

# Terra Linda High School Community Update

## Street, Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Improvements Project

Exterior improvements to the Terra Linda High School campus are planned as part of the Measure B Bond program and include many recommendations of the Safe Routes to School Committee. The goal of the improvements is to increase the safety of student, staff, and visitors as they arrive at the school as pedestrians, bicyclists, or by bus or private vehicle, while improving the aesthetics of the exterior.

The traffic flow into and out of the school will be greatly improved, reducing vehicle congestion in the neighborhood at the start and end of each school day. Overhead utility lines will be placed underground, and current street lighting will be replaced with fixtures to reduce light pollution at night. All new landscaping will be placed along the street frontage. The approximate construction timeline is summer of 2021 to winter of 2022.

### **The frontage improvements include:**

- A new bicycle path along the front of the school with several points of entrance onto the school grounds that lead to bicycle parking areas. The paths leading into the school site will minimize the crossing of vehicle lanes of travel and are separate from pedestrian pathways. There is a 2' wide buffer zone between the bike path and the sidewalk along Nova Albion. The bike path will transition onto painted bike lanes on Nova Albion at both ends of the school.
- Several new pedestrian crosswalks are planned across Nova Albion to promote the safe crossing of walkers. Each new crosswalk will have ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps leading to sidewalks on both sides of the street. As these paths cross the vehicular driveways on the school grounds, the paths will be elevated to calm traffic and reduce vehicle speed to promote pedestrian safety.
- New street lighting and pavement striping will improve the school safety, while curb extensions at crosswalks will slow traffic, increase pedestrian visibility and shorten crossing distances.
- A new bus drop-off lane is in approximately the same location as the existing one but is slightly reconfigured to accommodate the new bike lane.
- Reconfiguration of vehicle driveways will improve the flow of traffic and reduce the amount of "back-up" onto Nova Albion at the start and end of the school day. The entrance at the northwest end of the site will be improved to direct and control the flow of vehicles onto the school grounds and better identify pedestrian pathways while reducing vehicle-pedestrian conflicts.

- Redesigning the main school driveway entrance to allow vehicles to travel either northwest to the staff parking area, or east towards a new drop-off lane in front of the new gymnasium and into the student parking lot. Vehicles will no longer exit the school site from this point.
- A new single lane exit-only drive will be situated just east of the drop-off lane and just before the driveway that enters the student parking lot. This allows vehicles to exit the site after dropping off students, but before entering the student parking lot.
- Parking lots will be expanded, reconfigured and restriped and the school will have the same number of parking spaces as it currently does. New parking lot night lighting will follow pollution reduction standards so as not to shine on neighboring residences. Parking lots will include the required number of ADA accessible parking stalls.



For your convenience, a copy of the Notice of Exemption (“NOE”) filed for this project on June 1, 2020, is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Dan Zaich, Senior Director, Capital Improvements  
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## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**To:** Marin County Clerk  
Recorder's Office  
3501 Civic Center Dr. #232  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**From:** San Rafael City Schools  
310 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
Room 505

Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
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Delivery:** 1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Terra Linda High School – Street, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Access Improvements

**Project Location - Specific:** Terra Linda High School, 320 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903 (and frontage public right of way)

**Project Location - City:** San Rafael

**Project Location - County:** Marin

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Project is a new construction project that includes street, pedestrian, and bicycle access improvements along the frontage of the Terra Linda High School campus, and implements a number of the recommendations of the Safe Routes to School Committee. The proposed improvements are intended to improve the aesthetic appearance of the front of the school, improve ADA access to the campus, and increase the safety of students, staff and visitors as they arrive at and depart from the school as pedestrians, bicyclists, or by bus and private vehicles. The improvements include the following:

1. Construction of a new 8 foot wide, two-way bicycle path along the entire front of the school with several points of entrance onto the school grounds that lead to bicycle parking areas. The proposed paths leading into the school site are intended to minimize the crossing of vehicular lane of travel and are separate from pedestrian pathways. There would be a 2 foot wide buffer zone between the bike path and the sidewalk along Nova Albion Way. The bike path would transition back onto painted bike lanes on Nova Albion at both ends of the site;
2. Installation of three new pedestrian crosswalks across Nova Albion Way with traffic beacons to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians. Each new crosswalk would have ADA compliant sidewalk ramps leading to sidewalks on both sides of the street. Additionally, improvements would be made to several existing pathways into the site. As these paths cross the vehicular driveways on site, they would be elevated on "speed tables" which serve as traffic calming/speed reduction devices that increase safety for pedestrians;
3. Other improvements to Nova Albion Way along the frontage of the campus include replacement of existing street lighting with energy efficient lighting (LED) and to improve safety, pavement striping, and bulb outs of the curb line at the new crosswalks to slow traffic;
4. The existing bus drop-off lane would be improved and slightly reconfigured to accommodate the new bike lane;
5. Installation of replacement night lighting in the parking lots with (LED) lights to provide minimum code required illumination levels and improve safety. All new lighting would conform to current light pollution reduction standards to reduce existing light and glare upon neighboring residences (14 new light poles will be installed with the Project, with a portion installed in the on-campus parking lot, and a portion installed as street lighting);

6. The installation of a new campus marquis, landscaping, and other aesthetic improvements along the front of the campus;
7. The installation of 38 new street trees to replace dying trees, meeting City of San Rafael approval. Additionally, a new six foot walkway with eight benches would be installed between the trees; and
8. Related and ancillary grading work, utility extensions and/or improvements (including undergrounding of utilities), and site work.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Rafael City Schools

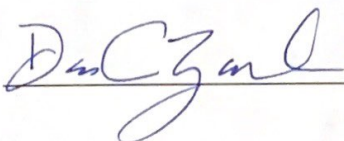
**Name of Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Rafael City Schools

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 2: Sec. 15302; Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 4: Sec. 15304, and Class 14: Sec. 15314.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** Class 1: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor interior and exterior alterations to existing public structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment involving no or negligible expansion of use, including improvements to existing streets, sidewalks, bicycle, and pedestrian trails and similar facilities; the addition of bicycle lanes, facilities, and parking; transit improvements such as bus drop-off lanes, pedestrian crossings, and street trees; and other similar alterations; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated structures; and the addition of safety devices for use in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or topographical features. Class 2: Replacement of existing facilities involving the substantially same purpose and no or negligible expansion of capacity; replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; undergrounding and expansion/connection of utilities. Class 3: Small new facilities or structures (e.g., a replacement LED marquee sign, benches, etc.), electrical power and other utility extensions to serve the construction; accessory (appurtenant) structures and facilities. Class 4: Minor alterations to land associated grading, trenching, and backfill; new gardening or landscaping; the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights of way. Class 14: Minor Additions to Schools to existing schools within existing school grounds.

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Signature:  Date: 5/29/20