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Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

Good work in getting license plate. My understanding is that the Highway Patrol monitors traffic in County areas, which is where we are. The sheriff monitors other crime. I suggest you attend a home owners association meeting to discuss this matter. Perhaps they would consider printing something in the Bulletin? Perhaps residents can start a program of taking license plate numbers and forwarding them to the appropriate agency? Perhaps camera' can be placed around the Hollow? I think that would relieve the burden placed on residents. You can also contact your supervisor, who also lives in the Hollow. Perhaps you can set up a meeting with a representative of the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff' office to discuss remedies. Sincerely, Joe DeScala

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Garril Page, Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

I was rear-ended at the flashing light crosswalk (totaled his car) so I suggest even that flashing light does not influence those intent on barging through the crosswalks. Maybe Hannibal and his elephants!


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Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

Tiburon has cameras in all directions. There are cameras at the Hub. We should have cameras. thx. jd

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Valerie Smith, Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

I think the flashing lights are a big problem. I've seen so many near misses, not just at Drake, but anywhere these flashing lights have been installed. They give a false sense of security. It's hard to tell if someone is really in the crosswalk or not. Sometimes the person crossing is already half a block away. The lights also go on so fast that there is no warning such as the warning that the yellow light on a regular stop light gives. I think a regular stop light would be so much safer, maybe one that could be activated during busy times. Of course you will still get those people that will run a red light, but not as many. Everybody realizes that a red light means stop, but yellow has always meant warning and many people do not pay attention to that.

 6 Thanks
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Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

V: Doing something is better than doing nothing. The taxpayers pay a lot of money elected officials and gov employees to protect our interests. No harm in asking them to perhaps implement betterment in our community? Thx. Jd

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Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 4d ago

PAUL, thx jd

 1 Thank
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Gwen Pikkarainen, Marinda Oaks · 3d ago

How about speed bumps? Crossing guards only help while they are there. Speed bumps help all the time. I agree something has to be done. I am glad to not be the only one.

😊 7 Thanks



Paul Asper, Deer Park · 3d ago



We need hardcore traffic claiming all over the place before someone dies.

😊 5 Thanks



Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



Coincidentally this was posted today, I plan on attending and proposing crossing guards, speed bumps, traffic lights, maybe we need a bridge over Drake as they do in Kentfield...:

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The public is encouraged to attend and express concerns and help craft solutions to make our town a safer place to walk, bike and drive.

😊 4 Thanks



Kirstin Asher, Fairfax Heights · Edited 3d ago



That's terrifying. I think you saved a life today. I'm sure those kids would want to thank you, and hope their parents are reading your post. The fact that it's not your first time witnessing a near miss by Drake is clearly an indication that something needs to be done.

Count me in as helping if you come up with a plan. Your idea of crossing guards is a good one, although from what I'm reading it's mostly K-8 schools that get approved. But. Here's a fact sheet: "District Funding for School Crossing Guards":

<https://www.csba.org/->

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😊 2 Thanks



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago



OMG! That was way, way too close, and a 40mph crash means a roughly 90% chance of death, so you probably saved someone's life.

HAWK signals are really not effective. Given how difficult that turn is, and how people can blow through them with no consequence, it'd probably be better to swap it out for a stop light that only turns red when there's someone who wants to cross or turn. Drake through San Anselmo is hot garbage for someone on foot for almost its entire length, from Ross to Fairfax.

Lisa Graham, San Anselmo · 3d ago





The lights at that crossing area are at times blinding when the sun hits at a certain angle. Clearly not a safe crossing. Crossing guards would be great or maybe not designate that as a crossing area if unable to provide a guard or adequate safety

😊 1 Thank



Susan Fong, Sun Valley · 3d ago

Our Drake student was knocked off her slow moving bike by a slow moving elderly driver while crossing Center at Saunders, almost twenty five years ago. Glad that discussion is happening to address student safety and enhance visibility of crosswalks, especially those near schools.



Sean Schertell, Deer Park · 3d ago

Why in the world do we use flashing yellow lights instead of a normal traffic signal? Make it a RED LIGHT like any other red light and maybe people would actually stop.

😊 3 Thanks



Heidi Mejia, Oak Springs Woodside · 3d ago

SFD at Drake is patrolled by . Central Marin. It is not county until past Fairfax. Then the CHP takes it.

😊 1 Thank



Theresa Mar-Elia, San Anselmo · 3d ago

Shanti, there is a Town Hall next Tuesday regarding Traffic Safety! Was posted on this site a couple of hours ago.

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😊 2 Thanks



William Combi, Sorich Park · 3d ago

Very scary to observe this happening. Why no crossing guard there? I ride my bicycle from near there to Marin General. There are three crossing guards for the tree crosswalks at Ross school and Ross Common.

😊 1 Thank



Alene Carlton, West Fairfax · 3d ago

As there have been so many problems at this light why are the kids still crossing there? If my child was walking to Drake I would tell her to go down to the traffic light and cross there. We live on SF Drake by 7 -11 and I have told my daughter to never cross at the flashing light. People never stop there either and I have seen many people almost get hit. Something needs to be done about these crossings

before someone dies!

😊 2 Thanks



Vinesa Blackwell, Terra Linda · 3d ago



The same thing happened to me on San Pedro near the Post Office -I stopped for pedestrians and an impatient driver decided to accelerate near Garden Drive to swerve around me - I also blasted the horn to warn the pedestrians. They weren't hit and made the gesture of prayer to me for warning them. I saw the driver at the JCC and she pretended nothing happened!

😊 1 Thank



Trish Krause, Sorich Park · Edited 3d ago



I'm so glad you posted this because yesterday I walked my daughter to that very crosswalk and stood at the sidewalk as she crossed to go to school. All cars were stopped, but one of the inner lanes was open and a car came barreling through-- I'm sorry but if you see flashing lights and cars on all sides stopped, get a freakin' clue and stop!!! She came close to hitting my child as I watched from the sidewalk. I know she realized it after the fact because she turned her head with an "oops" look on her face. Well that "oops" wouldn't cut it if she had hit my kid. It makes me so angry that we truly do not have safe routes to school. I vote for speed bump but if there's the budget, I would vote for a bridge.

😊 3 Thanks



Ray Scruggs, San Anselmo · 3d ago



Yes SFD needs cameras to ticket all the speeders. 50 mph speeders are very common from the Safeway to Butterfield both ways. Obviously there is no budget for expensive police presence. Ticketing cameras are cheap compared to the luxury SUV's and special equipment and payroll.

😊 2 Thanks



Anie Schafer, Pacheco Park/Downtown · 3d ago



I don't have much to add to the wise suggestions already here, but I teach my girls to not leave the sidewalk until BOTH/ALL cars in BOTH directions have fully stopped. At times this can be annoying to the first drivers to stop, as they must wait, but I am not one to care about that if it means my child/and or I will be able to cross safely.

The flashing lights at crosswalks are helpful, but as we all know, they are not 100% effective. Taking responsibility for their own safety, every single time, is only part of the equation, but one I am invested in. So many near misses can be avoided by not assuming anything~both as a driver and a pedestrian.

😊 4 Thanks



Gwen Pikkarainen, Marinda Oaks · 3d ago



I do the same with my kids....wait until Everyone stops.

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Diana Sottile, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



I teach my kids to not cross unless they have made eye contact with the driver and are sure they have been seen and to keep looking both ways as they cross. Most people drive way too fast. Another stop light might be a good idea. Or a 25 MPH limit?

😊 3 Thanks



Lynne Sink, Manor Hill · 3d ago



Thanks for your quick reaction and honking the horn. Great you got the license plate. I hope the driver is counseled and learns this lesson the easy way.

😊 1 Thank



Mary Boston, Cascades · 3d ago



What is amazing is that all Drake underclass who were on campus a week ago Monday had a Safe schools presentation. I wonder how distracted the students were crossing the street? The driver was negligent but kids are tuned out. Talk to your kids about ear buds and phones...even more!

😊 2 Thanks



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



Go to a city council meeting and ask for help and cameras. Jd



Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



I agree that there is a false security for the kids while the light is blinking. I also think that when you have two lanes and the car closest to the curb is stopped it would require the child (or adult) to "peek around" the first car that is stopped to see if the second lane car is stopped. I always teach my kids to wait until all cars are stopped, but sometimes it is hard to see around all the big SUVs (that I admittedly drive) and big trucks that are on the road.



susan shannon, San Anselmo · 3d ago



Hey folks, I got 129 signatures on my petition to enforce safer driving, AND went to the town hall meeting after announcing it on ND many times and I WAS THE ONLY ONE THERE TALKING ABOUT THIS from the petition. (another man was there to talk about this but not from the petition or my posts)

If it is important to you you need to step up and show up. One day, very soon, it will not be a squirrel, cat, dog or deer dead by car, it'll be someone's son, daughter, father or mother.



I work with inmates, and believe me, the remorse, grief, and incarceration that comes with a vehicular manslaughter charge is ugly and life changing to say the least.

Parents of teen drivers, would you want this for your kid?



Kids with parents with poor driving habits and on their phones, would you want this for your parents?

Come on people, drive like you are surrounded by your beloved family members and inform your beloveds to do the same.



😊 5 Thanks

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Let me know the next time you go and I will be there. Jd



😊 1 Thank

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Let everyone know when you are going to go. Jd



😊 1 Thank

 Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
I will be at the meeting on Tuesday - hope to see other there!



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 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Someone should get the teachers involved. They have a strong political voice. Especially when they want more wages and benefits.
Jd



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 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Thx jd



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 Lorna Tinus, San Anselmo · 3d ago 
Speed bumps, as suggested by Gwen earlier. They really do work well to slow people down.



😊 2 Thanks

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Are you going to the next San Anselmo council meeting?



😊 1 Thank

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
The people in Ross know how to connect with their town Council. Jd

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 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Good idea. Jd

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 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago 
Yes



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago

Correct



Lorna Tinus, San Anselmo · 3d ago

I think the only workable solution is to build a pedestrian overpass.



2 Thanks



Victor Turkan, Yolansdale · 3d ago

I travel from White hill school to Redwood high dropping off kids daily. Today's example of stupidity was an ambulance with lights and siren blaring heading towards Fairfax. The cars in the right lanes yielded, both left lanes kept going as nothing was happening.

The other major infraction is how no one stops for buses in the opposite lanes. The buses turn their red lights and extend their stop sign. This stuff is common sense. I think we need another sting.



4 Thanks



Grant Feichtmeir, San Anselmo · 3d ago

Couldn't agree more that this stretch of SFD is extremely dangerous. Driving East in the morning usually means the sun is almost blinding for a driver. A flashing light is not enough to protect pedestrians. As a few people have mentioned, a pedestrian bridge OVER SFD in my opinion would be the safest way for crossing the street. It sure seems to work over SFD at Bacich and Marin Catholic.



2 Thanks



Warren Gardner, San Anselmo · 3d ago

Can we start with the crossing flags immediately? They seem to help in Corte Madera and provide visibility.

Then let's ask for a police officer to park in the Drake theater lot for visibility and issue tickets.



2 Thanks



Tamara Grammer, Lucas Valley/Marinwood · 3d ago

Tickets won't help children when they are hit by a car. Stop sign.



3 Thanks



Lisa Lavrish, Sun Valley · 3d ago

Safe Routes to Schools might be able to help



2 Thanks



Lisa Lavrish, Sun Valley · 3d ago

If the city says there isn't money, ask them how much they expect to pay when they get sued for a child getting killed there. Get the bridge. Flashing lights won't

cut it.

😊 3 Thanks

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

L: We need our elected officials to step up, be pro active, think intelligently, apply resources and make us safe. This is not rocket science. These issues have been here for a long time. Traffic is unbearable. They drive on the same roads as we do. When money is needed for a study or to give management raises it is usually found. When they run for office it is usually under the pledge of making our lives safer. It is now time to do so. There are no surprises here.
Sincerely jd



 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

They have reserves. Ask for a copy of the budget. Jd



 Lisa Swerling, Oak Springs Woodside · 3d ago ▼

Shanti could you say which meeting is on Tuesday please? There are so many comments I can't track it down. Maybe you could edit it into your main text so people can take action and show up if they feel strongly. I bet if 100 Drake parents showed up they would have to take notice.

😊 1 Thank

 Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

I will be at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday. I also emailed Adrian Rodriguez our local reporter at the IJ seeing if we could get some news coverage on the meeting and the unsafe conditions on SFD

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😊 2 Thanks

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

Lisa is correct.



 Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

I edited original post to include details about the Town Council meeting on Tuesday

😊 1 Thank

 Barbara Petty, Deer Park · 3d ago ▼

@Mary Boston - the students were in the crosswalk and had the right of way, and sounded like they were doing everything right. My friend's Drake student was hit by a car in that same crosswalk just weeks ago, and was hospitalized after hitting the car's windshield. How terrifying! Cars are lethal and these are our children. Sure kids can be distracted at times, but I don't think it's fair to insinuate that this was the students' fault!

😊 5 Thanks

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

There should be uniformed officers on duty and watching auto and pedestrian traffic during busy times. There should be enhanced lighting and traffic controls. If the PD say they are short handed then a Sargent, lieutenant or captain can be there.


Why is it that Tiburon does not have these problems? Answer, leadership. Jd

😊 1 Thank

 Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago ▼

Also, cameras should be in place signaling to drivers and pedestrians that extra caution is necessary. This should have been implemented long ago. Thanks. Jd

😊 1 Thank

 David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago ▼

I'll be sure to signal-boost this on The Greater Marin. There isn't a whole lot that can be done to calm traffic beyond traffic lights because the street has such a consistently high volume. Crossing guards would help but are really a band-aid on a problem of a badly-designed street.

Speed and red-light cameras would be good, but part of the problem there is that fines are set by the state and that to change driver behavior you need consistent but low fines so that breaking the law anywhere will always result in a ticket - and you need low fines for that to not be a money-grabbing scheme.

One mock-up I did for the street, which people will probably hate but would increase safety, is something like the attached image. It imagines making the center lane a reversible lane (so rush hour always has 2 lanes in the right direction) and getting bikes off the sidewalks.



4 Thanks

 Paul Asper, Deer Park · 3d ago ▼

The problem is we'd need to eminent domain everyones' front yards to make that happen, but it would be nice. I'm very glad my real estate agent wouldn't even show us houses on Drake if we asked.

😊 1 Thank

 Susan Morgan, Lucas Valley/Marinwood · Edited 3d ago ▼

I think we should collectively ask (maybe a sign on letter) for the Sheriff's department to patrol our neighborhoods more regularly, especially during the times when children and parents are heading to and from school. I asked them for this before, and they said they would, but nothing changed. Perhaps with a group

effort we would have more success.



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago



This is the same width of a street as what Drake has now (60 feet) - all I did was remove a lane of traffic. You can play with the widths yourself on streetmix.net. (My design is uploaded here: <https://streetmix.net/theGreaterMarin/49/sir-francis-drake-blvd>)

2 Thanks



Paul Asper, Deer Park · 3d ago



Do you need a job at the town? Thanks.



1 Thank



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago



Always happy to do consulting!

@Susan Morgan - More sting operations of people not stopping for pedestrians would be really good, but nothing beats automated enforcement for changing driver behavior.

1 Thank



susan shannon, San Anselmo · 3d ago



please also go back and sign this. It did seem to make a difference at the Dec. meeting, though not a lot of follow through:

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/831/849/469/&messageID=13271703/>



1 Thank



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



What did you ask for and what did you not get? i.e. what was not followed through? Document this so that at the next election you can remind the candidates about their pledges to the voters. They are not bashful about asking for donations, endorsements, volunteers. What was not responded to? Do not be bashful about asking for help. No one twists their arms to run for office. If they do not help ask them why they are there? jd



Susan Morgan, Lucas Valley/Marinwood · 3d ago



I'm not a big fan of petitions as they are often motivated by a website desire to acquire email addresses to sell or use for other purposes.

My comment re patrols is mainly related to speeding. We pay for our Sheriff's department, why shouldn't we expect help from them. @David - Perhaps you are right, but patrols would be an easier first step.



1 Thank

Susan Morgan, Lucas Valley/Marinwood · Edited 3d ago



@jd - I asked for patrols on Mt Lassen to lessen speeding. I never saw a patrol car and I live on the corner of that street and walk my dog frequently on it. I don't think we should wait for the next election to escalate this request.



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago

Who did you ask and when? I suggest you and a few neighbors make an appointment to visit with your local council person and or Supervisor. They are not bashful about asking to up house signs, endorsements, volunteers, helping with phone banks and donating to their campaigns. Re read their campaign literature. Do not toss campaign literature. They serve as good reminds to those with short memories. If after a meeting you do not get help, speed bump, camera, increased patrol, etc., then it is time to put up a house sign that says, "promises not kept". and talk up a new candidate. Good luck. Sincerely. jd



Nick Reilly, San Anselmo · 3d ago

I think we need a train, and a walled off bike lane.
The speed of the cars, trucks, county buses, is alarming on SFD. The speed limit is 30mph yet 45 seems to be the preferred speed by these commuters. A lot of the speeders I suspect live far away in the East Bay or Santa Rosa. They are commuting to higher paying jobs in Fairfax as Uber Drivers, Good Earth Employees, and Construction workers. With such a long distance to travel for their paycheck, you can see the temptation to zip through our neighborhood to reach their work or back home to their family.
The simply are not invested in our community of Ross Valley as we are.
I hope people can slow down while we figure out a solution.



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago

The Smart train was supposed to reduce traffic! 500 million later traffic is worse than ever.



Paul Asper, Deer Park · 3d ago

Fairfax has like three jobs? Marin doesn't want a job base. My bet is traffic is 95 percent local during the week and they all feel they're the most important person in the world.



2 Thanks



Paul Asper, Deer Park · 3d ago

Hard for a train to reduce east and west traffic when it runs only north and south.



1 Thank



Ken Smith, Pacheco Park/Downtown · 3d ago

Wow! You probably saved their lives.



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago



The big picture, with a near-miss like this and the continuing problems of SFD, is to figure out what can be done in a month with better signals, signs, and enforcement, what can be done in a couple of years with a better-designed roadway, and what can the Town of San Anselmo do with what money it has.

5 Thanks



Ted Bakkila, Sorich Park · 3d ago



When I was a younger fellow, about 65 years ago, Officer Mattson came to our elementary school a couple times a year to speak to the student body. He was probably retired, and had a gift for story telling, but the emphasis of his talks was usually about safety. Kids now are so distracted and I find that often they aren't paying attention when walking with their friends. I understand that that wasnt the case this morning, but kids, as well as adults need to be attentive when walking or driving at all times. I've had a teenage driver nearly hit me and my dogs while I was crossing in a crosswalk with a stop sign for traffic that she didn't stop for. Maybe the police or fire department might have an Officer Mattson who could visit our schools, tell some stories, and stress the importance of being aware of what's happening around them while out and about.



4 Thanks



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



Good point



Victor Turkan, Yolansdale · 3d ago



Joseph, I really like your idea about having officers as crossing guards. In the 1960's when SFD was only two lanes Isabel Cook school had Mel, the retired police officer. He wore his uniform and weapon. It sure would make people slow down and quit texting.....



2 Thanks



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 3d ago



I was looking around for a study done more than 10 years ago on Sir Francis Drake and can't find it, but I did find out that Drake isn't eligible for traffic calming because it's an arterial roadway. Note, too, that the 2016 Bike Plan would impact a segment of Drake between Saunders and Mountain View, though it only shows that on a map without actually mentioning any of those three streets.

Here's the traffic calming guidebook:

<https://www.townofsananselmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/5911/SA-Traffic-Calming-Guidebook-May-2016?bidId=>

Here's the bike plan:

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2 Thanks



Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



David - I just looked at the Guidebook. I wonder how having an arterial roadway in front of a school reconciles with Safe Routes to School! So disappointing! But, Center has stop signs and a lower speed limit, so it seems at least arterial roadway doesn't have to equal "highway" as it often does on SFD. I love the short term ideas of turning the flashing yellow lights into flashing red lights as well as crossing guards. I wonder if you can have speed bumps on an arterial road. I'll be bringing all this to the meeting!



1 Thank



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



Good



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 3d ago



You are doing what the elected officials should be doing? Please ask them why they are not doing so? You are also doing what staff should be doing. Good work. jd



1 Thank



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · Edited 2d ago



@Shanti - Nice! Flashing red lights would be the quickest fix; better would be a pedestrian-actuated stoplight, though those cost \$125,000 or more, plus there would be a need to bury sensors on Saunders for drivers to trigger the same signal.

I also wonder how such ridiculously narrow sidewalks fits with safe routes to school. The whole corridor is hot garbage for everyone who uses it, including drivers.

2 Thanks



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 2d ago



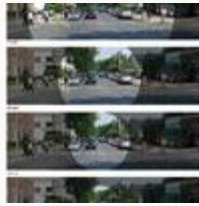
A couple of tools for the neighborhood planning toolbox:

The Marin Assessor-Recorder's website has scanned maps that (usually!) have roadway widths which you can plug into StreetMix.net. You can click on the link at the bottom that says Assessor Book of Parcel Boundaries to see what book you want (for Saunders & SFD, it's Book 5) and then you can find what page you want by just entering the Book into the field. Site:

<http://apps.marincounty.org/TaxRollSearch>

NACTO's Urban Design Guide is amazing: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/>

And NYC has an overview - I've attached one of my favorite pages, but you can find it here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/2012-nacto-urban-street-design-guide.pdf>



1 Thank



Victor Turkan, Yolansdale · 2d ago



I just realized SFD at Drake should or should not be 15 mph as it is a school zone. The 15 mph zone is posted on Saunders ave. The question is why is Saunders 15 mph and not SFD in front of Drake?



Adam Langer, Yolansdale · 2d ago



Move the traffic lights from Tamal to Saunders.



Lisa Graham, San Anselmo · 2d ago



Dave that's great you came up with a Mock up of what it could look like and all the comments show there are not just complaints but great ideas. I have always hoped for barriers (even creative ones) on SFD between the walkers on the very narrow sidewalks and the cars. Cars blow by so fast and many times during school hours the sidewalks are packed with kids trying to get to school safely. Some sort of reasonable barrier would make it safer for them and others walking down Drake



2 Thanks



Wendi Kallins, San Geronimo Valley · 2d ago



Hi Wendi Kallins here from Safe Routes to Schools. The issues of crossing Drake has come up numerous times. I haven't been able to read through all the comments but glad to see David Edmondson putting on his thinking cap. Sadly, TAM crossing guards do not serve high schools so that is probably not a possible solution. The flashing lights work very well on 2 lane streets, but there are definitely problems then its a four lanes street, which is what happened in this incident. There are rules about how close together traffic lights can be so I'm not sure if a regular light is in the cards for Saunders given that there are two other lights close by. So much of our traffic safety problems are about driver behavior. If all road users followed two simple principles: Pay attention and be courteous, much of the problems would go away. At any rate, I'll be attending the traffic safety meeting in San Anselmo and look forward to hearing about some solutions.



6 Thanks



bonnie Mozer, San Geronimo Valley · 2d ago



I think this is problem that needs to be addressed all along Drake. Lets all join

forces to stop this dangerous situation

😊 2 Thanks



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 2d ago

Yes



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 2d ago

Who is your Supervisor?



David Edmondson, Sequoia Park · 2d ago

@Wendi - If there is a minimum distance it would have to be a town ordinance as the closest light is 400 feet away, compared to 290 feet apart in downtown San Rafael.



susan shannon, San Anselmo · 2d ago

When is the traffic safety meeting in San Anselmo? I was told this would take place but have't heard...

😊 1 Thank



Wendi Kallins, San Geronimo Valley · 2d ago

Tuesday at 6:30 at SA town hall

😊 2 Thanks



Shanti Putnam, Sleepy Hollow · 2d ago

@Wendi - do you know if the flashing yellow light can be changed to a flashing red light (essentially a stop sign only when activated) ?



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 1d ago

Someone should call the City Manager for help with the questions. They are well paid and should be pro active as should the Council. Jd



Teresa DiPerna, Camino De Herrera · Edited 1d ago

How about if they get rid of the crossing access there and you either cross at the light at the school or at San Francisco Blvd. They put up one of those small blocker fence (similar to what is in downtown San Rafael near Kaiser/Walgreens area)

😊 1 Thank



Amanda Colwell, Sorich Park · 1d ago

My daughter walks to/from Drake every morning and has to cross at that cross walk. Thank you so much for spreading the word. It is very scary 🙏🙏

😊 2 Thanks



Earl Constantine, San Anselmo-Brookside · 1d ago



In addition , come spring time , there is a profusion of I think fennel growing right at the sidewalk. This totally obstructs seeing a pedestrian ?
All of this should be cut down!



1 Thank



Nancy Hilty, Camino De Herrera · 21h ago



A phone call alert to San Anselmo Public Works would probably initiate this



1 Thank



Eric Holmberg, Sorich Park · 4h ago



My kids almost got hit when a car on drake ran a red light at san francisco blvd. Just plain ran it. Made me furious but it was a Good lesson in defensive cross-walking.



2 Thanks



Joseph DeScala, Jr., Sleepy Hollow · 2h ago



Did you notify the City Counsel or City manager?
Jd



1 Thank



Pamela Pierron, Sorich Park · 2h ago



YES all you parents out there..good idea to teach defensive crossing. Do Not take it for granted, as a pedestrian, you have the right of way, that you are safe. Kids need to look first for that driver that runs the light, is not looking , when turning right, etc. I do not drive, have been walking all my life, am now 78 and it is exhausting to deal with drivers today, I have to be alert and make eye contact if possible. love your neighbor and enjoy your day!



2 Thanks