

Old Arcata Road Design Project Kick-off Meeting – Community Input Received

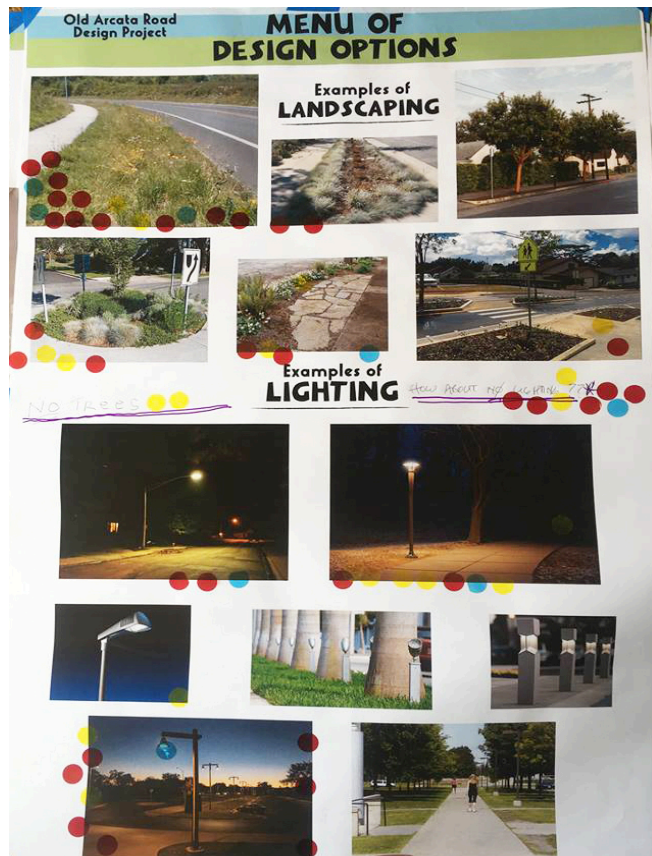
Held September 12, 2016 at the Bayside Grange

Note: This is ALL input recorded in various ways, it has not been synthesized by the project team.

Feedback on Examples of Lighting and Landscaping

Sticky-dot “voting” to identify community preferences was part of the open house portion of the evening.

- Landscaping: strong preference for low-growing grasses, flowers and small shrubs
- Lighting: preference for downcast, pedestrian-scale lighting with simple modern look, as well as a written comment for “no lighting” that received many stickers, as well.



Above: Photo of poster with sticky dot votes

Feedback on Icebreaker Questions

1. What is one thing you wish could be improved about travel through Bayside?

- Sidewalks or walking path (x5)
- Slower traffic (x4)
- Bike lane or trail (x4)
- Fix potholes (x2)
- Paving (x2)
- Crosswalks with flags for pedestrians to have for safety
- Protected bike lanes
- Native California/ Pacific northwest beautification along sidewalk with stormwater drainage
- Enforce speed laws
- Only kids living in Bayside should attend Jacoby Creek School
- More CHP and Sheriff presence to calm speeders
- Well-marked bike and walking paths
- Double yellow line on Old Arcata Road
- Safe passing lane at Jacoby Creek School
- We may be very accessible and safe now. It is a narrow road and dividing it up may not be possible.
- Paving for better bike access and more patrol to ticket speeders
- Speed bump just north of post office (comments: with crosswalk there; less noisy speed bumps)
- Traffic calming measures
- Roundabouts
- Cars 2 lanes, 1 bike path, 1 sidewalk
- Safer for bicycles and pedestrians and lower speed limits
- Pedestrian and cycle safety
- Traffic calming
- Enforcement - speed laws followed and get people off cell phones while driving

2. What do you want living in Bayside to be like in 10 years?

- Same as now (x3)
- More sidewalks/ pedestrian friendly
- Denser development and ped/ bike safety upgrades between Sunnybrae and the Grange
- Trails and bike lanes
- Long views
- Dark and quiet connected community
- Traffic calming and road improvement
- Less trees, open fields, like it used to be
- No sidewalks
- Rural character
- Safe to walk and bike versus speeding cars next to me/ my dog
- No increase in density
- A walking and biking community
- Rural character enhanced. Traffic slowed down for bikes and walkability
- As it is... rural character but with smoother safer multi-use road
- Rural but safe and pedestrian travel
- Bike/ pedestrian path connectivity around Humboldt Bay - Manila - OAR - Myrtle Ave - Eureka, and connectivity to the new Eureka-Arcata Bay Trail
- Safe bike and walking paths, parking by the school
- Same rural feel, safer traffic speeds, improved walkability
- Connection to rail-trail
- Old Arcata Road bike route and bus route throughout the day, not just commute hours

3. What do you want to preserve about Bayside?

- Open land/ open space (x6)
- Rural character (x6)
- Farms/ community gardens
- Future Freshwater Farms Reserve
- No trees, sidewalks
- Can see stars at night, climate permitting
- Friendly feel
- Bird-friendly habitat, 20 and 30 mph roadway, landscaping and well-marked bike path
- Small town, rural, pedestrian friendly
- Walkability (the speed bumps)
- Rural landscapes, friendly neighbors, quiet
- Semi-rural character (Arcata)
- Clean and friendly, neighborly
- Increased attention to trees, fields, open spaces and community
- Keep rural
- Visible sunsets
- Property values
- Mature trees
- Encouraging non-motorized transit for community health and wellness

4. What do you love about Bayside?

- Access to Arcata and HSU
- Don't live too close to highway 101/ noise pollution
- The cows
- Near town but feels like you're miles away
- The people, cows, birds, post office, Grange, rural feel, open pasture land
- Rural character/ country atmosphere (x4)
- Such a beautiful, safe stretch compared to the rest of all the county – please encourage this kind of meeting and attention to very, very unsafe areas near Pacific Union School for example
- Rural country character – no roundabouts please!
- Close to town but rural with many agricultural and large lots
- Nature, funkiness, friendliness, rural aspect, unstructured aspect
- Close to town but not in town, the trees, birds, cows, relaxed atmosphere
- Close to Arcata Forest and mountain biking trails
- Safe
- Not a thoroughfare for transients
- The views, the BeachComber Café, and the Bayside Park Farm goats
- Small rural community – close to town amenities, school community, very walkable for exercise
- Walking
- The community
- Safe, beautiful, peaceful, friendly, dark night sky
- Open space and bay view on Old Arcata Road
- Separated bike path between Anderson and Jacoby Creek School

Small Group Design Teams

Challenges/ Problems:

Walking infrastructure

- Lack of a walking path south of the school
- Lack of safe, continuous walking and biking facilities (x8)
- Student and pedestrian safety
- Intersections lack crosswalks/ visibility

Biking infrastructure

- Parking in bike lanes is a conflict (x3)
- Bike and ped paths that exist are narrow and there are conflicts between users

Motorized vehicle-related issues

- Speeding vehicles at Jacoby Creek Road intersection, which impacts the safety of bikes and pedestrians
- Speeding on Old Arcata Road in general (x5)
- Semi truck traffic through Bayside is problematic
- Radar speed sign is too close to Golf Course Road, should be moved further south
- Lack of clarity regarding turns into the post office
- Passing at dangerous speed near Golf Course Road as there is no double-yellow

Other challenges

- There is parking congestion at Jacoby Creek school – parking in bike lanes and blocking driveways
- Is there adequate right of way along Old Arcata Road for added trails and widened bike lanes?
- Concern about Caltrans closing Bayside cutoff and the corresponding increase or change in traffic along Old Arcata Road through Bayside
- Where will Humboldt Transit Authority bus stops be along Old Arcata Road? Concerns about limited space and infrastructure for these.
- Vegetation needs to be maintained and cut back to ensure visibility
- Ensure that improvements don't worsen drainage and flooding issues
- Jacoby Creek Road was a former logging road, so it needs improvements overall too
- Noise and pollution from traffic, especially truck traffic
- Too many utilities present above-ground and remnants of utilities don't get removed

Opportunities/ Solutions:

Walking infrastructure

- Extend the walking path along west side of the road south of the school
- More benches along walking paths
- Better pedestrian crossing at Jacoby Creek Road (x3)
- Wider ped/ bike path south of Jacoby Creek Road intersection (Class 1)
- Roundabout at Jacoby Creek Road intersection with crosswalks (x2)
- Pedestrian activated beacon with crosswalk at Jacoby Creek Road intersection (x2)
- Pedestrian flags at Hyland and Old Arcata Road
- Sidewalks along Hyland – issue with quick turns onto Old Arcata Road (x2)
- Improve surface and widen walking path/ continue sidewalk in front of school (x5)
- Pedestrian activated beacon at existing crosswalk at OAR and old Bayside Road
- Create bulb-outs at all entry points to the school and at Golf Course Road, plus narrow school driveways
- Raised crosswalk at Anderson and Old Arcata Road

Biking infrastructure

- Add separated biking path along Old Arcata Road
- Widen bike lanes
- Better sign and mark bike lanes to discourage parking in bike lanes

Motorized vehicle-related opportunities/ solutions

- Pave the road
- Change dashed yellow line to double yellow lines along all of Old Arcata Road (x3)
- The Jacoby Creek/ Old Arcata Road intersection is very dangerous – a roundabout with crosswalks on all sides would be a preferred option for some people
- Move radar speed sign further south into the county's jurisdiction so people slow down sooner (x5)
- Post speed limit at northernmost radar feedback sign
- Stop sign at Hyland
- Repave the road (x3)
- T-intersection/ 3 way stop at Jacoby Creek Road/ OAR with crosswalks (x2)
- Create a one-way street in front of post office from OAR towards Jacoby Creek, with a drive through mail drop box and a sidewalk on the side by the post office (to minimize people using this to cut the corner and complexity at intersection)
- Narrow lanes (if can still accommodate trucks) (x3)
- No U-turns at school

Other opportunities/ solutions

- Want an opportunity to see a map of the City's right of way along Old Arcata Road
- Need to work with Caltrans to understand the impacts of eliminating left turn from Bayside cutoff/ 101
- More enforcement is desired for speeding and parking in bike lanes – “a little goes a long way” (x5)
- Intersection painting in front of Jacoby Creek School is an option, where school kids can be involved in the design or painting and redo it each year or from time to time (x2)
- More incentives are needed for parents to use alternate transportation modes to get kids to school, or be part of shuttles, remote drop-off, etcetera
- Establish school shuttle (x3)
- Create additional school parking (purchase land across from school/ cooperate with businesses during peak hours?)
- Eliminate or reduce semi truck traffic through Bayside
- Transit stop at post office with bike racks
- Concern about increased pollution with a 3 way stop at Jacoby Creek/ OAR intersection
- Create a culture of walking and biking safety at schools
- Placemaking/ entryway features at city pump station, Jacoby Creek/ OAR intersection (x5)
- Add bike-friendly community signage
- Make old Bayside Road an official bike/ walk area
- Community workdays to maintain landscaping – native plants that are low-growing
- Reduce width of old Bayside Road to OAR junction
- Need pedestrian and bike improvements with crosswalks overall, but need to fit with historic and rural nature of the community (x10)
- Would like roundabout with art installed in it instead of landscaping/ hardscape as gateway feature

Other roadway design and project area improvement preferences

- Protected/ separated bike lane in front of school
- Like 3 way stop at Jacoby Creek Road/ OAR intersection
- Keep JCS/ OAR intersection as-is
- Pave part way up Anvick Road to reduce gravel spill
- Create parking area in old Bayside Road open space area with permeable paving for stormwater
- Make a turn lane going into Jacoby Creek School
- Reduce school zone speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph
- No roundabout at Jacoby Creek Road (x4)
- Want “fluidity” along corridor, and clarity for pedestrians and all road users
- Examine signage, parking alternatives
- Several mentions of utilities being an issue and desire to underground them
- Narrow driveways near the school to minimize crossing distance
- At Jacoby Creek Road/ OAR intersection, consider traffic islands with plantings to direct turns and provide pedestrian islands
- Design features to limit U turns in business parking lots
- Plant native vegetation between the road and the path
- Add mural/ art/ gateway feature to fencing by the city pump station

Overall project area/ site map, with representative segments indicated

Note: Participants gave feedback about challenges and opportunities in the entire project area, as well as design ideas and preferences for each representative segment.

From left to right, Segment 1 – 4 are shown within black rectangles.



OLD ARCATA ROAD PROJECT AREA - OVERALL SITE

1"=200'

Feedback from overall site maps

Buttermilk Roundabout to Anderson

Issues: Lots of pedestrians from apartments and neighborhoods cross unsafely; speeds too fast accessing Sunnybrae School; drivers are not looking for bikes in the roundabout

Opportunities: Want a park or other use for open space between Bayside Road and OAR; want a "critter crossing" of some kind; want more bike racks; bicycle friendly community sign; sign warning drivers to look for bikes before roundabout

Between Anderson and Hyland

Issues: Everyone on the north side of the road has to cross OAR to access their mailboxes; no crosswalk at Anderson; visibility for drivers is poor at Anvick and Hyland; gravel from Anvick Road in bike path; issues with parking on Hyland and Golf Course Road too

Opportunities: Relocate mailboxes; add crosswalk; no parking on east side of road between Anvick and Hyland

Jacoby Creek School

Issues: Safety of kids is the top concern; traffic at arrival/ dismissal; speeds of cars while kids are walking/ biking; parking in bike lanes during arrival/ dismissal; parking configuration that exists where cars back into roadway; need a safe passing lane for periods of traffic congestion at school

Opportunities: Try to get 20% of students to walk/ bike; want more safety improvements on OAR on either side of school; have another lane to minimize traffic congestion; create a walk to school route and encouragement for walk/ bike to school; outreach to school on Parent Teacher night and at events; encourage and support carpooling plans; establish a school shuttle with drop-offs at Buttermilk and at post office

Vicinity of Jacoby Creek School

Issues: Businesses near school can't lose any parking; don't want sidewalks; frustrations for drivers trying to make turns from Hyland or Golf Course Road during peak traffic hours; intersection sight distance is bad at Hyland; no crosswalks at Golf Course Road; between Jacoby Creek Road and Jacoby Creek School, there is no safe, designated place to cross the road; need for traffic calming from here to JC Road;

Opportunities: Add parking; cooperate with businesses and school to share parking (?); add crosswalks

Intersection of Jacoby Creek Road and Old Arcata Road/ Post Office Area

Issues: Need to make turns slow and controlled; need to accomodate children, bikes and slow people for school zone; need to have a new school zone added here for Mistwood; post office in/ out adds more dangers for all road users; have to play "dodge the potholes" near post office; need safety improvements at Mistwood School; businesses across from Grange and users of the Grange park/ back up dangerously; flooding from Jacoby Creek Road onto OAR;

Opportunities: Roundabout; like traffic circles; islands with plantings/ medians; create new school zone for Mistwood kids; create a beautiful intersection and gateway; have a welcome sign; bus stop at post office; sidewalks to Grange; Jacoby Creek develop carpool

system and/ or bus transport to Sunnybrae shopping center and post office; speed hump near post office

South of JC Road and OAR intersection

Issues: Traffic speeds are too high

Opportunities: Add radar feedback sign; lower speed limit; add traffic calming

General comments:

Would rather money be spent on something more effective; NO roundabouts; improve fluidity of travel; want a community campaign to slow down on Old Arcata Road; speed bumps are designed for 15 mph traffic but speed limit is 25, this makes it hard to go over the bumps; narrow lanes; cars parked at residences force bikes into the roadway; need to repave and improve surface of road; aesthetics of roundabout are ugly and they are difficult for trucks especially log trucks which travel Jacoby Creek Road frequently; problems persist with illegal or dangerous passing along this whole stretch of OAR; concerns about bus/ transit access and limited infrastructure for this; want class 1 trail extended along the entire west stretch of road; electric cars are too quiet and are dangerous; limited width of right-of-way for improvements; want green space between road and path or sidewalk; keep a rural feel no matter what; too dangerous to walk or bike on east side of the street; issues with drainage; new lighting is invasive for property owners; dangerous for dog walking at many times of day; want wider fog lines; want more benches for "old walkers"; underground the utilities; make speed 35 mph on entirety of OAR; want county to repair Jacoby Creek Road past Echo Lane to catch those 13 kids on the bus; minimize flooding; avoid a two-direction bike lane; avoid a pedestrian and bicycle shared lane; want remote parking areas with permeable surfacing; want green flashing lights at all crosswalks; more enforcement needed for speeding and dangerous driving behaviors; want trees along road for traffic calming and to "make it a boulevard"; no light pollution or sign pollution; want pedestrian crossings to have "in-paving warning lights" instead of raised, to minimize light pollution; bulbouts for crosswalks; widen roadway; want better roadway marking overall; want driver education about bikes; recommend Foster Ave model for auto, bike and pedestrian traffic, landscaping and lighting; language matters - "humps" is better than "bumps"; creative signage; interested in 3 lanes/ passing lanes; encourage non-motorized travel for all in the neighborhood, not just students/ kids; have radar sign automatically send tickets to speeders; make this route less enticing as an alternative to 101; make this a one-way street north to south; make road off-limits to semi-trucks; noise pollution; more enforcement for distracted driving, cell phone use and DUI

Comments on maps from sticky notes, by segment

Segment 1 (Buttermilk Roundabout to just north of Anderson):

- (Outside the boundaries of this map) Need a better crosswalk across Buttermilk and Bayside Road (by La Trattoria) - roundabout seen as unsafe and there is lots of de facto crossing at this location
- Repave this stretch of OAR - "High-speed cyclists"
- Ideas for the large median area between Bayside Road and OAR: Parking area with permeable paving, sidewalk along OAR on this side, benches/ seating, more trees or plantings, a park, location for new bus stop, a remote drop-off location for Jacoby Creek School, beautification and art
- Pedestrian activated flashing beacon at existing crosswalk
- Roadway improvement ideas for OAR along this segment: Bike lane with signage, bike and pedestrian shared and demarcated shoulder, sidewalks (interest in both sides from different tables), separated paved paths
- Keep bushes and vegetation trimmed back
- Widen/ re-establish bike lane from here towards the south along OAR
- The area where Bayside connects to OAR on the south side needs defined vehicle access
- This is a de facto walking and biking path (Bayside Road)
- Interest in formalizing walking and biking paths along this stretch of Bayside Road

Segment 2 (Anderson to Anvick):

- Plenty of interest here in narrowed lanes (x4)
- Crosswalk across OAR desired where Anderson meets OAR (x3)
- Want a separated bike lane/ walking path (x3)
- Improve existing separated path which has patched/ broken concrete and is not level (x3)
- Trim/ maintain vegetation and improve visibility (throughout this stretch)
- Need to post speed limit sign where radar feedback sign is!
- Planting of native shrubs and trees along this whole segment of the roadway
- Some want wide enough area to park or bike
- Some interest in plantings along with lane narrowing
- Need uniform parking rules
- NO sidewalk on east side of road!
- Ensure bike lane on roadway is level
- Interest in locating mailboxes closer to people's homes so they don't have to cross busy roadway
- Some interest in protected bike lane
- Where Anvick meets OAR, concerns about lots of gravel where bicyclists travel. Consider working with property owners to pave the road apron and minimize gravel spillage.

Segment 3 (Hyland to Golf Course Road):

- Separated sidewalk desired in front of school, on only that side, ending after bus driveway (x6)
- Want crosswalks at Golf Course Road, crossing Golf Course and OAR (x3)
- Underground utilities and remove defunct utility poles and infrastructure (x3)
- Narrowed and defined lanes desired (x3)
- Interest in bulb-outs at all entryways to school as well as Golf Course Road and Hyland Street (x2) (planted or hardscaping)
- Frustrating to turn from Hyland at rush hour, many delays
- Interest in pedestrian flags for visibility when crossing
- Interest in flashing crosswalk
- Painted intersection at Hyland and OAR
- Colorful/ creative crosswalk
- Consider school zone speed reduction from 25 mph to 15 mph if feasible
- Some want a bike lane, turn lane and through lane here (?)
- Limit school exits
- Consolidate access to businesses and parking areas
- Narrow entrances to parking to minimize crossing distance for pedestrians
- Bike racks at school, bike maintenance tools and build-a-bike workshops
- Encourage walking and biking at school
- Define driveways in/ out of school for safety and clarity
- Unsafe to back out of parking spaces in front of school into OAR - if they are retained, make them back-in only
- Cars park along bike lanes along this entire stretch for school drop-off/ pick-up
- Some interest in another crosswalk directly in front of school
- Turn lane into school desired if possible
- Plantings and beautification along this segment of OAR (citizen committees to work on/ help with landscaping)
- No sidewalk with curb - do want sidewalks but not traditional raised curb
 - No more raised crosswalks/ speed humps!
- Concerns about visibility at Golf Course Road
- South of school, want gravel or paved path that adjoins the sidewalk, on one side of OAR
- Some want Class I trail along all of OAR
- Want a safe way to walk from Jacoby Creek School to the post office

Segment 4 (Jacoby Creek Road – Old Arcata Road intersection and vicinity):

- Roundabout with crosswalks (x4)
- Three way stop (x2)
- Consider a one way from OAR to Jacoby Creek Road by post office, with sidewalks on side by post office and bulbout at Jacoby Creek Road intersection (x2)
- Need to indicate that there is no passing on OAR with a solid line not dashed line (x2)
- Narrowed lanes (x2)
- Want speed limit lowered in County jurisdiction and speed radar sign (x6)
- Want a crosswalk across OAR to get to post office, some want a planted median
- Want more school zone signs
- Need to fix potholes on road by post office
- Want benches, beautification, gateway in this whole area - on fence at pump station
- Concerns about clearance for trucks if lanes narrowed
- Protected bike lane
- Improve bike lanes - paint and designate
- Separated paved path to post office
- Want class 1 trail
- Put utility lines underground!
- Rural path for rounding this corner on foot, to church
- Designate a school zone for Mistwood School!
- Reflector and/ or rumble strips here (?)
- Cars park in bike lane on JC road to go to businesses, Grange, post office
- Jacoby Creek Road needs improved bike lanes
- Crosswalk across JC Road with flashing lights
- "Hub"/ gateway of Bayside here - could have placemaking, signage, beautification, art
- No intersection changes please
- Intersection art/ placemaking
- "New England style triangle" here
- Need a bus stop somewhere here
- Intersection with crosswalks and bulbouts
- New bikers don't know how to use roundabouts
- Fence by Grange has been hit a lot
- Need traffic calming
- Want vegetated divider/ median area/ pedestrian island and controlled turns

- Bayside Pride property in trust to City (indicated on map)
- Bulbouts at all crosswalks
- Narrow lanes south of Jacoby Creek Road on OAR
- Red blinking lights (?)

Comments from Comment Cards or Letters Received at Workshop
Add painted white lines entering Jacoby Creek intersection, from Bayside Church. To create the look of a smaller lane, slow down traffic, before speed sensing sign. Or, move speed sensing sign into the county road between Bayside Church and the post office.
Jacoby Creek School idea – Remote drop off/ pick up, children walk from there, or, shuttle bus takes children back and forth from remote drop off site. Also – a remote cell phone parking lot where parents can stage while waiting for students to get out of class.
Please keep it simple. Paving, striping, no hard structures. And please get rid of the flashing speed signs, those are polluting my viewshed.
Glad to be here around so many enthusiastic Bayside folks. I live in downtown Arcata but am so impressed by the huge improvements that Bayside has made. As an HCOE school nurse I see dozens and dozens of school sites that are extremely unsafe and have NO walkability. If we can do something in neighborhoods like Pacific Union and in Manila, Ridgewood, Cutten, Fieldbrook and many others this would be a lifesaving effort. I don't see speed limits being enforced and wonder why. I know this is a big issue and requires community involvement. I will talk to my fellow nurses who know how urgent this issue is for all ages.
Bike lanes – minimum. Preferably apart from traffic. Roundabout at Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. Repave.
Keep rural. No project. Keep it the way it is.
Please eliminate speed humps. They are noisy, and I think people then speed faster before, in between and after. This project should look at alternative traffic calming measures, such as narrowed lanes, improved signs and striping. More crosswalks are needed. Improved safety at intersections e.g. at Golf Course Road and Old Arcata Road. Roundabout at Jacoby Creek Road and Old Arcata Road. Maintain rural feel of road, keeping simple look and feel. Consider future traffic ramifications from elimination of Bayside cut-off. Figure out ways to improve ingress, egress at Jacoby Creek School. Preserve dark skies and eliminate bright lights in front of residences, e.g. dimmer, downward-facing lights.
Keep rural theme! No sidewalks, Fieldbrook does not have has new 40 road – Ok. To speeding all you must do is enforce speed limits both at school and Old Arcata Road. Lived in Bayside 35+ years.
Roundabout at Jacoby Creek Road. Sidewalk on north side of Old Arcata Road between Hyland and post office. Pave Old Arcata Road. Bicycle lane on both sides of road.
Separate bike lanes. Roundabout at Jacoby Creek. Need more police patrol, drivers still speed.
Protected bike lanes would be nice. Would we lose our casement space in front of our house where our mailbox is?
I spent 6 years trying to get parents at JCS to help their kids walk or bike to school. I will be writing a letter to the city with further comments.
No sidewalks. No trees. No roundabouts either. Jacoby Creek School should not allow kids to attend who do not live here. They are the problem. Double yellow line on Old Arcata Road would be nice.
Safety for children and disabled people must be a top priority. Extend the sidewalk from Jacoby Creek School to Jacoby Creek Road.
(1) Old Arcata Road is very narrow. We live close to the road and cannot lose any land. (2) Speed bumps work! One just north of Bayside post office. (3) Possible double lane on west side that could sustain a parking and a bike lane.
Crossing features: we would love to see flags at either side of the crosswalks so that pedestrians could wave them while crossing to increase visibility and safety. Parade street!

Art walks. Raised crosswalks. Restore old intersection versus roundabout. Segregated walk/ bike. 25 mph starting well away from intersection of Jacoby and Old Arcata.
Please have a walkability audit at 7:45- 8:45 am. There is no comparison between morning and afternoon, they have different needs. Please bring APD, CHP and HCSO together to deal with speeding, cell phones (constant) and DUI.
(1) There needs to be a continuation of the sidewalk from the Bayside Road neighborhood to where the sidewalk restarts at the Meadowbrook apartments. It's very dangerous to walk/ bike now. (2) Please keep traffic slow – perhaps by putting a circle/ roundabout at the Jacoby Creek Road/ Old Arcata Road intersection. (3) A designated bike trail is a must! I frequently have to cross the yellow line to make space for cyclists. (4) Continue sidewalk by Jacoby Creek School to the post office. (5) And all the while, keeping Bayside small, rural and beautiful! Thank you!
I'd like to see a multi-use path (on one side) separated by a soft buffer with lighting. Underground the utilities. Reconfigure the traffic at Jacoby Creek School.
Make parking lot in front of Jacoby Creek School. Enforce speed limit during school drop-off/ pick-up. No sidewalk!!! Lighting (LED) – minimize lighting but use LED if needed. Have school parents and students at school paint traffic circles at school to get them involved.
Primary concerns: Safety – schoolchildren, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists. Crosswalk options – not flashy or painted, just visible. Bayside historic district historic land markers. Eliminate diagonal street parking for school. Access and use – all traffic existing at JCS turn right (SE) with roundabout at post office. Constraints – budget, setback? Cars – clearly designated traffic controls for through traffic. More efficient drop-off/ pick-up system for JCS. Clearly marked and enforced crosswalks for peds and cyclists. Repair or repave road at Bayside post office and Buttermilke Lane? Senior safety... Aesthetics – well marked ped and cycle pathes with nice landscaping. Better lighting but with fewer power lines. Any way to prevent total evaporation of “flyway pond” near JCS? Commercial considerations – parking, access to entry for coffeehouse, kombucha, gym, post office, other? Bayside from Beachcomber to post office could be enhanced commercially – very low key, if there were sidewalks or pathways and landscaping.

(from letter brought to meeting, copy to be given to City also – parts related to OAR Design Project extracted here) Sharrows or share the road signs should be used at all roundabout entrances. Southbound on Old Arcata Road there are cars parked in the bike lane most of the time at the intersection with Anderson Lane. There is a no parking bike lane sign visible from this location. Despite efforts, there is no enforcement. In front of Jacoby Creek School, cars are now parking perpendicular to the bike lane adding a few parking spots and greater danger. The broken pavement in front of 1727 OAR is a bit much and should be spot filled like the car lanes. Just north of the intersection of OAR and Hyland, the speed bump as constructed creates a sand trap that covers the bike lane – recommendation: reshape the edge to allow drainage. The Anvick Road intersection has too much loose gravel and broken pavement. The bike lane becomes the drainage ditch. There seems to have been no oversight or quality control on filling the utility trench 50 feet south of the 1230 OAR driveway. Going 50 feet north, there is another utility trench that was filled correctly by cutting straight lines and leveling the fill. This location was also roughly filled for 6+ month before it was redone to its current state. Recommendation: utility trenches will always be part of bike lanes and should be filled correctly the first time and inspected. Just south of Anderson Lane, the bike lanes on both sides of OAR are bisected by a change in elevation from new pavement. Caltrans told me they don't do repairs like that because it's dangerous for bikes. Arcata shouldn't either. There is a solution that would address several of the issues listed above. The one mile between Buttermilk Lane roundabout and Jacoby Creek School should be redesigned with an 8 foot multi-use sidewalk with no curb, and a painted centerline for bikes and pedestrians in both directions. Parking spots can be provided when there's room next to the road. We need a class 1 bike lane.

(from letter with photos brought to meeting) Roundabout at OAR and Jacoby Creek Road. Create traffic island/ pedestrian refuges to shorten crossing of Jacoby Creek Road. Reduce curve radii to lower speeds. Stripe bike lane across Jacoby Creek Road (dashed stripes) and paint it green between the stripes. Stripe both sides of bike lanes to discourage drivers from parking in the bike lane. 6' wide bike lanes in front of school and other locations with wide shoulders, since pedestrians also use them. Back-in diagonal parking in front of the school along Old Arcata Road. Situational awareness/ visibility is higher when backing in to park (when arriving) rather than when backing to leave. Bayside Road/ Old Arcata Road Couplet/ divided boulevard with sidepaths (sidewalks) and either buffered bike lanes (class 2) or cycle tracks (class 4) on each side. This is really a bike lane, not a crosswalk across Golf Course Road (photo). Extend the bike lane across the intersection using dashed lines and paint it green between the lines. Encourage residents to place garbage and recycling cans outside the bike lane.