

Edwin Markham School: 6-8 with 374 Students

2800 Moulton Drive, Placerville

Audit Conducted: 9/27/2007

School Location

Edwin Markham School is located on Canal Street in the City of Placerville. Edwin Markham is positioned on Markham Drive, a court off Moulton Drive, which connects to Canal Street. It is within a suburban neighborhood close to the commercial centers of Placerville Drive and Main Street. Edwin Markham is located adjacent to El Dorado High School. Canal Street, at Highway 50, is has a signalized at-grade crossing with a crosswalk on the east side.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ The school has an enclosed bicycle lock up area.
- ✓ The school is very accessible from surrounding neighborhoods.
- ✓ There is an unimproved connector trail to the High School field which provides access to and from Coloma Court and State Route 49.
- ✓ The City of Placerville intends to complete a Safe Routes to School sidewalk and bike lane project on Combella Road.
- ✗ Sidewalks are sporadic and narrow on Canal Street and nearby roadways.

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted in September 2007, during the morning drop off period. A number of children were observed walking to school as well as several being dropped off by automobiles or busses. The school starts relatively early which could be a deterrent for some students walking to school. Accessibility to the school is good, as noted by the connector trail mentioned above. The sidewalk network in the surrounding neighborhood is good but some sidewalks are segmented or narrow. Some nearby crosswalks could be restriped with enhanced ladder-style striping to improve visibility.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 12 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 9 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Restriping of crosswalks to ladder-style high visibility crosswalks.
2. Sidewalk on Canal Street from Moulton Drive to Combella Road.
3. Sidewalk on Combella Road east to existing sidewalk at David Circle.
4. Sidewalk on Middletown Road to Cold Springs Road.

Potential Programs

1. Implement a Walking School Bus Program.
2. Implement a Bike Train Program.
3. Implement a rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

Louisiana Schnell School: K-5 with 402 Students

2871 Schnell School Road, Placerville

Audit Conducted: 8/24/2007

School Location

Louisiana Schnell School is located on Schnell School Road in the eastern area of the City of Placerville. The school is accessible from US 50 and Broadway Street to the south and Carson Road to the north. The school can also be accessed from the El Dorado Trail which passes by the school in the east-west direction on the south side of the school.

Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities/Conditions

- ✓ School is accessible by the El Dorado Trail Bike Path.
- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✓ The school is close to apartments and neighborhoods.
- ✓ The City of Placerville has a Safe Routes to School Grant to provide enhanced ladder-style crosswalk striping nearby the school.
- ✗ There is limited sidewalk network outside the immediate school area.
- ✗ Automobiles pass at high speeds even when crossing guard and children are present.



Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop off period in August of 2007. Several children are bussed to this school, many are driven to school, and a relative few walk or bike to school. The school is in a good location to support more walking or bicycling, especially with the proximity to the El Dorado Trail. Walk to School Day events held at this school in 2005-2007 have demonstrated that an excess of 50-75 children will walk to school for a one-day event. The challenge is to create a program that can support more regular walking, i.e. Walk to School Wednesdays, or On Your Feet Friday's. Bicycling could be a real success at this school as well, if groups of riders were to meet at the Mosquito Station to ride down the El Dorado Trail to Schnell School. Sidewalks on Carson Road would help to allow students coming from the north walk to school.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 20 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 9 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Facility Projects

1. Enhanced Striping or Ladder Style Crosswalks (coming soon as a component of a City of Placerville Safe Routes to School Grant).
2. Sidewalk on Carson Road, westbound to Broadway.
3. Sidewalk on Carson Road, eastbound to Stonecrest Road.

Potential Programs

1. Walking School Bus Program.
2. Bike Train program from Mosquito Station.
3. Implement a rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

Sierra School K-5 with 399 Students & Placerville Community Day School

1100 Thompson Way, Placerville

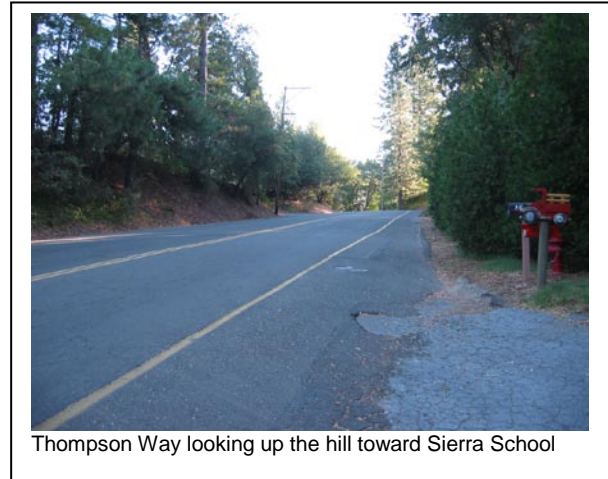
Audit Conducted: 8/24/2007

School Location

The school is located in an established neighborhood in central Placerville. The school is in close proximity to Main Street and adjacent neighborhoods. The school is accessible from all sides; however, the older nearby neighborhoods do not have sidewalks. It is located on top of a fairly steep hill which may be a deterrent to walking.

Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities/Conditions

- ✓ The school is centrally located within a neighborhood in the City.
- ✓ The City of Placerville has a Safe Routes to School Grant to provide enhanced ladder-style crosswalk striping nearby the school.
- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✗ The school lacks a continuous sidewalk network.
- ✗ School is located at the crest of a steep hill.



Thompson Way looking up the hill toward Sierra School

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop off period in August of 2007. A high number of parents drop off their children at this school. There are two drop off locations, one is in front of the school, accessible from Thompson Way, Sheridan, and Washington Streets; the other access point is from the rear of the School via Fowler Way which is off Marshall Road. There are a relatively small number of daily walkers to this school, most likely due to the lack of sidewalks leading to the school. A Safe Routes to School Grant has been pursued by the City of Placerville for a sidewalk on Thompson Way but has been unsuccessful to date. A sidewalk in that location would provide a consistent sidewalk from Main Street and Pacific Streets to the School. The El Dorado Trail parallels Main Street just north of the school and could also provide a safe access route for students traveling to school. Similar to Schnell School, Walk to School Day events held at this school in 2005-2007 have demonstrated that an excess of 50-75 children will walk to school for a one-day event. A program that can support more regular walking, i.e. Walk to School Wednesdays, or On Your Feet Friday's could be very successful. Group walking and bicycling could be very successful at this school if groups of bicyclists or pedestrians were to meet at the Ivy House or Mosquito Parking lot to walk or bike to School.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 18 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 9 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Restriping of crosswalks to ladder-style, high-visibility crosswalks.
2. Sidewalk on Thompson Way (as pursued in the past).
3. Sidewalk on Sheridan Road.

Potential Programs

1. Walking School bus from Ivy House Parking Lot in Placerville.
2. Implement a ride share program through "Smart Routes to School."