

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
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- 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?



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



For More Information



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- **Pedestrian Safety Guide for Transit Agencies**
http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped_transit/ped_transguide/transit_guide.pdf