Complete Streets to Transit in Natomas

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Why I Love Natomas

- Places to Go
- People to See
- Things to Do
- Very Diverse
- Very Family
- Very Friendly
Natomas is Walkable & Bikeable
How I Came to WALKSacramento

- Helped lead Walk to School program at Bannon Creek as parent volunteers

- Worked on walk assessments around school

- Helped draft grants for street improvements around school(s), Bannon Creek, Jefferson and Natomas Park
Millcreek @ West El Camino (2006)

- Added traffic signals with countdowns
- Improved crosswalks
- Bike detector
- Bulb outs

- Allowed students from River Terrace to walk to school at Bannon Creek
Complete Streets to Transit

- “Rule of thumb” – will walk ¼ mile from stop, likely more
- Safe crossings
- Space to get on/off the train or bus
- Access for bikes
- Near destinations (Library/Park/Shopping)
- Aesthetics
- “Eyes on the Street”
Aesthetics

Norfolk, Virginia
Checklist – What to Look For

- Are there sidewalks or walk spaces near the stop?
- What obstructions are there?
- What roadway crossing treatments are near the bus stop? (crosswalks, pedestrian signals, pedestrian push-buttons, pedestrian signal timing, audible warning signals).
- How readable are signs in and around the stop?
- Is there shelter, with shade from the sun and with proper lighting?
- Is there easy access between the sidewalk and boarding area?
Complete Streets to Transit

• Are there safe routes to transit?
• Speed reduction: are there traffic calming measures in place?
• Wayfinding – is it easy to follow a local route to transit?
• Bike lanes, other, where needed?

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Eyes on the Street

• Safety in numbers

• Crime is reduced by high foot traffic

• More walking/biking to transit improves safety

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Less Cost

- Saves cost of gas
- Reduce need for second car
- Improves property values because more people can afford to buy, don’t need second car
- Safer roads with fewer cars, insurance costs go down
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• Pedestrian Safety Guide for Transit Agencies