

From: John Palmquist
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Miller, John <jpmiller@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: McKinleyville Town Center

Dear John,

I was unable to access the questionnaire, so I'm sending you this message regarding the McKinleyville Town Center Project:

As we discussed at the open house at the Activity Center on Saturday, November 13, 2021, I have the following concerns/input for the project planning process: Public Safety issues for access to the Town Center from the east side of Central Avenue along Gwin Road to the Activity Center. The specific areas of concern are from the Sprouting Scholar Academy to the Activity Center on the north side of Gwin; and from Niveen's Restaurant to the Thunderbird Mobile Home Park on the south side of Gwin.

The road narrows in this area and there are two curves in an otherwise straight road. There are no sidewalks on the south side: and a section with no sidewalk on the north side - even though there are sidewalks extending a great distance beyond this section. There are 40 residences in Thunderbird Park, but no protective crosswalks to get to the sidewalk on the north side. For the elderly residents to go east to get to the Activity Center and/or access Pierson's Park, they have to walk on Gwin Road or on the rutted section with no sidewalk. Alternatively, they have to walk across a field filled with Gopher holes owned privately by Jacobs Engineering. To go west and then north to access the Library and the Senior Center, they have to walk across another field filled with gopher holes owned by the MCSD.

To go to and from the Town Center, all residents on Gwin Road have to contend with speeding vehicles, kids and adults walking and riding bicycles, young school kids being dropped off and picked up by vehicles backing onto Gwin – all this on a semi-blind curve between the Sprouting Scholar Academy and the entrance to Thunderbird Park. Vehicles regular spill over onto Gwin Road at and near this curve from the Trailer Park (not owned by Thunderbird) on the south side. There is also a lot of traffic coming and going to this Trailer Park.

I understand that there are private property ownership issues in the area of the Trailer Park, but that is not a reason to not address the public safety issues that

exists along this section of Gwin Road (the rest of Gwin is fully built out to codes and standards).

I've lived in the Thunderbird Park for 18 years and have had several closed calls, and witnessed many others, while walking or driving in this section of Gwin Road.

My question is: How are these specific safety issues along Gwin Road being resolved in the McKinleyville Town Center Project?

Sincerely,

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