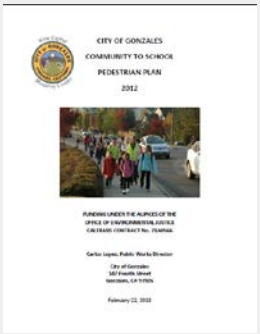
City of Gonzales Community to School Pedestrian Plan

City of Gonzales

Environmental Justice
FY 10-11 Grant Cycle
District 5
Grant Award Amount: $40,000


CITY OF GONZALES
COMMUNITY TO SCHOOL
PEDESTRIAN PLAN
2012

Project Summary:
This transportation planning study consisted of an assessment and mapping of the community which documented all pedestrian routes, with an emphasis on students' school routes, and existing safety improvements including sidewalks, handicap access ramps, cross walks, and traffic controls. The mapping survey also identified where appropriate safety measures are lacking or are in need of replacement or reconstruction.

Community Outreach

- One type of outreach utilized during this project was a walkability survey given to parents and children. A total of 262 surveys were completed.
- The involvement of community volunteers who provided their observations, experiences, and frustration within the community regarding transportation infrastructure and behaviors of drivers and pedestrians was well received.
- And finally, the pedestrian committee which included community volunteers, city staff, and school district staff met several times to discuss the various necessary improvements.

Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- This project involved the children affected directly by distributing walkability surveys for them to fill out and be able to give their input.

Project Outcome

- With the community's input, the plan identified the issues, solutions, and budgets.
- The City Council of the City of Gonzales and the Governing Board of the Gonzales Unified School District passed and adopted the 2012 Community to School Plan in February of 2013.

Successes & Next Steps

- The City of Gonzales has identified and plans to seek grant funding from the Monterey Bay Unified Pollution Control District from AB 2766- the Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program.
- Additionally, the City plans to seek the "Safe Routes to School" funding programs at both a state and a federal level.