

December 28, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: SRTS Application - CalTrans District 5

Gentlemen:

This issue concerns the 2006 SRTS Grant. Our community is suffering from a major deficiency in traffic and circulation infrastructure. The South County Advisory Council believes that any measures to cure the currently unsafe pedestrian conditions are of great importance.

**Nipomo Elementary School; Thompson - Price to Existing Sidewalk**

The development and construction of this sidewalk is greatly needed in the community of Nipomo. There is no sidewalk currently on Price Street between Thompson and Nipomo Elementary School. Development on Price Street has precluded future construction of sidewalks in this area. The need for these sidewalks and the resulting bulbouts will aid in calming traffic on Tefft, a major collector with high-speed traffic. The proposed bulbouts will also reduce the length of travel across Thompson and provide a safer crossing for pedestrians. A flashing crosswalk sign will further alert drivers to the presence of pedestrians and enhance the safety of children and parents walking to school.

**Beechnut Avenue - Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridges**

The two pedestrian bridges and sidewalk segments will provide a direct route for pedestrians between the Carriage Homes subdivision and Nipomo Elementary School. This more direct path will provide a shorter and safer route for students and their parents, eliminating the need for most car trips. Currently, too many pedestrians are forced to walk down Branch to Thompson, then along Thompson to Dana or Price Streets to reach the school.

The community of Nipomo is seriously concerned that the safety of its children be improved with these new pedestrian features. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully Submitted

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2006-2007 SCAC Chairman