

**Foothill Elementary Transportation, Safety and Recreation  
Stakeholder Workgroup  
January 20, 2010  
Meeting Notes**

**Agreements:**

- Participants agreed to:
  - Widen the sidewalk on Hawthorn and redirect water drainage by kindergarten playground
    - a. Widen two sections – 250 feet from the east property boundary on the eastern end of the fence and 80 feet along the kindergarten playground to the west side sidewalk
    - b. Redirect the drainage to daylight on the west side in the sun
    - c. Re-landscape along the new fence lines
  - Purchase additional bike racks
  - No curb extension at 9<sup>th</sup> and Iris - not a part of this project
- The group agreed to initiate the following committees to address outstanding issues and additional non-engineering solutions (see “non-engineering solutions” section for more details on the committees purposes):
  - Bike Planning Committee - James-lead, Blair, Landon and Sarah - ad hoc, finished by the end of the year
  - Staffing Issues Committee – Melisa - yearly/permanent
  - Education Committee – Melisa - yearly/permanent
  - Parking-lot Committee - Holli and Natalie - ad hoc
  - Foothill Stakeholder Working Group Outcomes Committee - Melisa, Susan, Jane, Holli and Sarah - ad hoc, completed before the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

**Action Items:**

- BVSD and the City will explore whether Xcel is receptive to the opportunity to fund and move the poles as part of this project.
- BVSD will explore a cover/pipe drainage across the sidewalk.
- Jane will email reminder card handouts to Melisa to print and put in teacher mailboxes and the parent volunteer vest bucket.
- Melisa will print reminder cards and deposit them in the materials bin for volunteers and in teacher mailboxes
- Susan will contact Vanessa at the Camera and communicate the success story.
- FSWG Outcomes Committee will complete the story and Board letter before February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarah and other FSWG members will attend the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and read or communicate what is in the letter to the Board.
- FSWG members will recruit those who were vocal before this process to attend the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and give their support.
- Holli will draft an outline for an outcomes manual and Melisa will work to fill in the details.

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## DISCUSSION

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### **Data Review & Update on Broadway Construction**

#### ***Wall Ownership***

The wall on the west side of the parking lot appears to be straddling the property line, said Bill Cowern, City of Boulder.

#### ***Hawthorn Repaving Schedule***

Bill Cowern informed the FSWG that at this time it is unknown when Hawthorn will be repaved. If/when the street is repaved it is unlikely the curbs would be fixed to 90 degrees. Hawthorn is not on the resurfacing list for 2010 and the City is reworking the evaluation system for the repaving list.

#### ***Broadway Reconstruction Update***

Alex May, City of Boulder, provided an update on the Broadway reconstruction and impacts to Hawthorn.

- During spring break, Hawthorn will be closed to build the sewer pipe across the road and then patch the roadway
- During the spring, there will be two lanes on Broadway with allowed northbound Broadway left turns onto Hawthorn
- During the summer, northbound Broadway left turns will be prohibited
- Completion date for the whole project is start of school 2010
- Completion includes, among other things:
  - Wider turning radius on the south-west corner of Broadway and Hawthorn for buses;
  - Removal of wooden utility pole at the north-west corner of Broadway and Hawthorn
  - Detached sidewalk on Broadway along the Boulder Mental Health (non-profit) area; and
  - Replace RTD stop and new shelter

Q: Which side of Broadway will get paved first?

A: The west side will be paved first because most of the utility work is on that side. All paving will be done off hours, at night or on the weekend.

Q: Could the detour only allow right turns onto Hawthorn?

A: The City will look into this option.

Q: When will the “no turn on red” arrow be put up at Iris and Broadway?

A: The signs will be implemented when the signals/posts/arms are changed. Overhead utilities must be removed before signals are changed. The expectation is by the end of the school year.

To stay involved use the City's website and sign up for ENews group for public work Broadway (traffic impact email every Friday).

### **Engineered Solutions**

#### ***Widening Sidewalk and Drainage***

Tom Blahak, BVSD Foothill project manager, presented elements of the proposed sidewalk widening on Hawthorn, including:

- 250 feet along the fence from the east property boundary to the first sidewalk, including moving the fence;
- 80 feet along the kindergarten playground, including removing the bushes while keeping the two trees;
- Widen sidewalks 5 feet for a completed total of 9 feet 6 inches;
- Utility poles will stay in place – the poles are on the edge of the right of way and so would require the City to give special right of way; and BVSD does not have the budget to relocate the utility poles but will explore Xcel's interest in moving them;
- Redirect the drainage to daylight further west than currently so it comes out in a sunny spot (currently daylights in the shade of a tree) – the drainage cannot be under the sidewalk because the water needs to come out at the elevation of the curb, but BVSD will explore a pipe/cover option; and
- Re-landscaping along the new fence lines
- Leave a gap between the edge of the concrete sidewalk and new fence line that allows adequate buffer

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  - Redirect the drainage to daylight on the west end
- Purchase additional bike racks
- No Curb extension at 9<sup>th</sup> and Iris - not apart of this project

#### **ACTION:**

- BVSD and the City will explore whether Xcel is receptive to the opportunity to fund and move the utility poles as part of this project.
- BVSD will explore a cover/pipe drainage across the sidewalk

### **Non-Engineering Solutions**

AGREEMENT: The group agreed to make the following committees:

- Bike Planning Committee
  - Who: James-lead, Blair, Landon and Sarah
  - When: ad hoc, finished by the end of the year
  - What: establish rules of behavior, best bike flow around the school, training, bike rack placement etc.
- Staffing Issues Committee
  - Who: Melisa

- When: yearly/permanent
- What: address training needs, maintain necessary amount of staff to maintain non-engineering solutions over time
- Education Committee
  - Who: Melisa
  - When: yearly/permanent
  - What: develop strategies to keep parents and students informed of the rules, best flow during drop off and pick up, best parking options to keep cars out of crosswalks (map), explanations for why these rules/suggestions help with safety, and encourage bus ridership (address concerns with riding the bus); go beyond parents to nannies and grandparents.
  - ACTION: Jane will email reminder card handouts to Melisa to print and put in teacher mailboxes and the parent volunteer vest bucket.
- Parking-lot Committee
  - Who: Holli and Natalie
  - When: ad hoc
  - What: address how to set up a permit parking system in the parking lot
  - Update: completed signs and permits and duty stations; next step is implementation
- Foothill Stakeholder Working Group Outcomes Committee
  - Who: Melisa, Susan, Jane, Holli and Sarah
  - When: ad hoc, completed before the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
  - What:
    - Develop a news story and letter to the Board regarding the process of the FSWG from the list of interests developed at the May public meeting through to FSWG agreement and improvements in safety and relationships; how the FSWG met the interests; and thank you to the Board, also a note regard that bus ridership was a lower priority for the FSWG at this time but will be looked into the in future.
    - Draft a manual on staffing stations, expectations of crossing guards, use and location of materials (cones, arrows, vests, reminder cards, etc.)
  - ACTIONS:
    - Susan will contact Vanessa at the Camera and communicate the success story.
    - Sarah and other FSWG members will attend the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and read or communicate what is in the letter to the Board.
    - FSWG members recruit those that were vocal before this process to attend the February 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and give their support.
    - Holli will draft an outline for the manual and Melisa will work to fill in the details.

### **Closing Comments**

At the conclusion of the meeting, members commented on the success of the process, expressed satisfaction with the outcomes and expressed appreciation to each other for working together toward a solution and to the District for committing to and supporting the process.

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**ATTENDANCE**

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***Parents:*** Kim Boyd, Diane Harpold, Blair Norman, Erik Park, Sarah Schulte, Tom Wyman

***Neighbors:*** Jane Monson, Pat Stevenson,

***Foothill Principal:*** Melisa Potes

***Foothill Staff:*** James Brittenham, Holli Hoskins, Natalie Warshaw,

***BVSD:*** Landon Hilliard, Don Orr, Susan Cousins, Tom Blahak (BVSD Contactor)

***City of Boulder:*** Bill Cowern, Alex May