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## MEMORANDUM

To: Chelsea Biklen and David Stillman, City of Cupertino

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**Re: Regnart Elementary School Walk Audit Recommendations**

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### Introduction

The City of Cupertino conducted a walk audit for Regnart Elementary School with staff from Alta Planning + Design. The audit was held in the morning of March 23, 2017 to observe the morning arrival time at the school.

A walk audit is an assessment of travel behaviors for drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians (both parents and students), developed by observing a school pick-up or drop-off period on and around school grounds. Walk audits provide insight into the specific barriers to walking and biking at each school. The assessment team included Alta Planning + Design staff; City of Cupertino staff, and concerned parents. The audit began with a discussion of current challenge areas and the types of issues to focus on for the walk audit. The team then observed student and parent travel activities during the drop-off period, and reviewed the immediate school zone area for quality of sidewalks, curb ramps, signage, and other engineering elements and patterns of activity. After the audit period was over, audit participants returned to discuss and document their findings on a large scale school area map. Based on observations and input provided by school staff, audit participants, and others, the project team developed recommendations which are presented for Regnart Elementary School in a narrative and graphical format.

This memo provides programmatic and project recommendations for Regnart Elementary School. It includes both on-campus recommendations that can be implemented by the school district and off-campus improvements that can be implemented by the City. The map of recommended projects is attached to this memo.

### Existing Conditions

Regnart Elementary School is located on Yorkshire Drive between Stafford Drive and Belknap Drive. The drop-off area for drivers and buses is located in the Yorkshire Drive parking lot. Staff can park in this parking lot or in the lot immediately south of the school.

Bicycle and pedestrian access is available from Yorkshire Drive. On-campus bicycle parking is located on the southwestern side of the school, adjacent to staff parking.

## Project Recommendations

1. Yorkshire Drive North of School
  - Install sidewalk on south side of Yorkshire Drive.
2. Yorkshire Drive
  - Install concrete paths between sidewalk and gates.
3. Regnart Road/Bubb Road
  - Install missing sidewalk.
  - Install yield markings on both sides of crosswalk on Bubb Road.
    - Approximately 15 feet prior to crosswalk.
4. School Drop-Off
  - Repaint drop-off loop.
5. Yorkshire Drive/Yorkshire Court
  - Widen sidewalk on eastern side of Yorkshire Drive by approximately three feet.
  - Install curb extension for southern portion of driveway entrance.
  - Install yellow high-visibility crosswalk across Yorkshire Drive.
  - Install ADA-compliant curb ramp for high-visibility crosswalk.
  - Install yield markings on both sides of crosswalk on Yorkshire Drive.
    - Approximately 15 feet prior to crosswalk.
  - Install “No Left Turn” sign to discourage left turns into driveway.
6. Belknap Drive/Yorkshire Drive
  - Install curb extension on southeastern corner.

## Program Recommendations

1. In the school welcome packets, remind parents to not drop students off at intersections.
2. Install signs to make drop-off loop a no-idling zone.
  - Remind parents of this in school welcome packets.
3. Work with the PTA to train more parents who can help with valet each morning.