GREENFIELD TALLER de CAMINA SEGURO
CALLE MONITOR y PARQUE STIERN
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Report and Recommendations
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Después de Taller- Conditions Prior to Walk Safely Workshop
Missing Park
Light Fixtures and Bulbs
Holes in Park Fencing, Loose Aggressive Dogs, Dog Excrement
Perros Callejeros, Excremento de perros
PARK Graffiti
Graffiti en el estacionamiento
Flattened Speed Limit Sign

después de Workshop
City Gets Ready for Workshop

**Park**
- Light Fixtures Repaired
- Light bulbs replaced
- Graffiti Removed

**Monitor Street**
- Speed limit sign replaced
Community Park Recommendations

• More the park is used, less likely unwanted use
• Continue graffiti patrol
• Pick up trash
• Park clean up events
• Organize picnics & children’s games
• Walk, walk, walk

• See workshop reports
• Baños abierta y limpios
• Enforce for Drugs & lewd behavior
• Mas árboles
• Repair fence – no loose aggressive dogs
• Remove shrub hiding places for criminals
• Working water fountain
Continue Walking Groups

• Continuing daily walks, itself improves walkability of area. Park is claimed for community use. Drivers get used to seeing walkers in area & speed slows a little as drivers expect to have to stop for walkers in crosswalk. Impact is stronger if law enforcement reinforces with ticketing violations.
Recommendations:

• Problem: On Monitor in front of Family Resource Center, at Kyner, there is a poor rate of vehicle yielding at crosswalk to Stiern Park.

• Action: Seek Traffic Engineer improvements’ evaluation: may include stop sign, dividing line yield to peds sign, overhead ped signal, etc.

• High visibility crosswalk
High Visibility Crosswalk with Vehicle Stop Back bar
Monitor St Meets Requirements
2 lane, ADT <10,000, high use, driver expectation of walkers
Education
Street Banners is one idea
Crossing Monitor at Kyner to Parque de Stiern from Family Resource Center

- Ask for traffic engineering evaluation for improving crossing safety. The process is something like this: signal/stop sign warrant study. Assuming T intersection doesn’t qualify for signal or stop sign, evaluate for in street signs.

- State Law Yield to Pedestrians fluorescent or overhead flashing light sign add to child crossing signs.
In-street pedestrian crossing signs
Overhead Pedestrian Crossing Signs

Improves visibility of crosswalk; CRF unknown
Crossing Kyner to the Park
Beginning Walks at the Park
Morning Workshop
Taller de Camina Segura
MONITOR - A WIDE, 2 LANE COLLECTOR

LOOKING TOWARDS
PRE SCHOOL & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
High Visibility Crosswalks

Monitor at Virginia

- Install “State Law Yield to Pedestrians” centerline, pedestrian crossing or school zone signs

- Traffic Enforcement Actions (Yield to Peds in crosswalk, speeding, double parking)

- Left Turn Lanes, Lane Diets with added bike lanes, sidewalk extensions
New signs in MUTCD
In-street pedestrian crossing signs
Sidewalks at Curb

- Problem: Sidewalks do not remain level. Driveways continuously cut in. When sidewalk is set back from curb, driveway slope can be in utility/park zone and sidewalk stays clear.
- Long term solution: Narrow street by 5’ with addition of 2.5’ utility zone on each side for unobstructed, flat clear path of travel (ADA compliant) (or move sidewalk in 2.5’ from inside of curb)
On wide curbside sidewalks, a level area (4’ min.) behind driveway is maintained.
Monitor & Fairview
Intersection at school

Crosswalks are nearly invisible to drivers

Very wide for children to cross without safety area to wait midway on red
Monitor at Fairview-- with Safe Routes to School grant could:

- Update curb ramps,
- Signals add pedestrian countdown signals, accessible ped crossing signal, timed at child/senior crossing time at 2.5-2.75’ per second not faster than 3.0’ per second.
Pedestrian countdown signals – tell how much time is left to get across the street
Curb extensions

An Alternative to mid-street safety area

Better visibility (both ways)
No Trees, Sidewalk Not Enough Clear Path
Widen sidewalks around light & sign poles and other obstructions
Sidewalk can wrap around pole
Consider this your normal curb line
Not this
Fredericksburg VA
Along Monitor

- Narrow lanes with new striping for left turn lane northbound, 10-11’ lanes, bike lanes
- Widen sidewalks particularly from Family Resource Center south to school
Transforming a street

Start with a stark, plain street
Thus, street is safer for pedestrians
Help for School parking lot congestion
School Parking Lot Driveway

• Seek Police School Valet or other safety drop off program
• Ask Traffic Engineering for school drop off improvements such as left turn lane into school lot southbound on Monitor, no left turn sign exiting school parking lot.
School Valet or traffic control
The Zone System - Summary

1st example: residential street
The Zone System - Summary

2nd example: commercial street
45.7% of all KERN pedestrian victims were CHILDREN -- 306 Children hurt or killed in 3 years--

Children are 19% of all pedestrian victims even though they’re only 16% of our population. In Kern County, the child victim rate is 32% higher than the state’s rate --

KERN children suffer over 25% of all of the walking injuries & deaths in the county* 

Quarterly Interactive Workshop

- Quarterly interactive workshop community run with walk audit and maps-compare to chart progress of change
- Identify individual and group actions that can be taken (creates ownership of change process)
Walking Maps

- Develop walking map with destinations (park, family resource center, school, pre-school, etc) and walking travel information (lights, stop signs, crosswalks)
- Combine with graffiti removal, nutrition, medical or education information
Start a neighborhood Farmer’s Market supporting local farmers – encourages walking
Workshop Successes

• From the walk safely training, a public health co-worker and local outreach worker together led a walkable community workshop in neighboring Delano with more than 1000 in attendance to reclaim their streets for walking.

• Community resident Gema, with police graffiti removal officer, received award from Bakersfield Mayor. Together they told the press the walk safely workshop story, walk safety has merged with graffiti removal and other neighborhoods are calling for walkable community workshops too.
Funding Sources for Next Steps

• See what City/County funding available for crosswalks, signs
• Consider applying for Caltrans Environmental Justice or Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant for area
• Consider applying for Caltrans Safe Routes to School for Greenfield Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Engineering (street improvements) Grant
A Healthy Transportation Network project of the DHS California Center for Physical Activity funded by the Caltrans Transportation Enhancements program

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