





PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SR2S) CYCLE 10 SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CIP #13-008 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014, 7:00 PM



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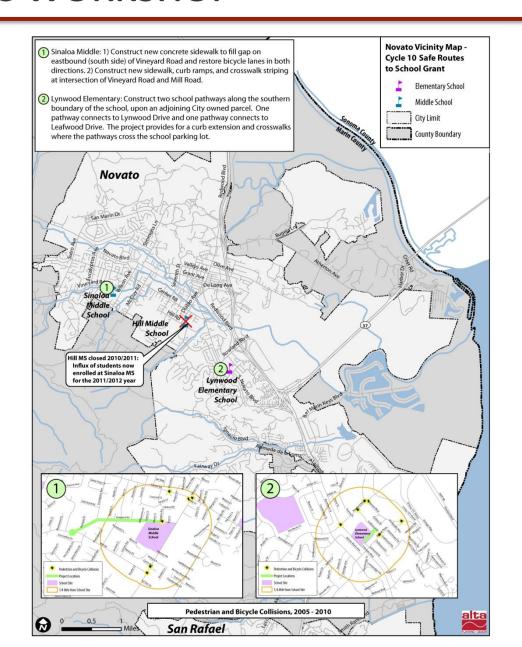


PROJECT OBJECTIVES

In 2012 the City filed an application with the California Department of Transportation for a Safe Routes to School (Cycle 10) Grant designated to improving walking and biking to schools. The application addressed improvements for Lynwood Elementary and Sinaloa Middle School. The application was approved and the City was notified of a grant award in the amount of \$441,600 for the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) Cycle 10.



PROJECT LOCATIONS





SCOPE OF WORK



There is a striped walkway to the back school entrance from the school parking gate, but ithere are no pedestrian connections to it from Leafwood Drive.



The parking lot at Lynwood Elementary School is very congested and difficult for pedestrians to navigate.

LYNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCESS PATHS

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Issues

- Lynwood Elementary has no direct, continuous walking path to the main entrance from either Lynwood or Leafwood
- 2. Lynwood Drive sidewalk ends at school entrance, forcing students out of direction and across main vehicular entrance onto narrow sidewalk.
- 3. Access from the north (Leafwood Dr) is especially awkward for all modes, with a pinchpoint at the roundabout approach and a jog at the back gate separating the school lot from a city-controlled parking area. This condition may be contribut-ing to erratic behavior of vehicles and pedestrians during the busy drop-off and pick-up periods.
- A wide, grassy strip of land sits directly adjacent (southeast) of the parking lot, with a chain link fence separating the school parcel from a public utility right-of-way.











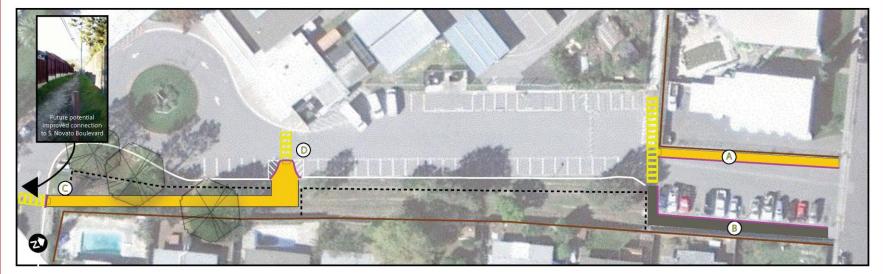




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PROPOSED CONDITIONS





School Pathway Connections

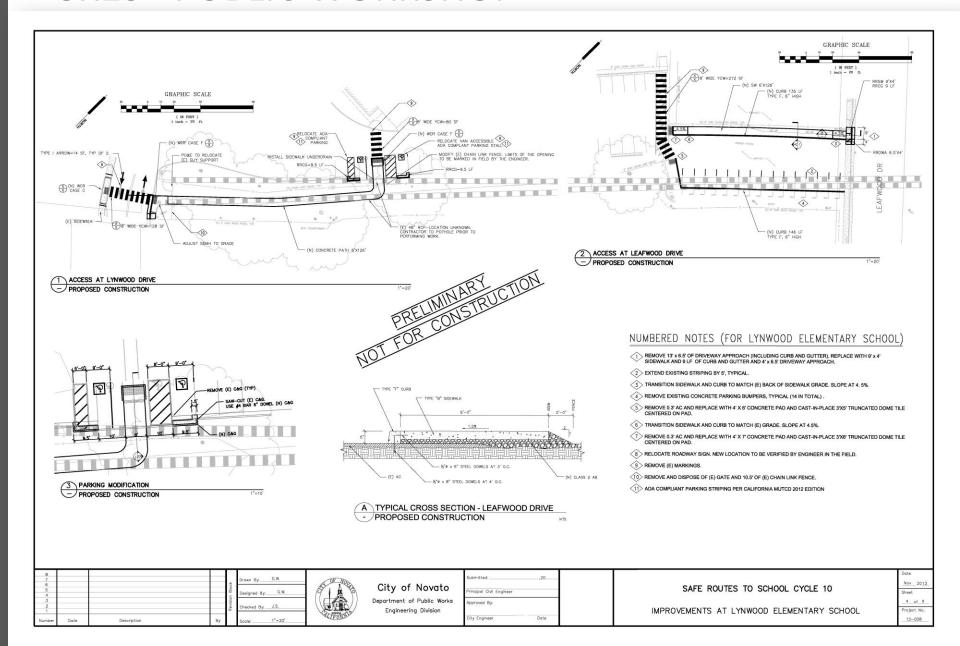
- Construct a 6-foot concrete sidewalk with curb and provide high visibility crosswalk to link pathway(s) to school yard.
- Relocate parking away from fence; construct a new Type-F concrete barrier to develop an alternative pedestrian route through parking
- Construct a 6-foot concrete pathway from end of existing sidewalk around drop-off/ pick-up zone to school entrance. Include receiving curb ramp for future potential pathway extension.
- Construct curb extension at perpendicular parking zone and high visibility crossing to school entrance. Modify parking as needed to maintain existing number of accessible parking stalls.



The new pathway from the front entrance to the existing sidewalk network on Lynnwood Drive will provide a new continuous route through the parking lot, and could one day be extended along the existing utility easement to bike lanes on S. Novato Blvd.







SCOPE OF WORK

Sinaloa Middle School *Existing Conditions Photos*



Poor sidewalk and drainage conditions cause students to leap to avoid puddles and tripping hazards, limiting accessibility and demand for walking and biking to school.

These students are jaywalking to cross the street between parked cars because the sidewalk to their left has abruptly ended.

Closing the sidewalk gap on Vineyard Road will reduce these unsafe crossings, as well as instances of kids walking in the travel lanes against traffic.











SCOPE OF WORK





Existing Conditions

- Skewed "Y" intersection results in high vehicle approach speeds, poor sight distances, and longer pedestrian crossings along an important school commute route.
- Traffic island lacks sidewalks, and intersection lacks curb ramps and crosswalks where sidewalks do exist.

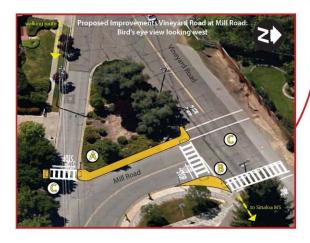
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- Construct 4' concrete sidewalk on east side of traffic island and receiving curb ramp at existing south sidewalk
- Reconstruct the east corner of Mill and Vineyard Rd with new curb ramps and reduced turning radii.
- Stripe three high visibility crosswalks (two new) and remove unnecesary crosswalk at west approach to Vineyard/Mill.

Sinaloa Middle School Access Improvements













Existing Conditions

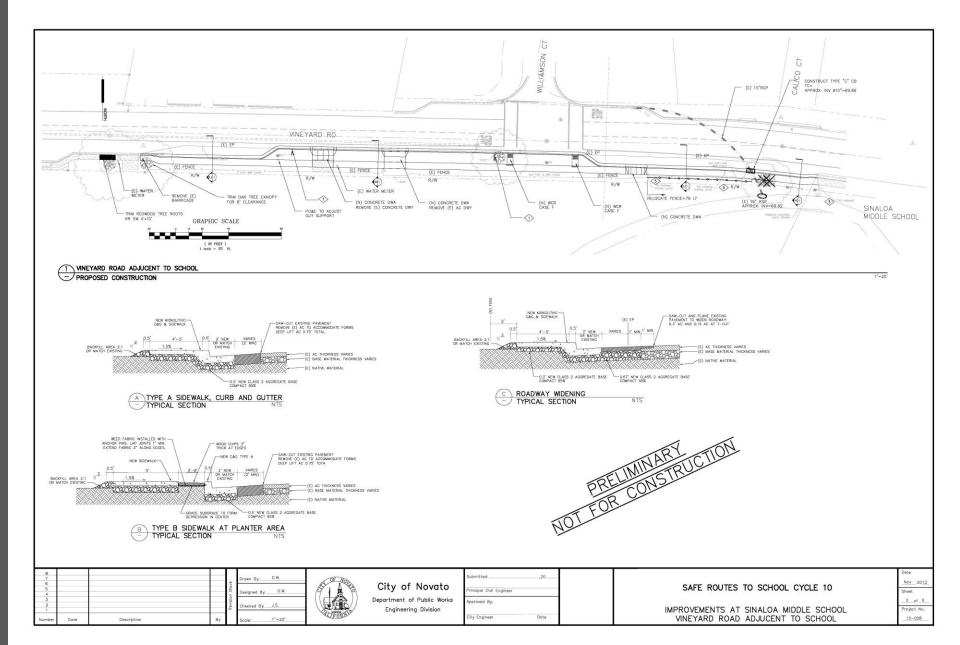
- Vineyard Road is a collector arterial that provides direct access to Sinoloa Middle School and downtown Novato from western neighborhoods.
- Vineyard Road has an approximately 750' gap in the sidewalk network immediately adjacent to the school entrance.
- The unimproved shoulder is a barrier to striping bicycle lanes along
 Vineyard Road, which otherwise has sufficient right-of-way width.

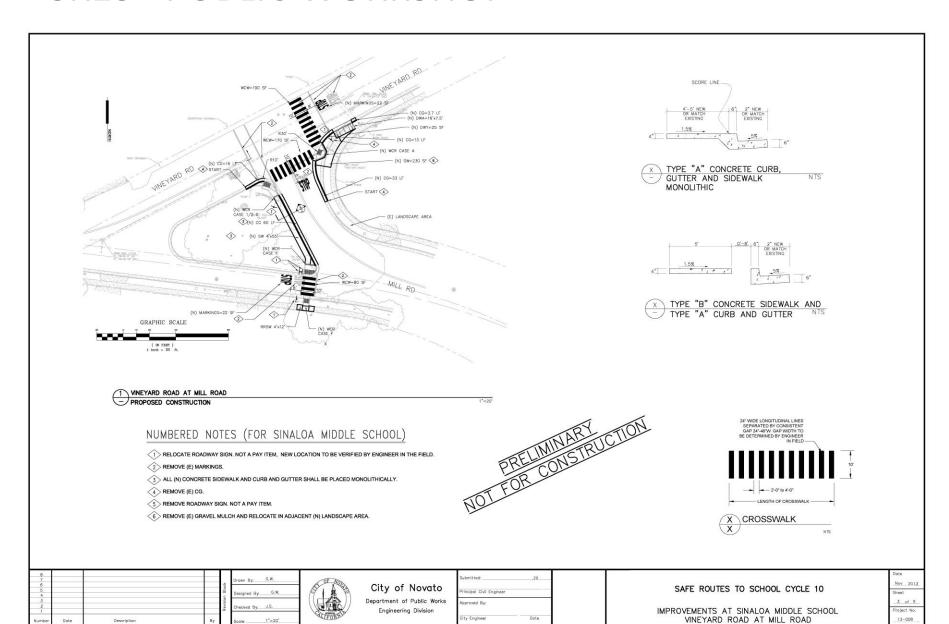
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- Construct approximately 750' linear feet of concrete sidewalk to fill existing gap along the south side of Vineyard Road. Reconstruct sidewalk due to tree damage.
- (E) Re-stripe Vineyard Road from Eucalyptus Avenue to Calico Court with Class II bicycle lanes.

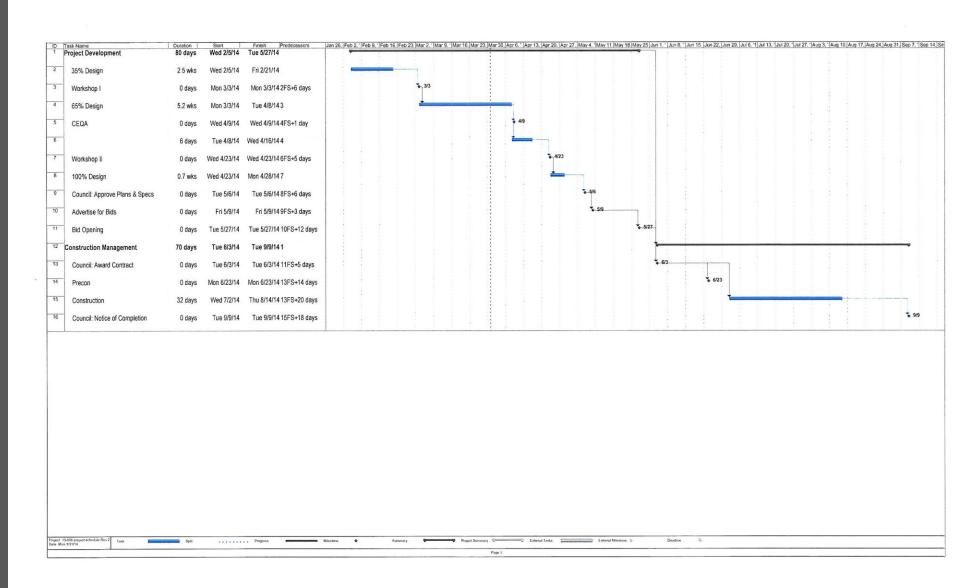








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THANK YOU FOR COMING



