

**Foothill Elementary Transportation, Safety and Recreation
Stakeholder Workgroup**

September 16, 2009

DRAFT Agenda

Objective:

- Update on subcommittee work and tweaks to the non-engineering plan
 - Hear personal experience/observation of the non-engineering plan
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6:00 Welcome

6:05 Subcommittee Work – *Review the matrix of issues and what the subcommittee recommend for addressing the issues*

6:20 Personal Experience of the plan – *personal experience of the non-engineering plan – challenges and benefits*

6:30 Discussion and Updates

- Matrix of issues
- Signage – *signs on Hawthorn, Iris and 9th & Iris*
- *Bike – riding on sidewalks, consistent where to dismount location, riding through crosswalks, racks for corral, solar counter near north bike racks*
- *Reminder Cards*
- *Back gate reopening*
- *GO Boulder grant for bike/ped improvements*

7:00 Public Comment

7:15 Discussion cont.

7:25 Next Steps –

- FSWG volunteers for Traffic Counts
- October Meeting – 21st – purpose: identify outstanding safety issues, brainstorm possible engineering solutions.

7:30 Adjourn

**FSWG Subcommittee Agenda
Concerns and Resolutions
September 2, 2009**

Concern	Discussed Resolution
<p>1. Parking on Iris –</p> <p>a. creating u-turns that impact neighbors and people on sidewalk and bikes</p> <p>b. Where will relocating those cars go? Will this not just move the traffic issues somewhere else? Parking there is convenient/close</p> <p>c. Cars backing up for a parking spot on Iris</p>	<p>Revise flyer and educational message to tell drivers to continue in one direction through the school zone—do not turn around.</p> <p>Relocate another crossing guard to this intersection.</p> <p>Post No U-turn signs (Bill C.)</p> <p>Post “Park on Grape” sandwich board</p>
<p>2. Parking - conflicting info on alternative parking areas (map shows on 9th south of Hawthorn, flyer suggest hawthorn & Iris west of 9th)</p>	<p>Flyer will be revised</p>
<p>3. Drop off - Using teacher parking as drop-off</p>	<p>Not really a problem</p>
<p>4. Drop off – on 9th then u-turns on Iris</p>	<p>Redundant with 1a.</p>
<p>5. Materials - Passing out notices that the FSWG has not seen</p>	<p>It was discussed that all efforts should be kept within the group. This was agreed to previously.</p>
<p>6. Signage - signs on 9th near Iris isn't 20 feet from corner</p>	<p>This was discussed with Chris H.</p>
<p>7. Signage – “escort your child” sign still on south side of Hawthorn</p>	<p>It was discussed to request this be changed to “Escort your child across the street at the cross walk.”</p> <p>The group also would like to have No U-turn signs posted.</p>
<p>8. Strong volunteer lead – help refocus, train, etc.</p>	<p>Heidi Sherk is the new coordinator, taking over for Blair. There will be more training by Dena which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify time for volunteers to arrive • Clarify who puts out/away cones, bollards 9th and Iris – neighbors Elizabeth – cones out in a.m.

	<p>X-ing guards move to sidewalk after a.m. and put in street before p.m. Custodian put away in evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make kids wait to cross until bus has passed • Provide guidelines for communication: talking points for consistent message, guidance regarding diffusing contentious situations, be friendlier <p>Talk to Heidi about rearranging volunteers:</p> <p>Move one to 9th and Iris</p> <p>Spread out in HNG lane</p> <p>More escorts for kids into building from HNG</p> <p>Volunteers should write down the licenses of infractors and give to Melisa to have conversation with.</p>
<p>9. Volunteers critically approach to folks not doing the right thing instead of encouraging and education on the right thing (they are less than pleasant)</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p>10. Hawthorn in front of school is still a challenge (parents doing crazy things)</p>	<p>New message in on-going education and communication re: continue in same direction through school zone.</p>
<p>11. What will happen on a bad weather day?</p>	<p>Call in more volunteers</p> <p>Message blast of communication prior to bad weather event.</p>
<p>12. Flyer revisions (review)</p>	<p>Flyer will be revised to correct errors and incorporate new messages. Goal will be to simplify language.</p>
<p>13. Cars still blocking driveways – many of the residents in the first two blocks on Iris west of school work at home or are retired</p>	<p>Increase understanding among parents of the 5ft buffer (required by city code) is necessary for visual clearance to leave the driveway (see kids on foot/bike)</p>

14. Bikes and skate boards in the middle of Iris	Bike, skate and walk safety messages will be incorporated into 5 th grade P.E. classes. Melisa will try to include it in 3-5. Melisa will include safety messages in her in class student communications
15. Bikes cross from one side of Iris to the other to enter the north end of teacher parking	See above.
16. Iris & Broadway	Ask Bill C. if the No Turn on Red flashing sign can be installed sooner. Talk to Heidi about posting a crossing guard at this intersection; put out new call for volunteers for this.

THE GOOD STUFF	
1. Crossing Guards are there and doing well	
2. Hug and go valets are there and doing well	
3. Kids are walking their bikes – parents ok with this too; kids are getting off bikes before being asked	
4. Incentives (paw prints) are there and working	
5. Parent information fair was awesome	
6. Fox Tracks is encouraging kids to use bike/walk/bus	
7. Kids are wear bike helmets	
8. 9 th & Iris corner is visual clear and traffic stays in its lanes due to the cones	
9. Crosswalk attendants at 9 th & Iris are appreciated by parents	

More Good Stuff

People on Iris LOVE the cones	
Less chaos at 9 th and Hawthorn	
Everyone feels better about the rules	
9 th and Grape working well – traffic moves through fast	

Bill list

Ask Bill C. if the No Turn on Red flashing sign can be installed sooner.

Post No U-turn signs

It was discussed to request signs on south side of Hawthorn be changed to “Escort your child across the street at the cross walk.”

Check into getting pot holes fixed

Check into getting boxes painted on the street

Heidi list

Talk to Heidi about posting a crossing guard at Broadway and Iris; put out new call for volunteers for this.

Talk to Heidi about rearranging volunteers:

Move one to 9th and Iris

Spread out in HNG lane

More escorts for kids into building from HNG

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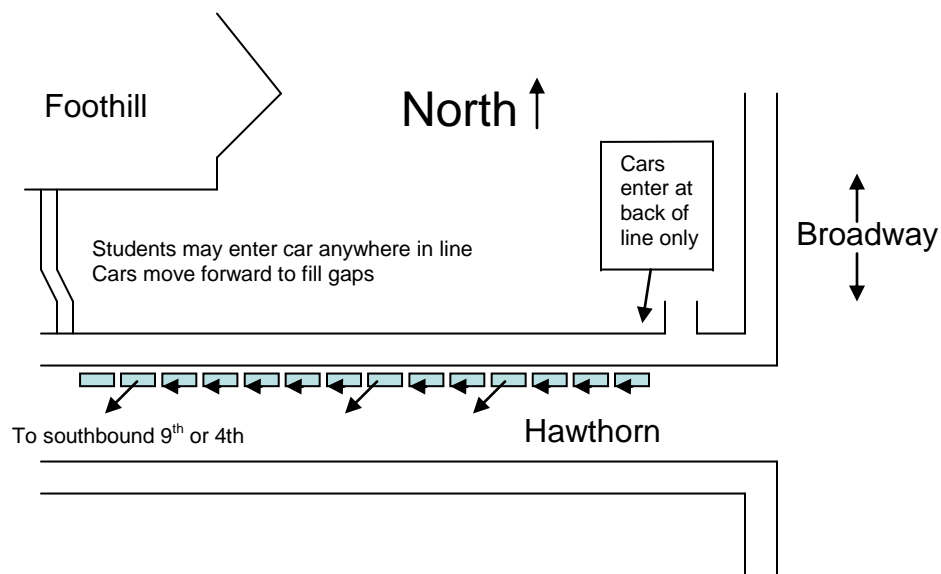
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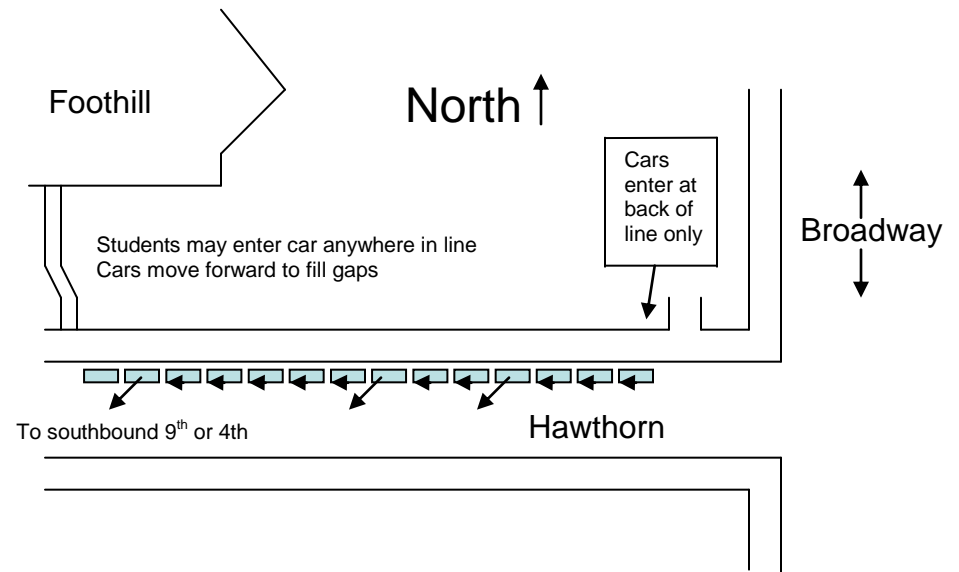
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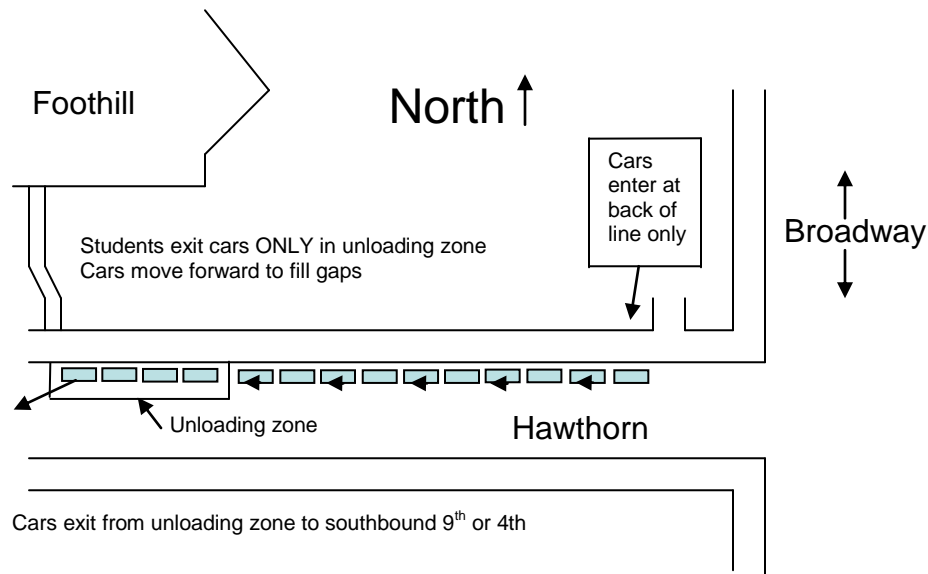
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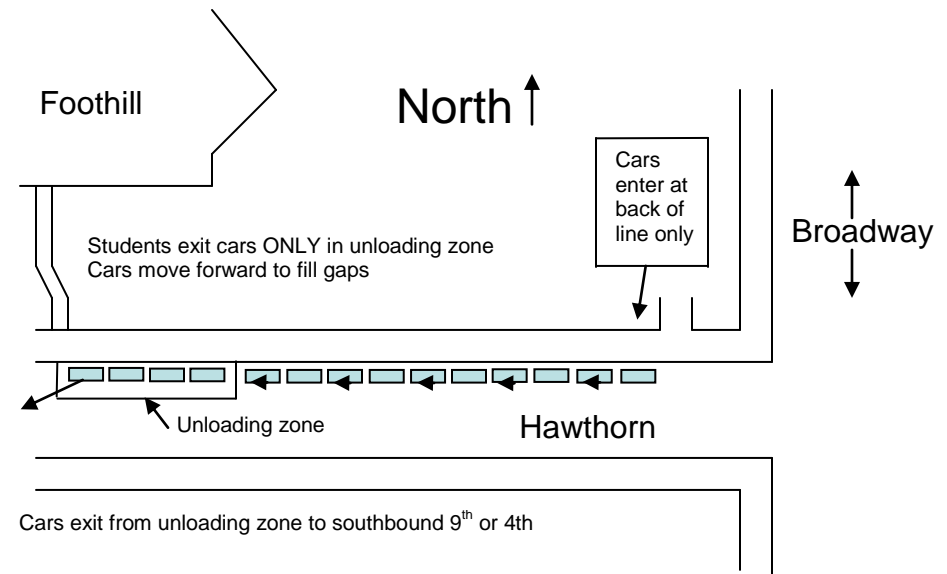
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