

DRAFT RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING GLEN ELLEN
A “PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY”

WHEREAS: Walking is the oldest and most common form of human transportation;

WHEREAS: it is well documented that walking benefits individual health as well as the social and economic health of communities;

WHEREAS: Glen Ellen residents and visitors commonly use walking for transportation within the community;

WHEREAS: California has one of the highest rates of pedestrian fatalities and injuries in the U.S and the state reports a continuing rise in these numbers;

WHEREAS: the Glen Ellen core* poses conditions and hazards which put pedestrians at risk. These include: narrow or non-existent shoulders, inconsistent speed limits, speed limits that do not account for the presence of non-motorized users, signage that is lacking or hidden, blind curves, distracted drivers, and other hazards;

WHEREAS: a variety of modest changes would incrementally improve pedestrian safety in the Glen Ellen core;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council declares Glen Ellen to be a “Pedestrian-Friendly Community” and will pursue this as a long-term aspirational goal;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Advisory Council commits itself to working with county agencies such as Sonoma Public Infrastructure, local citizens and local organizations to prioritize and implement incremental improvements** to pedestrian safety in the Glen Ellen core.

By vote of the Council, September 17, 2024

Kate Eagles, Chair
North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

*Priority roadways within the Glen Ellen core (subject to adjustment), are: Arnold Drive from Hill Road to Gibson Street (0.8 mi); London Ranch Road from Arnold Drive to Chauvet Road (0.3 mi); and Warm Springs Road from Arnold Drive to Saddle Road (0.5 mi).

**see following page for examples of incremental improvements

The basic issues affecting pedestrian safety in Glen Ellen are:

Speed

Space

Awareness

An incomplete list of possible incremental changes to improve pedestrian safety:

- Place “Pedestrian-Friendly Community” signs at key locations
- Placing “Watch for Pedestrians” signs at key locations
- Placing advisory speed signs at key locations
- Adjust speed limits for consistency
- Lower speed limits in portions of core
- Improving visibility of signage (moving signs, trimming foliage)
- Improving visibility of crosswalks
- Flashing STOP or CROSSWALK signs
- Rumble strips on roadway at key locations
- Identifying and protecting walking paths
- Widen shoulders
- ‘No Parking’ signs at strategic locations (e.g. NW corner of bridge)
- Pedestrian Education (e.g. brochures at lodges & restaurants)
- Develop community bike path from Eldridge to Glen Ellen

Accomplished to date (by local citizens, Glen Ellen Forum, MAC, County agencies):

- Chauvet/Arnold STOP sign
- “Love Our Town Slow Down” signs
- Signage improvement and painting for downtown crosswalk
- O’Donnell Bridge bollards (in process)
- Walking path from Carmel to Sonoma Valley Regional Park