

## **Green Valley School: K-5 with 654 Students**

2380 Bass Lake Road, Rescue

Audit Conducted: 9/12/2007

### School Location

Green Valley School is located on Bass Lake Road near the corner of Green Valley Road. The school is near suburban neighborhoods, as well as an apartment complex across the street. Also in close proximity to the school is Cambridge Road which holds a number of higher density housing units. Activity centers are located at the corner of Cameron Park Drive and Green Valley Road. Additionally, a new shopping center is being developed on Green Valley Road near Cambridge.

### Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities/Conditions

- ✓ The school has a bike rack which is often full.
- ✓ There are existing sidewalks leading to the school.
- ✓ The school has a crossing guard.
- ✓ Bike Lanes exist along Green Valley Road.
- ✗ Sidewalk system near school could be expanded to encourage more walking.

### Audit Summary

EDCTC conducted the audit during the afternoon pickup period. Northbound traffic on Bass Lake Road was backed up due to parents waiting to get into the school parking lot to pick up students. A number of parents arrived early to park along Foxmore Lane adjacent the school. There is a sidewalk on the opposite side of Bass Lake Road from the school, and along Green Valley Road heading east from Bass Lake Road. The El Dorado County Department of Transportation is currently working on a project to develop sidewalks westbound on Green Valley Road connecting with Pleasant Valley School. Several kids were noted walking home from school on the day of the audit and the crossing guard stated that the bike rack is full most days.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 14 of 25 Possible Points  
Walkability: 8 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Sidewalk on Parkdale Road.
2. Extension of sidewalk on Bass Lake Road to the south.

### Potential Programs

1. Walking School Bus Program could be very successful for this school from an area near Cambridge Road to the school.
2. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

**Jackson School: K-5 with 437 Students**

2561 Francisco Drive, El Dorado Hills

Audit Conducted: 12/07/2007

School Location

Jackson School is located near the intersection of El Dorado Hills Boulevard and Francisco Drive in northern El Dorado Hills. It is close to Green Valley Road and within walking distance to Harvard Way where the Community Services District Park and aquatics center is located. Two parks are located immediately adjacent to the school, which is situated within a suburban neighborhood.

Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities/Conditions

- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✓ School is accessible from two sides.
- ✓ School has a crossing guard.
- ✓ A sidewalk was recently constructed near the school.
- ✗ There is no sidewalk or shoulder on El Dorado Hills Boulevard heading south from Francisco Drive.



New York Creek Trail Bridge access point

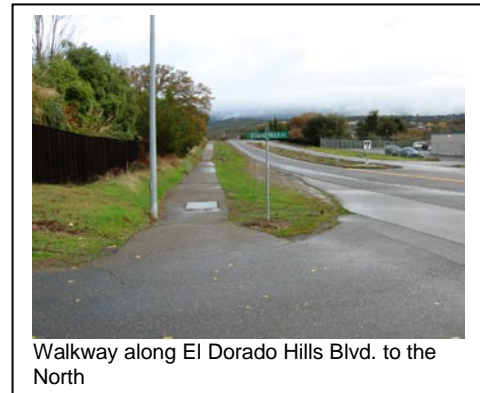
Audit Summary

EDCTC conducted the audit during the morning drop off period in December, 2007. There were several automobiles lined up on El Dorado Hills Boulevard waiting to turn onto Francisco Drive toward the school. Francisco Drive from El Dorado Hills Boulevard to Pendleton Drive has four-foot wide shoulders without sidewalks. During student drop off, this short roadway segment was experiencing traffic backup keeping low automobile speeds. A crossing guard was posted at the intersection of El Dorado Hills Boulevard and Francisco Drive on the north side intersection. According to the crossing guard, four to eight students cross at this intersection coming from the northeast side of El Dorado Hills Boulevard. There is a four-foot wide pathway along El Dorado Hills Boulevard on the east side between Francisco Drive and Green Valley Road. A sidewalk was recently constructed along Pendleton Drive in front of Art Weisburg Park. The crossing guard, posted at the Pendleton and Francisco Drive intersections, stated that approximately 30 students cross at this location. Both crossing guards also noted that more children walk home from school in the afternoon than to school in the morning. The school is also accessible by a paved pathway near New York Creek, which allows access from the neighborhood off Brackenwood Place. Brackenwood Place has sidewalks on both sides and Fairchild Park is located there. Nearby Fairchild Drive, which intersects with Brackenwood Place also has sidewalks.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 13 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 7 of 10 Possible Points



Walkway along El Dorado Hills Blvd. to the North

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Stripe bike lanes on Francisco Drive from El Dorado Hills Blvd to Pendleton Drive.
2. Add bike lanes to El Dorado Hills Boulevard.
3. Extend the bike path north from Brittany Way to Francisco Drive.

Potential Programs

1. Walking School Bus Program from the Brackenwood and El Dorado Hills Blvd north areas.
2. Bicycle education program, or "Bike Train" Program.
3. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

## Lake Forest School: K-5 with 604 Students

2240 Salisbury Drive, El Dorado Hills

Audit Conducted: 11/7/2007

### School Location

Lake Forest School is located on Francisco Drive in the northern area of El Dorado Hills adjacent to Marina Village School. The school is situated within a suburbanized area near a number of housing developments. There is a shopping center located at Green Valley Road and Francisco Drive approximately one mile to the south of the school, and a new park, yet to be developed, near the school at Schooner Drive.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Excellent sidewalks with buffer leading to the school.
- ✓ School has an excellent crossing guard program.

### Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop-off period. Several students were walking to school with parents, some rode bikes, typically on the sidewalk. There is a sidewalk with a landscape buffer on Francisco Drive in front of the school. Kensington Drive has sidewalks but they lack curb cuts on the corner of Francisco and the school. The school has a number of access points, from Francisco, Kensington, or Salisbury. Eight morning crossing guards were on duty during the audit. Six crossing guards were students and two were adults. The program assigns students to certain areas to help facilitate safe pedestrian and automotive traffic through the parking lot. Adults were working the actual road crossings at Salisbury/Kensington and Schooner/Francisco. Schooner Drive does not have a sidewalk, but has a wide striped shoulder with potential to be upgraded to a bike lane. Salisbury does not have a sidewalk. Nearby neighborhoods appear to have low traffic volumes and relatively low automobile speeds.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 15 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 8 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Class II bike lane striping on Schooner Drive.
2. ADA accessible curb cuts at Francisco and Kensington.

### Potential Programs

1. Implement a Walking School Bus Program.
2. Implement bike education programs, start a "Bike Train."
3. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

## **Lakeview Elementary School: K-5 with 523 Students**

3371 Brittany Way, El Dorado Hills

Audit Conducted: 12/17/2007

### School Location

Lakeview Elementary is a new school that overlooks Folsom Lake on Brittany Way in El Dorado Hills. The school is accessible from El Dorado Hills Blvd via Brittany Way to the east, from Green Valley Road via Mormon Island Drive from the north, and from Sophia Parkway via Elmores Way and Suffolk Way to the west.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ The sidewalk network surrounding the school is good.
- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✗ Access from Princess Helen Court and neighborhoods nearby on Mormon Island Drive is blocked by a fence preventing some students from making a short walk to school.
- ✗ There is a sidewalk on only one side of Brittany Way and crossing it can be difficult due to high automobile speeds around a curve at the bottom of the hill.



The school grounds are nearly accessible from Princess Helen Court but a fence blocks the route.

### Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the afternoon pickup in December 2007. A number of children were being picked up by parents driving cars. Several kids were walking or bicycling to school. A crossing guard was posted at the intersection of Brittany and Suffolk Way, as well as Elmores and Sophia Parkway. On this wet day there were a few kids riding home on bicycles but the bike rack was empty. There appears to be potential for increased walking and bicycling at this school. Targeted programs such as 'bike train' or walking school buses could prove to be successful as there is a good sidewalk network around the school, in the surrounding neighborhoods and the roadways have wide shoulders. While there are no bike lanes, the traffic lanes are wide providing ample room for bicyclists.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 15 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 4 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Install a school crossing sign at the bottom of the hill along Brittany Way.
2. Add a sidewalk to the south side of Brittany Way between the school and Mormon Island Drive.

### Potential Programs

1. Implement a Walking School Bus Program.
2. Implement bike education programs, start a "Bike Train."
3. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."



Crossing at Suffolk and Brittany Way

**Marina Village School: 6-8 with 750 Students**

1901 Francisco Drive, El Dorado Hills

Audit Conducted: 11/7/2007

School Location

Marina Village School is located on Francisco Drive in the northern area of El Dorado Hills. The school is situated within a suburbanized area close to many residential developments. There is a shopping center located at Green Valley Road and Francisco Drive, approximately one mile to the south of the school, and a new park to be developed near the school at Schooner Drive.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Excellent sidewalks with buffer lead to the school.
- ✓ School is accessible from the field to the east.
- ✓ School has two bike racks utilized by several students who bike to school.
- ✓ Approximately 200 students walk to school.



Sidewalk with buffer in front of the school

Audit Summary

This audit was conducted during the morning in November 2007. Francisco Drive does not have bike lanes but the shoulder width is approximately two to four feet from Green Valley Road to Hampshire Place. Schooner Drive also has wide, striped shoulders from Francisco Drive to Marina Park Drive. There are wide sidewalks with a landscaped buffer on the east side of Francisco Drive from Green Valley Road to Hampshire Place. A nearby development on Templeton Drive does not have sidewalks. The school is also accessible from the east, at the rear of the school, across the field from Salisbury Drive.

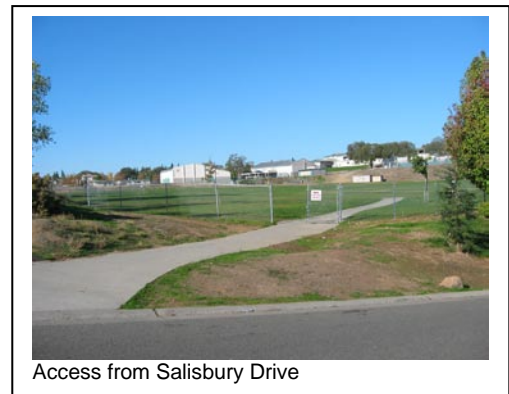
Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities /Conditions: 15 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 8 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Utilize the striped shoulder on Schooner Drive to develop Class II Bike Lanes or Class III Bike Route.
2. Install bike route signage designating Francisco Drive as a Class III Bike Route.



Access from Salisbury Drive

Potential Programs

1. Implement a Walking School Bus Program.
2. Implement bike education programs, start a "Bike Train."
3. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

## **Pleasant Grove Middle School: 6-8 with 676 Students**

2540 Green Valley Road, Rescue

Audit Conducted: 9/12/2007

### School Location

Pleasant Grove School is located on Green Valley Road, west of Bass Lake Road. A new roadway, Silver Springs Parkway, will be constructed east of the school. A new high school site is proposed along the new Silver Springs Parkway, which will be adjacent to Pleasant Grove. Pleasant Grove's location is rather remote with one nearby development across from the school and slightly east. A signalized crosswalk provides these students a safe crossing of Green Valley Road. Other housing developments farther east are located off Bass Lake and Cambridge Roads. Considering the age of students, it is likely they will make slightly longer trips either on bikes or foot.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ A signalized crossing provides safe access across Green Valley Road.
- ✓ Green Valley Road has bike lanes heading east.
- ✓ A new sidewalk was recently constructed between the school and Bass Lake Road.
- ✗ High vehicle speeds on Green Valley Road discourage walking.

### Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the afternoon drop off in September, 2007. Due to a lack of facilities and somewhat remote location of the school a majority of the students are bussed or driven to school. A recently constructed sidewalk (October 2008) along Green Valley Road between Bass Lake Road and the future Silver Springs Parkway site next to the school provides a safe passage for the children who currently walk to and from school. Four-foot shoulders and Class II bike lanes also exist on Green Valley Road from the School east toward Cameron Park Drive. The school has a bike rack, which typically has about fourteen bikes and approximately 20 students walk or ride skateboards on any given day. The school frontage has wide sidewalks with a buffer from the road and a signalized crossing. In time, as development occurs and the new Silver Springs Parkway is developed, this school will become more pedestrian and bike friendly.



There is a signalized crossing at the school entrance and a sidewalk with landscaped buffer.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 14 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 5 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

None

### Potential Programs

1. A bicycle education program to encourage safe bicycling to school.
2. Implement a Walking School Bus Program.
3. Implement bike education programs, start a "Bike Train."
4. Implement a school rideshare program through "Smart Routes to School."

**Rescue School: K-5 with 498 Students**

3880 Green Valley Road, Rescue

Audit Conducted: 10/02/2007

School Location

Rescue School is located along Green Valley Road in the community of Rescue. It is in a very rural area with widespread residential development.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

✘ The remote location and rural environment make walking to school an unlikely option.

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop off period in the month of October. The location of the school makes walking to school a less inviting transportation mode. It appears most children are either driven to school or ride the bus. There are sidewalks on campus, but not on adjacent roadways. Green Valley Road has a 40 mile per hour speed limit east of the school and a 50 mile per hour speed limit west of the school. There are "25 mph When Children are Present" signs posted along Green Valley Road, but no school zone warning signs.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 1 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 1 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Facility Projects

None

Potential Programs

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