

## El Dorado Adult High School and Independence Continuation High School 9-12 with 100 Students

2227 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs

Audit Conducted: 10/01/2007

### School Location

The schools are located in the town of Diamond Springs along Pleasant Valley Road near the intersection of Missouri Flat Road.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ The roadway shoulder is wide in some areas near the school.
- ✗ There are no sidewalks near the school.
- ✗ There is no bike rack, but students are allowed to park bikes in the office.

### Audit Summary

These two specialty schools have limited enrollment of older age students. Independence High School students are 16 years or older. A majority of the students ride the bus or are driven to the school. Two kids regularly ride bikes and about ten ride skateboards. There are no sidewalks or bike lanes near the school. The mid-block crossings of Pleasant Valley Road would benefit from restriping for improved visibility.



School zone signage and crosswalk on Pleasant Valley Road

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 3 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 5 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Bike Lanes on Missouri Flat Road.
2. Sidewalks on Pleasant Valley Road.
3. Restriping of crosswalks on Pleasant Valley Road.

### Potential Programs

1. Implement a School Rideshare Program through "Smart Routes to School."

## El Dorado High School and Vista High School: 9-12 with 1,280 Students

561 Canal Street, Placerville

Audit Conducted: 9/27/2007

### School Location

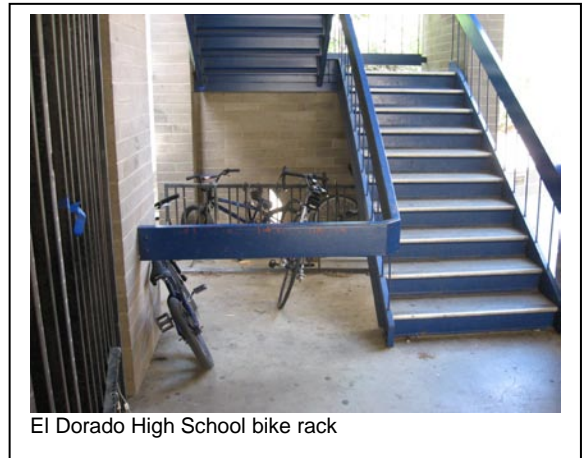
El Dorado High School is located on Canal Street within a residential neighborhood in the City of Placerville. The school is close to the Historic Downtown area of Main Street as well as the commercial area along Placerville Drive. It is surrounded by neighborhoods and accessible from all sides.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Speed bumps and median barriers have been installed in front of the school to reduce speeds and control pedestrian crossing.
- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✓ The school is accessible from adjacent neighborhoods through multiple entrances.
- ✗ The sidewalk system near the school is discontinuous.

### Audit Summary

The well-established neighborhoods adjacent the school host older narrow roads and often narrow or discontinuous sidewalks. Some of the more well-traveled routes, such as Bee Street have good existing sidewalks. There are no bike lanes on local streets. The only nearby road with a wide shoulder is Bee Street, and often that shoulder is obstructed by parking. Due to the narrow roads however, car speeds tend to be slower. It appears that many students are bused to school or driven by parents. The school has a bike rack and there are typically a few bicycles parked there. The school can be accessed from Coloma Court on the east side of the football field. The school is accessible on the north from Combellack and Middletown roads. Along Canal Street, east to Combellack, the City intends to construct a sidewalk to connect with an existing sidewalk on Combellack Road.



El Dorado High School bike rack



Walking path adjacent to Canal Street as seen in the direction of Middletown/Combellack Road

### 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. The City of Placerville is anticipating a new sidewalk along a section of Combellack Road.
2. The City of Placerville is also anticipating bike lanes on Combellack Road from Canal Street to State Route 49.
3. Sidewalks and bike lanes on Middletown Road to Cold Springs Road would provide a useful non-motorized connection to Placerville Drive.

Potential Programs

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

## **Oak Ridge High School: 9-12 with 2,120 Students**

1120 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills

Audit Conducted: 9/28/2007

### School Location

Oak Ridge High School is located in the growing urbanized area of El Dorado Hills. It is located on Harvard Way, adjacent to Silva Valley Parkway. Silva Valley Parkway is a four-lane, divided arterial with four-foot wide shoulders and sidewalks separated by a landscaped buffer. The school is located near the El Dorado Hills Community Services District Park/Pool and Skate Park. There are a number of residential neighborhoods within walking and bicycling distance of the school.

### Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ Silva Valley road has wide shoulders sufficient for a bike lane.
- ✓ Silva Valley Road has wide sidewalks.
- ✓ There is a bike path along Harvard Way that connects to an additional bike path on El Dorado Hills Boulevard.
- ✗ High automobile traffic during drop off and pick up times.
- ✗ Wide shoulder is frequently obstructed by parked cars.



### Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the afternoon pickup in September 2007. Traffic congestion was observed during the audit. Several children were also observed walking and bicycling home from school. High volumes of student traffic are due in part to adjacent Rolling Hills Middle School. The bike path and sidewalk network is consistent and provides good connectivity to nearby neighborhoods. Promotional efforts at this school may help to encourage walking and bicycling to school.



### Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 17 of 25 Possible Points  
 Walkability: 9 of 10 Possible Points

### Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

None

### Potential Programs

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

**Ponderosa High School: 9-12 with 2,024 Students**

3661 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs

Audit Conducted: 11/15/2007

School Location

Ponderosa High School is located at the intersection of Ponderosa Road and Meder Road. The school is located in a semi-rural area of El Dorado County adjacent to a relatively dense area of Cameron Park. While informal walkways extend a quarter mile on both sides of Ponderosa Road, most of the space along the road is taken up by parked cars during peak drop off and pick up periods.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✘ Student drop offs by automobile create excessive congestion near the school.
- ✘ Configuration of the drop off zone and bus drop off increases congestion.
- ✘ Lack of bicycling or walking infrastructure including sidewalks.
- ✘ School does not have a bike rack.

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop off period in November, 2007. During the audit north-bound traffic was backed up for over a quarter mile on Ponderosa Road from Meder Road. Most students live more than one mile from the school. There is no existing bicycling or walking infrastructure. Parents were pulling cars onto either side of the road to drop off students. Students were crossing at will between parked or slow moving cars.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 7 of 25 Possible Points

Walkability: 2 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Improved drop off and pick up areas.
2. Crosswalk to facilitate safe crossing after drop off on opposite side of school.

Potential Programs

1. Implement a School Rideshare Program through "Smart Routes to School."

**Union Mine High School: 9-12 with 1,405 Students**  
**Shenandoah High School: 9-12 with 129 Students**  
**Mountain View High School: 9-12 with 31 Students**

6530 Koki Lane, El Dorado

Audit Conducted: 8/29/2007

School Location

The schools are located on Koki Lane off of Pleasant Valley Road in the town of El Dorado. Koki Lane is primarily an access road for Union Mine and Shenandoah schools which are located at the end of the road. The nearest higher-density residential development is located on Patterson Road, accessible by traveling east on Pleasant Valley Road.

Existing Conditions: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

- ✓ The school has a bike rack.
- ✗ Pleasant Valley Road has no shoulders or sidewalks, posing as a barrier to walk and bike access.

Audit Summary

The audit was conducted during the morning drop off period in August, 2007. It appears that many children are driven, drive, or ride the bus to school. There is a small neighborhood off Koki Lane on Havenstar Road and some other small nearby housing areas may be accessible from Union Mine Road. There is a sidewalk on the west side of Koki Lane from the school to Pleasant Valley Road. There are no sidewalks and a narrow shoulder along Pleasant Valley Road. Pleasant Valley Road is posted 40 miles per hour, and there is a "25 mph When Children are Present" sign. There is a crosswalk at the signalized intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Koki Lane providing access to a small neighborhood on Oro Lane and Dublin Road. The nearest higher-density development is located off Patterson Drive and may be accessible through an undeveloped parcel located to the east of the school. It is unknown as to whether or not students are using this parcel to access the school grounds or not.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Overall Ranking

Facilities/Conditions: 10 of 25 Possible Points  
 Walkability: 4 of 10 Possible Points

Potential Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Projects

1. Sidewalks and bike lanes along Pleasant Valley Road from Missouri Flat Road to the town of El Dorado.
2. Bike Path through the undeveloped parcel to the east of the school connecting Patterson Drive to the school campus.

Potential Programs

1. Implement a School Rideshare Program through "Smart Routes to School."

