



September 7, 2013

Subject: Transportation Report
 To: AVCA Board of Directors
 From: Dave Fadness

1. Streets Survey: Attached find a copy of the results from our recent survey of resident's opinions regarding street issues in Almaden Valley. The survey questions are shown in Attachment 1. Attachment 2 is a table compiling responses which are condensed and listed in Attachment 3.

Bob Strain polled AVCA members (via AlmadenLoop at streets@avca-sj.org) and sought additional input via NextDoor.com. I gathered a few responses to a more detailed survey at AVCA's August meeting. We received a small, random sample of 38 responses.

Attachment 2 shows the number of responses for each street and locality. Camden (21), Almaden (7), and Coleman (6) head the list.

2. Meeting with Department of Transportation Director Hans Larsen: On September 6, Bob Strain and I met with Hans Larsen to talk about the city's transportation plans and priorities for Almaden Valley. We also shared our polling results with him. Mr. Larsen shared the following information with us:

Scheduled Pavement Projects			
Year	Street	Range	Description
2013	Blossom Hill Road	Santa Teresa to Blossom Avenue	Repave or slurry/chip seal
2014	Blossom Hill Road	Almaden to Santa Teresa	Repave or slurry/chip seal
	Camden Avenue	Blossom Hill to Almaden	Repave or slurry/chip seal
	Coleman Road	Redmond to Meridian	Repave or slurry/chip seal (after completion of sewer repair work in 2013)
2015	Coleman Road	Camden to Redmond	Repave or slurry/chip seal (after completion of sewer repair work in 2015)

Scheduled Pedestrian Safety Projects			
Year	Street	Cross Street	Description
2013	Blossom Hill Road	Park Crest Drive	Install chokers, median refuge, flashing beacons at exiting crosswalk.
	McAbee Road	Golden Oak Way	Replace embedded lights with flashing beacons, possible bulb-out.
2014	Camden Avenue	Via Valiente	Construct walkway to connect park trail on north side of Camden to intersection.

Future Safety Projects			
Year	Street	Cross Street	Description
2013	McAbee Road	Pampas Drive	Install crosswalks with flashing beacons, possible median island or bulb-out.
		Peralta Drive	
2013-14	McAbee Road	Pampas Drive	ADA ramps
		Peralta Drive	

Mr. Larsen emphasized that his department receives no San Jose General Fund revenue and has an ongoing \$88.3-million annual streets and traffic maintenance funding shortfall that the city council is attempting to address. He is willing upon invitation to attend an AVCA meeting to discuss transportation with us.

Almaden City Streets

Almaden Valley Community Association wants to improve the condition of the streets in Almaden Valley, but in light of a city-wide lack of funding for important projects, establishing priorities is essential.

AVCA is asking your help in this task. Here are some questions that will help us find the areas of greatest need.

What street within Almaden Valley is most seriously in need of repair?

What is your street?

Evaluate its repair status as [great shape, a little work needed, moderately in need of repair, seriously in need of repair].

Do you have concern about excessive risk on any particular street?

Do you have concern about excessive risk at any particular intersection?

You may answer by responding by email to streets@avca-sj.org

Thank you very much!

Attachment 2: Table of Survey Responses

AVCA Streets Survey Responses (Repair requests in Red, Calming requests in Green)			
Street	Locality	Range	Action requested
Camden Avenue (21)	Camden in General (4)		Repair/resurface
			Repair/resurface
			Speed control/monitoring
			Weeds on median strips (all city streets)
	Camden N & W (8)	Coleman Road vicinity	Repair/resurface; weeds in the street and median; trees overgrown
		Westerly of Paseo Los Cerritos	Repair sink hole
		Coleman Rd to Puerto Vallarta	Repair/resurface
		Almaden to Via Valiente	Repair/resurface
		Meridian to Coleman	Repair/resurface
		Westbound between Paso los Cerritos and Coleman Rd (esp. Los Rios to Puerto Vallarta)	Repair/resurface
		Eastbound between Coleman and Puerto Vallarta	Repair/resurface
		Guadalupe to top of hill	Repair/resurface
	Camden S & E (7)	Mt. Carmel Drive to Harry Rd (especially in front of Leland High School)	Repair/resurface
		East of Almaden Expy	Repair/resurface
		Coleman to Montalban Drive	Repair/resurface
		Almaden Expy to Harry Road	Complete resurfacing
		Almaden Expy to Harry Road	Repair/resurface
		South of Almaden	Repair/resurface
		Almaden to Via Valiente	Repair/resurface
	Outside Almaden Valley	Southbound on the south side of Merrill	Repair pothole
		Lane #1 between Michon and Merrill	Repair potholes
Almaden Expy (7)		Northbound between Redmond and Blossom Hill	Repair potholes
	Trinidad Drive		Needs a dedicated left-turn-only lane for cars going from southwest Trinidad to southeast Almaden Expressway; don't give left turning vehicles and pedestrians right of way at the same time; install a turning arrow in both directions from Trinidad to Almaden Expressway
		S/B to E/B Camden	Lengthen left turn lane
		S/B to E/B Camden	Signal timing improvement needed
		South of Redmond	Widen
	Rajkovich		Signal timing improvement needed
	Trinidad		Signal timing improvement needed (defer to Almaden)
Coleman Road (6)	General		Repave
	Coleman S & W (4)	Meridian to Redmond	Repair/resurface
		Camden and Meridian	Repair/resurface
		Almaden Expy to Camden Avenue	Repair/resurface
		Almaden to Guadalupe	Repair/resurface
N & E	Westbound from Santa Teresa	Repair potholes	
Fall River Drive(3)	Silverado		Repair/resurface; street signs faded
			Repair/resurface
			Repair/resurface

Graystone Lane (3)			Repair/resurface; reduce speeding
		One mile past the bridge	Dangerous, graded sloping away from the curve; reflectors need to be replaced on curve
		Long, straight stretch south of the bridge	Speed control/monitoring
Meridian Avenue (3)			Repair/resurface
		Northbound just north of Redmond and some spots near the Villas	Repair depressions
Trinidad (3)		Coleman to Blossom Hill Road	Repair/resurface
		West side @ Almaden Expy	Sound wall falling apart, uneven, ugly
		Camden to Crown	Many large pot holes
	Crown		Needs pedestrian lights like those on Meridian near Fontana Park
Echo Valley Drive (2)		Webb Canyon to Leyland Park	Repair/resurface
		Where the street splits into 2 one-way lanes	Needs traffic calming
Hampton Drive (2)			Speed control/monitoring
		In front of the Country Club	Repair pothole
Tam O'Shanter Drive (2)			Repair/resurface
			Repair/resurface
Valley Quail Circle (2)	McCall		Has only one stop sign; speeds up to 45-50 mph
		Towards the bend near Cathedral Park	Speed control/monitoring
Addiewell Place			Two street lights out
Calcaterra			Drivers speeding and ignoring stop signs
Crown Blvd		Almaden Expy to Trinidad	Repair/resurface
Diablo Way			Repair/resurface
Firefly Drive		Between schools on each end	Speed control/monitoring
Foxhurst Way	Queensbridge Way		Repair deep pot hole
Gillis Drive		Northern 1/4 - 1/3	Improve drainage to eliminate water pooling and large cracks
Guadalupe Mines Road			Repair/resurface
Hillcrest		Leyland Park to Golf Creek	Repair/resurface
Landerwood		Left turns onto Hampton	Speed control/monitoring
Puerto Vallarta	Camden		2-way stop signs needed on Puerto Vallarta
Redmond		Meridian to McAbee (near school)	Drag racing & speeding
Rimrock Drive	Leyland		Repair hole in Rimrock that impedes left turns onto Leyland
Royalwood Way		Sharp curve one block from Camden Avenue	Replace missing yellow reflectors and repaint yellow divider line
Sterling Gate Dr.			Needs street-sweeping service
Via de los Reyes			Street signs need replacing

Attachment 3: Recap of AVCA email responses + hand-written polls

1. repair Coleman especially between Meridian and Redmond repair extension of Coleman (Guadalupe Mines Road) to accommodate new development and heavy usage by trucks to the dump
2. repair Coleman, between Almaden Expressway and Camden Avenue
3. repair Camden Avenue Speeders on Camden
4. repair Camden Ave. between Mt. Carmel Drive to Harry Rd., especially in front of Leland High School
5. repair Camden Ave, East of Almaden Expwya little work needed & excessive risk on Graystone Lane
6. Two street lights out on on Addiewell Place called city several times
7. sound wall on the west side of Trinidad at Almaden Expressway is falling apart, uneven, different colors and embarrassingly ugly
8. manage speed on Valley Quail Circle--has only one stop sign at McCall adjacent to Glenview Park near Williams Elementary--people drive at speeds up to 45-50 miles/hour
9. repair Camden and Meridian Camden - Mod to Severe, Meridian - Mod All School areas need more signage and possibly rumble strips or humps to slow traffic On Redmond between Meridian and McAbee.....lots of drag racing/speeding even during the day right by the school
10. potholes everywhere Via de los Reyes street signs can hardly be read all streets in the city are in serious need of repair
11. The right angle curve of Graystone Lane one mile past the bridge is graded sloping away from the curve. Many drivers poorly judge their speed as they enter the curve going north, and cross into the oncoming traffic lane. Drivers fail to judge the curve, fish-tail upon making the turn speeding on the long straight stretch of Graystone Lane, part of the one mile section south of the bridge reflectors at the above noted curve need to be replaced
12. Camden Avenue between Coleman and Montalban Drive Coleman Avenue between Camden and Meridian
13. Camden Avenue, between Almaden Expwy and Harry Road needs a complete resurfacing
14. weeds on median strips especially on Camden
15. cracks and uneven pavement on Fall River Drive especially close to intersection with Silverado street signs at Fall River and Silverado are faded, can barely read them Camden Avenue near Coleman has many pot holes weeds growing in the street median area has weeds, pine needles, etc. trees are overgrown and need to be trimmed
16. Crown from Almaden Expressway to Trinidad needs repair and resurfacing Trinidad from Camden to Crown has many large pot holes.
17. Almaden Expressway and Trinidad Drive intersection is very dangerous a left turn lane on only one side, and it is unprotected by a turn signal light needs a dedicated left-turn-only lane for cars going from southwest Trinidad to southeast Almaden Expressway don't give left turning vehicles and pedestrians right of way at the same time install a turning arrow in both directions from Trinidad to Almaden Expressway
18. three mile stretch of CAMDEN AVENUE between ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY all the way to the end at HARRY ROAD excessive risk on Royalwood Way yellow reflectors are missing and the yellow divider line has not been repainted for 35 years on the SHARP CURVE on Royalwood Way one block from Camden Avenue
19. Diablo Way and Tam O'Shanter Dr are most seriously in need of repair City says it is in "poor" condition
20. Speed and traffic seem to increase each year on Hampton fast-moving traffic on Landerwood doesn't slow to a safe speed when turning left onto Hampton
21. A deep pot hole in the dangerous intersection of Foxhurst Way and Queensbridge Way
22. A sink hole on Camden westerly of Paseo Los Cerritos
23. Camden, between Coleman Rd and Puerto Vallarta Meridian between Coleman and Blossom Hill
24. Camden Avenue between Almaden and Via Valiente is in dire need of repaving
25. Camden between Meridian & Coleman going over the hill
26. Echo Valley Drive. The City recently completed some repaving on portions of the street, but unfortunately not the section in front of my house, which is between Webb Canyon and Leyland Park. Echo Valley Drive turns into Hillcrest Drive as it continues west, and Hillcrest between Leyland Park and Golf Creek is in terrible shape. It really needs repaving speeding on Echo Valley Drive where the street splits into 2 one-way lanes on the grade, needs traffic calming

27. Camden Ave westbound between Paso los Cerritos and Coleman Rd (esp. Los Rios to Puerto Vallarta) Camden Ave eastbound between Coleman and Puerto Vallarta Meridian northbound just north of Redmond has a depression to be filled, and some spots near the Villas Almaden Expressway northbound has several holes between Redmond and Blossom Hill Camden Ave southbound has a small hole on the south side of Merrill. There were some small holes to fill in lane #1 between Michon and Merrill Coleman Rd westbound from Santa Teresa has small holes
28. street cleaning on Sterling Gate Drive
29. slow the traffic on Firefly Drive, a very dangerous residential street that has a school on each end
30. rough spots on Fall River Dr.
31. speeding and ignoring stop signs on Calcaterra motorists speeding on Valley Quail Circle towards the bend by Cathedral Park
32. a nasty hole in Rimrock Drive that impedes the left turn onto Leyland bad hole in the middle of Hampton Drive in front of the Country Club
33. the northern 1/4 - 1/3 of Gillis Drive suffers from poor drainage which results in water pooling and large cracks
34. Camden Avenue south of Almaden
35. Fall River Drive and Tam O'Shanter need repair Trinidad /Crown intersection need pedestrian lights similar to those on Meridian near Fontana Park
36. Lengthen left turn lane from S/B Almaden Expy to e/b Camden Camden Avenue from Almaden to Via Valente signal timing improvement needed at S/B Almaden Expy to e/b Camden
37. Widen Almaden south of Redmond signal timing improvement needed at Almaden/Rajkovich and Almaden/Trinidad (defer to Almaden)
38. Repair Camden Avenue from Guadalupe to top of hill Coleman Road from Almaden to Guadalupe 2-way stop signs needed at Puerto Vallarta/Camden repave Coleman Road

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