

Alvarado Elementary Safe Routes to School Improvement Plan DRAFT

Site Assessment held on March 21, 2014

Cesar Chavez Park

- Establish formal Park & Walk location from this park. Consider organizing a Walking School Bus from this drop-off point.

2 Granger Avenue at Smith Street

- Study reconfiguration of intersection, including:
- curb extension to remove merging space on west side of intersection.
- high-visibility crosswalk on west side of intersection with rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFB) and in-pavement YIELD paddle.
- upgraded curb ramps with tactile dome strips.
- consider restriping 2-to-1 lane merge on Smith Street to the east of the railroad tracks at Tidewater Drive, with a single through lane and a drop right-turn lane onto to Granger Avenue.

3 Smith Street Sidewalks

- Repair sidewalk on north side of the street where upheaval has created uneven surfaces.
- Widen sidewalks on both sides of the street between UPRR right of way and New Haven Street

Smith Street at Fredi Street

- Stripe red curb on north side of intersection.
- Refresh existing red curb on each side of Fredi St.

5 Fredi Street

- Seek City and District approval to run drop-off valet with parent volunteers and 4th/5th grade safety patrol.
- Post "No U-Turn" signs if allowed by City.
- Work with District and City to reconfigure Alvarado Middle School drop-off loop so parents cannot use street side of loop for drop-off; replace "no parking" signs with "no stopping".

Fredi Street at Horner Street

- Stripe red along the curb at each corner of the intersection and stripe advance stop bars to improve pedestrian visibility.

Remote Drop-Off Locations

- Work with local church and businesses to designate their parking lots as remote drop-off locations during the morning.

8 Alameda Creek & Rail Road right-of-way

Short term - include recommendation in school circulation plan to use creek pathway instead of railroad.

Long term - study creation of direct bike/ped connection between Alameda Creek pathway and Tidewater Drive.

This would require cooperation and easement rights from railroad operator.

9 School Circulation Plan

- Develop recommended circulation plan for parents, distribute among parents as part of back-to-school efforts.