

Charles Brown School: K-5 with 445 Students

6520 Oak Dell Road, El Dorado

Audit Conducted: 8/29/2007

School Location

Charles Brown School is located on Oak Dell Road near Pleasant Valley Road. Oak Dell Road is a wide rural road with no shoulders or sidewalks.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✘ No sidewalks near the school.
- ✘ No sidewalks on Pleasant valley Road between Oak Dell Road and Patterson Drive.
- ✘ Nearby residential is low density.

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop period. It appears that most children are dropped off by parents or ride the bus to the school. The largest nearby residential development is accessible from Patterson Drive, an arterial off Pleasant Valley Road. From a birds eye view, Patterson Drive is located slightly northeast of the school but is separated by a large undeveloped parcel. The audit did not identify any informal walkways so it is unknown as to whether or not children walk to school via the undeveloped parcel between Patterson Drive and Oak Dell Road. The school has a bike rack but it is not currently used.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Rankings

Facilities/Conditions: 1 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 3 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. A bike path across the undeveloped parcel adjacent to the school would provide connectivity to a nearby development.

Potential Programs

1. Implement a Ride Share Program through "Smart Routes to School."

Herbert Green Middle: 6-8 with 524 Students

2781 Forni Road, Placerville

Audit Conducted: 8/29/2007

School Location

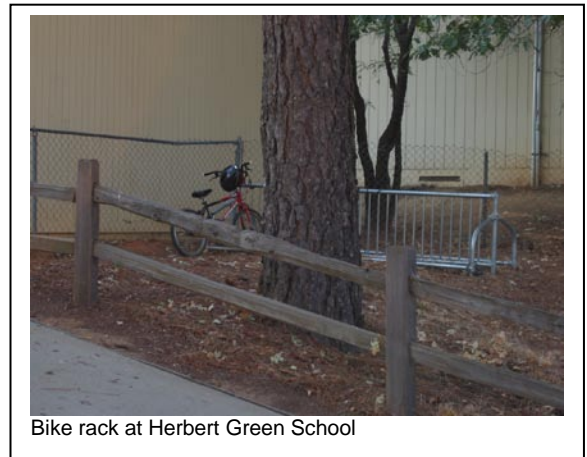
The school is located along Forni Road adjacent to Golden Center Drive near Missouri Flat Road. Nearby developments are rural or regional retail and commercial. Missouri Flat Road is a major arterial that may pose as a barrier for many parents to allow their children to walk to school.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Segments of Missouri Flat Road have sidewalks and bike lanes.
- ✓ Forni Road and Missouri Flat Road intersection have crosswalks.
- ✓ School has a bike rack.
- ✗ Nearby residential is low density.

Audit Summary

The school was audited during the morning drop off period. It appears most children ride the bus or are driven to school. There was one bike in the bike rack on the day the audit was conducted. A few children may walk to school from the small neighborhoods adjacent the school to the north on Arroyo Vista Court and Bestafa Court. There are sidewalks on one side of Golden Center Drive south of the school. The Golden Center Drive sidewalks will provide a connection to the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor bike path section between Missouri Flat Road and Forni Road (to be completed in spring of 2009). The Missouri Flat/Forni Road intersection is signalized and has crosswalks. Missouri Flat Road has bike lanes from Golden Center Drive to the US 50 interchange. Once the US 50 interchange at Missouri Flat Road is completed, it will have sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides. Some of these middle school children may use the nearby sidewalks and bike lanes to access commercial areas of Missouri Flat and Golden Center Drive after school.



Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Rankings

Facilities/Conditions: 13 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 7 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

None

Potential Programs

1. Implement a ride share program through "Smart Routes to School."

Indian Creek School: K-8 with 446 Students

Green Valley Road, Placerville

Audit Conducted: 10/02/2007

School Location

Mother Lode School is located on Green Valley Road near the intersection of Green Valley and Missouri Flat Roads. While the school is near the Missouri Flat interchange and regional commercial area, the character of the area is rural lacking sidewalks and access to nearby neighborhoods.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Missouri Flat Road has a wide shoulder from US 50 to the school.
- ✓ Missouri Flat Road has a school zone signage with a flashing signal.
- ✗ School location makes walking or bicycling an unlikely option.

Audit Summary

In October of 2007, EDCTC conducted an audit of Indian Creek School during the morning drop off period. It was noted that there is a lot of drop off traffic combined with bus drop offs at this school. It doesn't appear that many, if any, children walk to school. While Missouri Flat Road has wide four-foot shoulders leading from US 50 to the school, there is limited residential housing density nearby to encourage walking to school. Many parents would likely discourage their children from bicycling or walking to the school along Missouri Flat road due to the generally high car speeds. Providing for a sidewalk along this route would most likely encourage parents to allow higher-grade students to walk to school. However, the lack of nearby housing will limit the potential of implementing the high cost of sidewalks. The school has a flashing school zone warning sign located on the southbound side of Green Valley Road.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Rankings

Facilities/Conditions: 4 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 2 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

None

Potential Programs

1. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School"