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Project Title: 1st/Kern Ave Apartments
Architectural and Site Review Permit (AS 19-12)
Safe Routes to School Summary/Gilroy BPAC Recommendations

Rod Kelly Elementary- .53 miles away and accessed by exiting the property's gate on Kern Ave. walking/biking by taking Kern Ave to the school. This route has good sidewalks and will have a striped bike lane from 1st to Mantelli Ave late this summer.

South Valley Middle School- 1.42 miles away and accessed by walking east on 1st St, crossover Monterey Rd at 1st St, making the right on Monterey Rd, left on I.O.O.F. to the school. This puts you on the correct side of the street and crossing where a signal is located. We do not encourage middle school kids to ride bikes on sidewalks. For people riding bikes we suggest traveling east on 1st St (where coming soon there will be a continuous buffered bike lane on 1st St to Monterey Rd.) Then students can make a right turn on Monterey Rd and cross over Monterey Rd at I.O.O.F. to continue to the school. Alternatively people riding bikes could make a right turn at 1st/Church St using the bike lane, left on 2nd St, right on Monterey Rd, left on I.O.O.F. to the school.

Christopher High School- 2.31 miles away. Best access by traveling north on Kern Ave and making a left at Welburn Ave. Welburn has a buffered bike lane. Follow Welburn Ave then make a right turn on Santa Teresa Blvd. Once they get to Sunrise Dr they need to cross over Santa Teresa Blvd at the signal because there are no crosswalks and bike lanes at the intersection of Day Rd/Santa Teresa Blvd. From Sunrise Dr they have two options. Walk/bike up Sunrise Dr, right on Tapestry Dr to access the bike/ped bridge to CHS or use the sidewalk along the south entrance to the CHS.

A Measure B funded project is planned to extend the current Lions Creek Trail from Kern/Tatum to Day Rd/Santa Teresa Blvd. When built this will provide the shortest and most direct protected route to Christopher High School at 1.75 miles. A crosswalk will need to be placed at the exit of this bike/ped trail to cross over Santa Teresa Blvd safely.

We are actively embracing, advancing ideas, and projects that promote the concept of free-range people in the City of Gilroy. The City of Gilroy is a nationally recognized League of American Bicyclists (Bronze) Bicycle Friendly Community. We advocate for building and planning for the future generations as well as current residents who don't own cars. This reflects what we are teaching the youth in our community through Safe Routes To School and Safe Routes for All.

Our Commission supports and recommends parking minimum standards, and the design of compact parking spaces. **Providing an incentive that rewards the effort of biking is an important goal for the City. Free secured front row parking accomplishes this. We would highly recommend at a minimum there be visible bicycle parking (inverted “U” bike racks) for the visitors of the frontage buildings along 1st St. near the entrance to the leasing office/manager’s office. Having the same bicycle parking for the residents would also be highly recommended, where unused common space is located.** This not only prevents bikes from being stored inside the apartments, damage to the exterior walkways/stairs, but also from being stored on the balconies/stairwells. 1st St will be re-striped to have bike lanes and a complete streets model is being used. **Not having adequate bicycle parking for the residents here is something that we DO NOT recommend.** Living in this project while being in close proximity to schools, transit, shopping, and services allows for residents to not own a vehicle. Providing bicycle parking as an option for those tenants is recommended, when you are using parking minimums and compact parking spaces.



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