project Manager - Affordable Housing at (650) 903-6379.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6311

1. What can be done about the "cut through" traffic on Del Medio?

The City has a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) that addresses residents' concerns about speeding and cut-through traffic. In accordance with the NTMP, if 25% or more traffic on a street is cut-through traffic then that street qualifies for traffic calming to discourage cut-through traffic. Please keep in mind that cut-through traffic includes those vehicles that avoid congestion on main streets and use residential neighborhood streets as a short cut. Traffic that originates or ends in the neighborhood is not considered cut-through traffic. The residents can submit an NTMP petition to the City Traffic Engineer to initiate the program. Please contact Lorenzo Lopez, Senior Traffic Engineer, at 650-903-6311 or Lorenzo.lopez@mountainview.gov to obtain a copy of the petition form or if you have any questions about the NTMP process.

2. Is a blinking pedestrian crossing light being installed on El Monte Avenue near Marich Way?

The City Council has provided funding for pedestrian-related improvements to the intersection of El Monte Avenue and Marich Way. Beginning in fall 2016, the City will analyze what improvements are most appropriate. The improvements may include a "blinking" pedestrian crossing light. Residents who live close to the intersection will be notified of opportunities to provide input to the selection of the improvements.

3. The traffic on Rengstorff Avenue is very heavy and is becoming a major safety concern, especially when crossing the CalTrain tracks. What can be done to correct these problems?

The intersection of Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway is owned and operated by the County of Santa Clara. The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) controls the signal at railroad crossings. JPB is working with the County and the City of Mountain View to add additional signage and striping to better guide motorists, bicycle riders and

pedestrians through the intersection. This project is currently under design and should be implemented in 2017.

4. *I am really concerned about the increased lack of parking, particularly on Latham Street near the 7-Eleven store. There are so many cars parked on this street that it makes it difficult and dangerous for two cars to drive/fit simultaneously in both directions. Can anything be done about this?*

Latham Street is about forty feet wide in front of the 7-Eleven store, which is wide enough for parking on both sides of the street and driving lanes. Since most of the apartments and businesses in the area are older buildings and constructed with insufficient on-site parking, the on-street parking is heavily used. However, the width of Latham Street east of Escuela Avenue in front of Castro Park is narrower (about 30 feet) which makes driving lanes appear even more narrow. Since parking demand is so great in the area, removing on-street parking will make parking demand more severe. Also, removing on-street parking while making driving lanes wider may encourage speeding.

The City is currently working on a capital improvement project to create a bike boulevard on Latham Street from Showers Drive to Shoreline Boulevard and on Church Street from Shoreline Boulevard to Calderon Avenue. This project will look at Latham/Church Street holistically, conduct community outreach and develop concept plan for Latham/Church Street that may include removal of on-street parking at certain sections of Latham/Church Street. This project is currently underway and the planning stage should be completed in fall 2017.

5. *Mount Vernon Court is a small cul-de-sac that is experiencing speeding motorists. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour, can this be reduced? What traffic calming measures can be implemented?*

Mount Vernon Court is a short cul-de-sac and it is unlikely that drivers can speed over 25 miles per hour on such a short street. In accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the speed limit of 25 mph is the lowest speed that police can enforce. The CVC allows us to install 15 mph speed limit on certain streets in Mountain View that are contiguous to school grounds and the 15 mph speed is only enforceable during times when school children are present on the street. Per the CVC, Mount Vernon Court does not qualify for 15 mph speed limit as it is not contiguous to school grounds.

6. *I am noticing a lot of broken sidewalk, especially in front of Mariano Castro Elementary School. When will the sidewalks be repaired?*

Street personnel recently repaired the uneven portions of sidewalk near the school on Escuela Avenue and Latham Street. If you see additional areas of uneven or broken sidewalk, please report those to us using Ask Mountain View at <https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=128> or by calling 650-903-6329.

7. *What is the MVgo shuttle and what is the schedule?*

MVgo is a service of the Mountain View Transportation Management Association, a nonprofit organization focused on improving multimodal transportation access and connectivity in and around the City of Mountain View. Although the MVgo Shuttle route targets the Mountain View job centers, the MVgo shuttle service is fare-free and open to the public. For more information on the MVgo Shuttle schedule and route, please visit <http://mvgo.org/maps-and-schedule.html>.