

# Results/Comments from the Infrastructure and Traffic Circulation Meeting Group Exercise January 26, 2005

## **Summary of frequently-mentioned concerns that emerged from the meeting:**

- Need sidewalks, especially on main streets like East and Waldemere.
- There is a desire for traffic calming devices, but there are a variety of solutions. Speed bumps/tables are frequently mentioned.
- Speeding is a problem. Enforcement seems nonexistent. Especially on Hyde Park.
- Large trucks cutting through the neighborhood is a problem, and needs to stop.
- US 41 is dangerous. It not pleasant to shop on 41 because of the traffic, and not safe to cross on foot.
- Cut-through traffic is abundant, largely caused by the hospital.
- Aesthetic improvements, like brick pavers would be nice. Hyde Park is at least as important as Waldemere, and should also be treated as a signature street.

## **Sidewalks:**

- East Avenue – Hyde Park to Waldemere. Mentioned by 3 groups. Finish sidewalks on this road.
- Jefferson – Hyde Park to Bahia Vista
- One person does not want sidewalks on Sunnyside Lane. If sidewalks were put on that area, people from the Cabana Inn would use them, attracting undesirable people into the neighborhood.
- Sidewalks are not contiguous. Often have to cross the street when the sidewalk ends.
- Sidewalks too narrow in some places. Sometimes plants and fences are too close to the sidewalk, making walking uncomfortable.

## **Traffic Calming Devices/Speeding Hot-Spots:**

- Speeding is bad, but speed bumps can be noisy.
- Speed bumps should be painted.
- Speed bumps should have a higher slope.
- Speed table on Hyde Park just off Tuttle. Hyde park mentioned twice.
- Jefferson is bad.
- Speed table between Floyd and Bahia Vista on Euclid.
- A traffic circle wouldn't be so bad, and it works. On School and Temple, for example. But no roundabouts.
- The Hawthorne playground needs parking and speed tables.
- Red-colored items, like flowers or reflectors, might cause people to slow down.
- Speed hump needed on Waldemere, between Jefferson and Shade.
- Speed humps on streets that have been repaved are no longer effective—too flat.
- Install 20 mph speed limit sign on Hyde Park St.-adjacent to Park

**Enforcement:**

- Most important priority for Group #1. Also mentioned by Group #3
- Enforcement of speed limit and stop sign violations.
- Need more volunteers with radar guns and uniforms to enforce traffic control. Many did not know that such a program existed.
- Large 18-wheel trucks going through neighborhood. Mentioned by Groups #s 2 and 3. These trucks blast over speed bumps. The trucks have established these streets as regular routes, suggesting that there has been no attempt at enforcement. Trucks wear out streets. Especially Hyde Park and East Ave. Also, speeding garbage trucks.
- If there was a police officer there a few days a week it would help the problem.
- It would be nice to lower the speed limit to 15 mph. Some thought that it would not be feasible.

**Curbs, gutters, and drainage:**

- Shade needs drainage on the whole street.
- Loma Linda needs curbs on the whole street (one person).
- Jefferson – Hyde Park to Bahia Vista.
- Some speed bumps can cause flooding. East Ave.
- Flood control has improved, but flooding problem still exists.
- Curbs need repaired.
- Drains need maintenance – Hyde park/ East. 2150 Hyde Park St.
- Curb and Gutter on Hillview.

**Parking:**

- Curbside parking on Briggs between Bahia Vista and Prospect (elementary school at Prospect and Tuttle) is a problem.

**Intersections:**

- There needs to be adequate signage that instructs trucks not to drive through the neighborhood. Mentioned 3 times.
- Need light at Waldemere to allow through traffic to cross 41. Two arrows are needed.
- Four-way stops on Jefferson From Hyde Park to Bahia Vista
- Trees obstructing stop signs. Need support from neighbors.
- Bridge over 41? People would like to walk to hospital, but it is too scary. 41 is so scary, people go east to go shopping. But although some walk to get to groceries, most only use sidewalks within the neighborhood, and drive outside to go shopping. Better-marked crosswalks at 41.
- Bicycles don't stop at stop signs.
- Right-turn lane needed at 41 onto Hillview [Eastbound].
- 2-way stops that are ambiguous, should be 4-way - Jefferson and Arlington, and Jefferson and Hillview.

**Aesthetics:**

- Waldemere and Hyde Park should be treated equally. They both border the park. They both should have decorative lighting. They are both equally important streets. Both should have gateways. Mentioned twice.
- Want more brick pavers and speed tables like other neighborhoods.
- Landscaping in public areas – East Ave and Hyde Park.
- Decorative Lights – Hyde Park (East to Tuttle).

**Other:**

- Turnaround needed at dead-end streets adjacent to park--Especially Arlington, Hawthorne, Hillview. A cul de sac like the one on Arlington Street would be nice, for those who want one.
- Skateboarders and mopeds travel up and down the streets, over and over. Some find this to be annoying, but one mom defended the skateboarders. Skateboarders use street, not sidewalk. Skateboarders sometimes have ramps in the street which annoyed one motorist. Some say that the speeding mopeds makes it dangerous to back-out of driveway. Although there was a general ambivalence about skateboarders and bikers, all agreed that gas-powered mopeds are obnoxiously loud.
- Need dead-end signs for dead-end streets (some not present).
- Parking in front-yards a problem, especially on dead-end streets near park.
- Need to gain a seat on the Hospital Neighborhood Advisory Council in order to improve cut-through traffic problem, as well as other hospital-related issues that impact Arlington Park.