

South Knoll Area Neighborhood Plan

Public Meeting Series

Meeting 1 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities

Public Comments:

WALK -

- Glade is dangerous with so many driveways
- Glade Street sidewalk needs to be redone
- Southwest Parkway sidewalks need to be widened – there is no bike lane, so bikes/peds need space to move together.
- Holleman from Glade to Anderson needs improvement
- Grading could be done for path when sewer done on Southwood (even though funds not yet available to actually construct the path)
- Lighting needed on Arboles / Comel /Madera at the end of the cul-de-sacs where the vegetation and walking path is.
- More Street lights needed on Glade for safe walking
- Orr needs lighting
- Laura needs additional lighting
- Additional lighting on any street with sidewalks if we want walking to be safer.
- SW Parkway – have path on side
- Need to separate cyclists from peds on the sidewalks. Unsafe for kids walking and riding.
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BIKE –

- Cars parked in driveways overhanging sidewalk makes it unsafe for kids to bike on sidewalk – they have to swerve out into unmarked street.
- No cyclists on sidewalks – need bike lanes.
- Southwest Parkway is too narrow for bikes – need off street path or trail adjacent.
- Encourage Anderson – bike lane on Anderson, route on Glade and reduce speed to 25 mph
- Cannot get to Anderson bike lane since Southwest Parkway has no bike lanes and very narrow sidewalks.
- Demand not there to necessitate removing parking; if have to, only remove it for a few daytime hours
- Need data showing number of riders and number of cars parked on Glade.
- Only two cross streets (Orr and Haines), so additional parking opportunities are limited.
- Speeding on Glade makes it unsafe for kids to bike on streets
- Removing parking will only change the problem (ie: increase speeding or parking moving to another area)
- Need to figure out how to change the function of the existing roadways.

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- Need sidewalks on both sides of Glade.
- Don't do two sidewalks, fix the one you've got.
- Lots of students parking on Glade, there is a curve. It's dangerous. Can't see around cars. Want bike lane if it will remove parking.
- Parking makes it difficult to see to get out of driveway; but speed is the real problem
- Speed bumps on Glade.
- Mid-90's – Council rejected bike lanes on Glade
- Issue is a transient population that doesn't acclimate to conditions – no one watches for cyclists.
- Anderson needs to take all of the (vehicle) traffic punch it through the park to 2818. Take traffic off of Glade.
- Glade built to carry traffic.
- Need to re-design Texas Avenue and Wellborn Road, then people will use those streets instead of Glade.
- Glade needs to be bike route
- Several big families with lots of vehicles on Glade. City should pay for circle drives if they take parking off of the street.
- Can't safely exit driveway on Glade because of all of the parking. Need to remove parking even if we don't need a bike lane. Too many students with too many cars.
- Remove parking on Glade.
- Need to improve multi-modal on Southwest Parkway if you want bikes to get to Anderson. Too dangerous to expect bikes to get there to travel north/south.
- Improve school zone awareness on Glade (north section).
- New fire hydrants will limit parking on Glade.
- Glade speeds are the real issue.
- Lack of adequate sidewalks on Glade make it hard for kids to ride bikes on sidewalk.
- There are sight distance issues on Glade at the bend – need no parking in these areas.
- Road lighting needed.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

- “Lower speed. Bike lane on east side still allowing parking. Anderson main bike lane.”
- “What is the volume of bike traffic on Glade? How many cars typically park on the street – daytime, night and weekends? Where do these cars park if not on the street? Few cross streets on Glade between SW Parkway and Holleman (only Haines and Orr). A group of citizens met with the City Council several years ago – strong opposition to naming Glade a bike lane. As I recall, there was basically no one speaking in favor of the bike lane.”

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- “Glade was once the most beautiful street in College Station. Now that is no longer true because of all the cars parked on both sides. In Addition, it is no longer safe because there is no longer room for 2 cars to pass between them.”
- “Bicyclists tend to avoid Glade because it so too dangerous because of the number of cars in the street. It is really getting too crowded to drive down. When you buy your house – you do not own the street in front of it. It is not your parking lot.”
- “I’d like to know who wants bike lanes and no parking on Glade Street - they must not live on Glade street. Would you like to have bike lanes and no parking on your residential street? If you put bike lanes and no parking on Glade Street, what about people who have parties, repairmen parking. I have friends over on Saturday afternoon to work on crafts – where would they park? Side streets are too far away.”
- “I would like to express interest and request a bike lane on SH60 to the airport. There is a bike rack there and it is a short distance, but no connection of a bike lane to the airport.”
- “Slightly out of the zone, but a sidewalk on the south side of 2818 between Welsh and the library would make walking from the high school to the library for students.”