

# HSNA

**Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association**  
City of West Linn

April 18, 2018

Mayor Russ Axelrod  
City of West Linn  
221500 Salamo Road  
West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Mayor Axelrod:

Members of the Hidden Springs Neighborhood Association (HSNA) are deeply concerned about the significant safety concerns that exists, especially for middle school and elementary school children, because of drivers speeding along Santa Anita Drive. The crosswalks at Church Downs & Santa Anita and Clubhouse Circle & Santa Anita crosswalk serve our children each school day as they attend Rosemont Ridge Middle School and Trillium Creek.

The same concerns also exist for elementary children crossing the street at Suncrest Dr. & Hidden Springs in route to Trillium Creek.

Although Santa Anita is posted as a 25 MPH speed zone, driver routinely speed along Santa Anita. Given the downslope on the northbound portion of Santa Anita, drivers can easily reach speeds of 40+ mph as they approach Clubhouse Circle, unless they are actively braking.

Similarly, the crosswalk at Pimlico & Santa Anita is used throughout the day by individuals walking for exercise. Drivers routinely speed through that crosswalk area placing pedestrians at risk. Statistics indicate that uncontrolled and mid-block crossing, such as the intersections of concern, have a higher rate of pedestrian-involved accidents and standard cross-walk signs have not proven to be effective.

We understand the City has addressed these areas in its Transportation System Plan (TSP) and recognizes them as priorities. It is our further understanding that Santa Anita and Hidden Springs are main thoroughfares in the City and this prevents the City from installing speed bumps across these streets.

In considering how to best resolve this safety problem and attract the driver's attention actively crossing pedestrians to minimize pedestrian-involved accidents, we request that the City install Solar Powered Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon, like those found at Salamo Rd & Bland Circle, see example.



It is our understanding that these flashing signs increase a driver's awareness of the crossing pedestrian by over 80%.

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At the Bland Circle intersection, the pedestrian pushes a button prior to crossing Salamo Rd. This activates the lights on the Pedestrian Crossing sign actively notifying the oncoming driver of a pedestrian's actual presence at and use of the crosswalk. The active warning those flashing lights provide the driver of the pedestrian's presence are well worth the money to protect our school children.

We request that the City add this item to the agenda of the next City meeting that would be most appropriate to address this concern. Please provide us advance Notice of that meeting so that a HSNA representative can be present to address this concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: City Council  
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