



# Traffic and Safety

## Vista Verde K8 School

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# Traffic and Safety Panel

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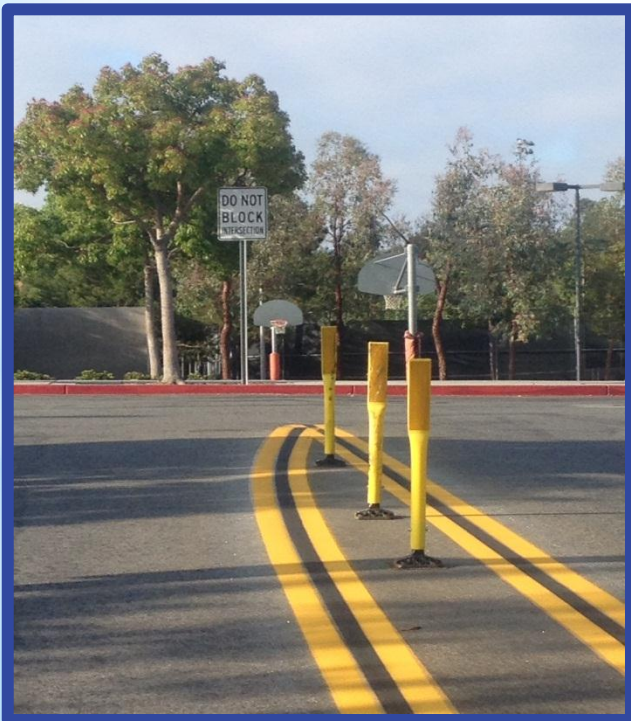
# Ongoing practices

- ✓ Parent communication in the fall on safe routes to school and recommended traffic patterns
- ✓ School valet program
- ✓ STAR Behavior Teaching to students
- ✓ Teacher supervision on playground and parking lot 15 minutes before and after school
- ✓ Regular newsletter and parent communication
- ✓ Collaboration with Irvine Police Department
- ✓ Collaboration with City of Irvine



# Proactive Solutions

- Installation of center dividers in driveway to prevent unsafe lane changes



- Installation of permanent cones to allow for two lanes exiting parking lot



# Proactive Solutions

- Crossing guards provided for intersection of Turtle Ridge and Federation way



- Added staff along curb during pick up and drop off to keep traffic lanes moving



# Proactive Solutions

- Alter signal at Turtle Ridge and Bonita Canyon to allow two lanes to make right turn
  - Reduce back up from parking exit along Federation Way
- Keeping the library open for 30 minutes each day before school and 60 minutes each day after school
  - Staggered start time based on parent choice
  - Supervised area for students to complete homework



# Continuing Concerns

- How do we continue to facilitate efficient traffic flow into and out of our parking areas?
- How do we keep our families safe in our parking lot?
- How do we keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe on route to school each day?



# Questions and Suggestions





# Summary of Parent Suggestions for Planning

## Recommendations for School Based Improvement

- ✓ Include parent volunteers on parking duty
- ✓ Coordinate bell schedules with adjacent schools when possible (TVT, JCC, UHS)
- ✓ Investigate staggered start/end times
- ✓ Increase visibility for IUSD bus transportation options
- ✓ Add staff at crosswalk for Las Lomas parking lot
- ✓ Implement incentives for kids walking or biking



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## Recommendations for Improving Safe Routes to School

- ✓ Alter lane marking to allow more cars to turn left onto Turtle Ridge from Bonita Canyon (high congestion area)
- ✓ Install cameras at signals to increase compliance
- ✓ Investigate use of bus lane to drop off kids
- ✓ Install pedestrian pathway from Turtle Ridge Las Lomas in baseball park area to avoid parking lot traffic
- ✓ Take action to eliminate vehicles in crosswalk at Federation and Turtle Ridge intersection (bike and pedestrian safety)
  - ✓ Add flashing lights to crosswalk
  - ✓ Increase police presence and enforcement



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## Recommendations for Improving Safe Routes to School

- ✓ Dedicated right hand arrow at signal onto Federation (timed for school hours)
- ✓ Investigate building a pedestrian bridge across Turtle Ridge
- ✓ Install drop off lane at Summit Park or Turtle Ridge
- ✓ Add crosswalk across Summit Park with stop sign
- ✓ Add additional lanes turning into Vista Verde driveway
- ✓ Correct signal at Turtle Ridge Apartments and Mariners Church to not allow left hand turn when pedestrians are crossing
- ✓ Increase school zone (25 mph) on adjacent streets

