

Harborside Elementary School Pedestrian Audit

Address: 681 Naples Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911

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The purpose of the audit was to identify safety concerns, gaps, and deficiencies in the pedestrian network around Harborside Elementary. This activity was coordinated with staff and the parent teacher association at Harborside. Participants provided input on safety issues that make walking and biking unsafe or uncomfortable along the route. The pedestrian audit was attended by Circulate Planning & Policy, Harborside Elementary parents, City of Chula Vista's Engineering Department, and staff from Harborside Elementary.

Harborside Elementary is located in the western portion of the City of Chula Vista, along the I-5 freeway. This pedestrian audit took place along Naples Street going east towards Broadway, west on Naples Street towards Industrial Boulevard, and back east to Harborside Elementary School. Between 2020-2024, there were 10 pedestrians injured, 1 pedestrian killed, and 9 bicyclists injured within a quarter mile of the audit route (see Figure 1). On April 17th, 2025, 74 year old Romiel Gregory Singho was killed by a driver while walking across the intersection of 4th Avenue and Naples Street, two blocks away from our audit route.



Figure 1. Pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and injuries proximate to Harborside Elementary (2020-2024)

Audit Route

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-  No crosswalk
-  Daylighting needed
-  Faded crosswalk
-  Trash
-  Sharrow
-  Easement
-  Narrow sidewalk
-  Broken sidewalk
-  School
-  Signal malfunction



Figure 2. Harborside Elementary Pedestrian Audit results



Figure 3. Participants observed overgrown vegetation that narrows the sidewalk and creates tripping hazards.



Figure 4. An intersection on Naples Street and Industrial Boulevard with unmarked and faded crosswalks along with signal malfunction.

Observations mapped in Figure 2 revealed several gaps that impact the comfort and safety of people walking, particularly related to crossings, sidewalk quality, and visibility. Sidewalk conditions along Naples Street vary, but several segments present clear accessibility challenges. Missing ADA curb ramps and crosswalks were noted along with faded crosswalks. Additionally, narrow sidewalks near Broadway limit the ability for pedestrians to comfortably pass one another and may not adequately accommodate individuals with mobility devices or strollers. In other areas along Naples Street, broken sidewalks, a debris-filled easement, overgrown vegetation, and trash were observed, creating tripping hazards and further reducing accessibility, indicating a need for repair and maintenance (Figure 3). Traffic control issues were also identified, including a signal malfunction where we saw the walk interval time not appear for one light cycle, but appear for the next light cycle (Figure 4). This is particularly concerning given the presence of a school along the corridor, where consistent and reliable traffic control is critical to ensuring the safety of students and families traveling to and from the area. Bicycle infrastructure along the corridor is limited to a bike route, which has bicyclists and motor vehicles share the road. This type of facility may discourage less experienced riders. Overall, the corridor would benefit from a combination of short- and long-term improvements, including re-striping and adding crosswalks, repairing sidewalks, improving intersection visibility, installing additional street lighting, and enhancing bicycle facilities. Prioritizing these upgrades, particularly near the school, would create a safer, more accessible, and more comfortable environment for all users.

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