

PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY "GOOD NEIGHBOR"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by San Rafael City School District ("SRCS") and the Marin Jewish Community Campus ("the Campus"), which is comprised of Congregation Rodef Sholom, Brandeis Marin, and the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center. The purpose of this MOU is to enhance pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle safety, and to improve traffic conditions on North San Pedro Road in San Rafael.

EXISTING TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CHALLENGES

1. The Campus is located at numbers 170 through 210 North San Pedro Road, which is on the southerly side of the street.
2. SRCS operates Venetia Valley K-8 School ("Venetia Valley"). Venetia Valley is located at 177 North San Pedro Road, which is on the northerly side of the street, immediately across from the Campus.
3. Both Venetia Valley and the Campus generate substantial daily vehicle traffic, particularly during the hours when schools are in session.
4. An uncontrolled crosswalk with a flashing warning device runs between Venetia Valley and the Campus, which has been the location of at least one very significant vehicle vs. pedestrian accident.
5. Vehicle turning movements into and out of Venetia Valley and the Campus cause vehicle backups, line-of-sight obstructions, frequent accidents and near misses, and corresponding hazards to pedestrians and cyclists.

HISTORY OF COOPERATION

6. SRCS and the Campus have enjoyed a history of cooperation on many items, including a long-standing effort to coordinate and stagger school start times at Venetia Valley and Brandeis Marin to mitigate the impacts caused by vehicles transporting children to the two schools.

7. In recent years, congregants and members of the Campus entities have substantial volunteer efforts at Venetia Valley to support the classroom teachers there, including working on garden projects, fund raising for school supplies, donating books, providing adult and student tutors, and donating hundreds of free "Summer Nights" concert tickets to Venetia Valley families.

VENETIA VALLEY AND CAMPUS RENOVATION PLANS

8. SRCS currently is designing a substantial renovation of the Venetia Valley campus that will include new classroom buildings, playground areas, driveways, access, and parking.

9. The Campus currently is preparing a new master plan that is intended for construction of a completely new synagogue at the site of the existing Congregation Rodef Sholom, a new family pool and preschool renovation at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, and other potential long-range future improvements at the Campus.

COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

10. SRCS and the Campus jointly desire the following outcomes for their respective planned property renovations: (a) enhanced safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles accessing both Venetia Valley and the Campus; (b) maximum ease of access to both sites; (c) improved flow of traffic on and off both sites; (d) thoughtful

parking design; and (e) smooth vehicle traffic on San Pedro Road, particularly during heavy morning and evening commute hours.

11. To achieve these mutual goals, SRCS and the Campus already have begun to share designs, plans, and ideas to enhance safety and improve traffic by improving internal circulation and the corresponding impacts on San Pedro Road. SRCS and the Campus will continue to share resources, data, and engineering work product to achieve these goals. It is intended that the design of Venetia Valley and the Campus improvements that will likely impact traffic -- for example, the location of access points for vehicles onto each campus -- will be coordinated on both sides of North San Pedro Road. It is anticipated that design professionals from SRCS and the Campus will work together to plan and test various traffic engineering alternatives in order to jointly devise the best solutions for both the Venetia Valley and the Campus properties, as well as the Santa Venetia neighborhood at large. SRCS and the Campus jointly commit to working with the surrounding Santa Venetia community to collect input and share ideas on the best safety and traffic solutions.

12. Any safety and traffic solutions that ultimately may be proposed will require the cooperation and support of the County of Marin. SRCS and the Campus look forward to joining their efforts with the County to improve safety and traffic on North San Pedro Road.

CONCLUSION

13. SRCS and the Campus appreciate this opportunity to formalize their long-standing history of cooperation and express their mutual intentions as set forth herein.

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