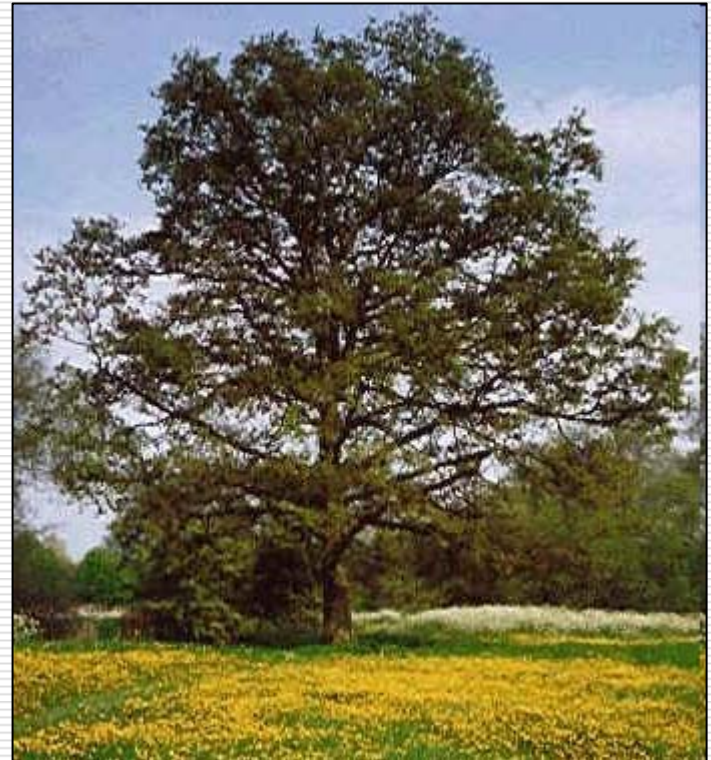


A Tree Grows in Natomas

From Walking
School Bus to
Institutional
Commitment:
A Story of
Partnerships



Snapshot of Natomas

- ❑ Very diverse socially and economically
 - ❑ Close to downtown, yet suburban
 - ❑ Divided into North "new" and South "older, late '70s"
 - ❑ School district is separate from Sac City Unified
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The Tree Grows

- ❑ 2002 – Local Walk to School efforts
 - ❑ 2003 – The Partnership is formed
 - ❑ 2004 – Local efforts continue
 - ❑ 2006 – WTS in school bond
 - ❑ 2006 – Millcreek SRTS project
 - ❑ 2007 - Walking Wednesday
 - ❑ 2007 – SR Director funded
 - ❑ 2008 – Second infrastructure grant
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2002 - Natomas Park

□ The Walking School Bus



2002 - Jefferson

- ❑ Walk to School Day with River Cats mascot
- ❑ Builds support in the South Natomas school community



2003 - Bannon Creek

- ❑ Walk to School program is organized
- ❑ 2005 – funding to expand program



2003 - The Partnership

- Robert Woods Johnson grant
- School District partnership
- *WALK* Sacramento and friends



2004 – Bannon Creek

- Rounding out the team



2005 – Dan Burden comes to town

- ❑ Charrettes at:
 - ❑ Natomas Park
 - ❑ Jefferson
 - ❑ Bannon Creek
- ❑ Used for SRTS grant apps



2006 – A Very Good Year

- Natomas Park on NPR
- Bannon Creek develops strong program
- School Bond Measure passes
- Millcreek SRTS project completed

D & E
for FITNESS
(and Safety)!



If passed by Natomas voters in the upcoming June 6 election, **Measures D & E** would provide many new facilities and services in our schools, including improving safety for walkers and bikers.

Grant #1

Intersection:

- Curb extensions
- Stoplight
- Crosswalks
- Camera sensors
- Parents driving three blocks to school
- Local Councilmember stepped up



Parents Lead Effort to Improve Safety at Natomas Intersection

Written for the web by [April Ghan](#), Multimedia Producer



Dozens of children in Sacramento's Natomas area are now able to walk to school in a safer environment thanks to a five-year project led by their parents.

Sacramento city leaders received a number of complaints about the intersection at El Camino Avenue and Millcreek Drive. Most came from parents who were concerned about their children walking through the intersection to get to Bannon Creek Elementary school.

"There are students of Bannon Creek that are about two blocks away who are being driven to school by their parents because they didn't trust crossing this intersection," said parent Terry Preston.

Preston and other parents formed the Bannon Creek Traffic Tamers. Among other things, the group pushed for funds to redesign the ailing intersection.

Now there are state-of-the-art crosswalk signs, a countdown that lets pedestrians know how much time they have to cross, and camera sensors that detect bicyclists waiting to cross the street. Intersection design teams also extended part of the sidewalk at the intersection to encourage drivers to slow down in that area of town.

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Guests of Honor / 2008 WTS

- Rep Doris Matsui / Sen Darrel Steinberg



2007 – Grant #2

- ❑ Built on 2005 Charrettes
- ❑ Revised after initial rejection
- ❑ Improvements based on Safe Routes /School Bond



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*Building Connections:
Linking Kids to their Schools*



Grant #3 - Sustainability

- Full-time
Natomas USD
Safe Routes
program
manager
- To build local
Walk to School
programs



Other Natomas Support

- ❑ Full-time Walk/Bike to School program manager in North Natomas
 - ❑ Strong support from local Councilmember, School board, school administration and principals; “top to bottom, bottom to top”
 - ❑ Engaged population, people like Natomas for its livability
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Lessons Learned

- ❑ Partnerships, partnerships, partnerships
 - ❑ Don't settle for a single "Win"
 - ❑ Have an A – Z Plan
 - ❑ Programs support sidewalks, sidewalks support programs
 - ❑ Have fun!! You're making the world a better place.
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Keep On, Keepin' On

- ❑ Savor Your Victories
- ❑ "Thank you" to everyone all the time
- ❑ Don't be afraid to be a kid again



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