



January 30, 2023

SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo CA 94403
Via Email

Re: Request to Prioritize Failed & Planned Installations
for Pedestrian & Vehicle Safety

Dear San Mateo City Council,

Upon the installation of our area Traffic Action Plan (TAP) items, Public Works advised these installations would later be checked for efficacy in the event adjustments were needed. This did not occur.

Michael Ragan, now the President of our association, has spearheaded the TAP for our region since its inception. He brought the following to the attention of Public Works multiple times over a prolonged period, but there has been no action:

- Failure to install flashing lights at *both* crosswalk installations (only one crosswalk has this safety feature) on 31st Avenue by the Hillsdale High School east parking lot
- Defunct solar speed monitors on 31st Avenue west of Alameda
- A speed hump was requested on 31st between Del Monte and Fernwood via the TAP, but humps were placed elsewhere with the promise that evaluation could result in another hump or moving one of the installed, temporary humps to the initial request location

The Board and Membership of the Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association recognizes that these TAP items were meant to help slow vehicle traffic and protect pedestrians. We are particularly concerned about our student pedestrian populations at both Hillsdale High School and Abbott Middle School. It should additionally be emphasized that many new drivers utilize 31st Avenue coming and going to the high school, which is ground zero for the outlined TAP shortcomings.

The final item the City blessed for our TAP is to install signals at the intersection of Hillsdale Boulevard and Alameda de las Pulgas. It's our understanding there is earmarked funding, but no staff in position to get the ball rolling, and no timeframe provided.

There have been rumors that the TAPs are to be discontinued. However, this should not impact our approved safety installations.

Michael Ragan has recently met with Councilmember Loraine to show him the areas of concern. This dovetails with our awareness of your upcoming Blue Sky budget planning meeting on February 11th. These fixes are critical and we appreciate your keeping our neighborhood streets safe with a "#1 priority" vote during the Blue Sky meeting. We would also very much appreciate communication on a timeline of accomplishment.

Sincerely,

The Membership & Board of the
Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

cc: Hillsdale High School
Abbott High School