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# ***SAFE PASSAGE – Mission Historical Park to Mission Canyon***

## **Information Packet**

**Produced by Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage Working Group**

**July 2013**

This Information Packet is a summary of the findings concerning the safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle drivers in the corridor from Laguna Street, along East Olivos Street through the intersections with Alameda Padre Serra and Mountain Drive, across Mission Creek Bridge, onto Mission Canyon Road, through the intersection with Puesta del Sol Road to the intersection with Las Encinas Road. The Packet has been produced by Concerned Citizens for Safe Passage, a working group of volunteers representing neighborhood associations, the institutions and property owners that are within this corridor, and representatives from community organizations concerned with the preservation and enhancement of our historic resources.

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## **CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR SAFE PASSAGE MISSION STATEMENT**

*The **Safe Passage – Mission Historical Park to Mission Canyon Working Group** consists of institutional, civic, neighborhood associations and private property stakeholders who are interested in improving the pedestrian circulation in the lower Mission Canyon area across Mission Creek Bridge in the interest of public safety and enjoyment of one of Santa Barbara’s most historic neighborhoods.*

*The mission of the Working Group is to explore shared needs and interests, study possible strategies for the improvement of pedestrian circulation while protecting, and possibly enhancing, historical and environmental resources, and to rally public agencies to support improvements. The goals of the Group’s work include:*

- *Making it safer and more inviting for pedestrians to move between the lower Old Mission area and the various institutions and neighborhoods northward along Mission Canyon Road.*
- *Prevent accidents by segregating pedestrians and bicycles from vehicular traffic lanes where possible.*
- *Improving emergency evacuation corridors.*
- *Improving public enjoyment of the remarkable historical and environmental resources of the area by providing scenic safe walking corridors.*
- *Preserving and celebrating the historical resources unique to this neighborhood.*
- *Developing an improvement plan with components that will respect the inherent constraints of preexisting conditions; that will meet applicable government regulations and engineering standards; and, that will be eligible for funding from available financial resources.*

### **Overview: Safe Passage in a Historically Significant Part of Our Community**

For many decades, our community has been faced with the vehicular and pedestrian safety issues present in the “bottleneck” of roadways and intersections on the south and north sides of the historic Mission Creek Bridge. **Attachment A** is a map that illustrates this area, the Bridge and the layout of these roadways and intersections. The map also identifies the adjacent properties, the respective owners of these properties and the jurisdictional boundary between the County and the City of Santa Barbara. In addition to the Bridge, this area is home to numerous historic resources and as such is a key part of our community’s historical heritage.

Those most affected by this “bottleneck” include residents in the adjacent neighborhoods, those who work at or visit the many institutions and public parks, and the school children who attend the public and private schools located nearby. In the past, a range of improvements

have been proposed, but to date no significant changes have been made to reduce the safety risks even though we believe traffic volumes have increased. Rather than just sit on our hands and watch the safety of this corridor worsen, a Working Group comprised of and representing Key Stakeholders has been formed to take on the challenge to identify the problems and constraints, and to support improvements that will provide *safe passage in this historically significant part of our community*.

As one reviews this Information Packet, please note that our work product has, for the most part, been achieved with the extraordinary volunteer effort by Working Group members. In addition, financial contributions have been made to the project by several Key Stakeholder organizations and individual members of the Working Group. In addition, in-kind contributions have been made by the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH), the Santa Barbara Woman's Club and Old Mission Santa Barbara who have all provided meeting rooms and related amenities for the Working Group's meetings. The SBMNH has also provided staff support for meeting logistics, documentation of our work product and creation of a website.

### **Progress to Date by the Working Group**

Beginning in the fall of 2010, a Core Team was formed to: 1) draft a Mission Statement; 2) identify and engage a comprehensive list of Key Stakeholders; and 3) develop a tentative "action plan" to help provide focus for the larger Working Group. In the Spring of 2011, the Core Team convened a twenty-plus member Working Group comprised of representatives from the three (3) adjacent neighborhood associations, the numerous institutions and private property owners located in this area, along with several individuals who have knowledge and first-hand experience with the preservation of the historical resources located on or adjacent to this corridor.

From June 2011 through to May 2012, the Working Group has held a series of nine (9) two - three hour work-sessions including a 'walk-about' of the **Safe Passage Corridor**. Early on in these work-sessions, the Group adopted its Mission Statement, making revisions to the earlier draft prepared by the Core Team.

Recognizing that achievement of the goals articulated in the Mission Statement will require a long-term commitment, the focus of the Working Group during this initial phase has been on the following objectives:

- 1) Engaging Stakeholders to build positive relationships based on respect, honesty and open-mindedness;
- 2) Documenting safety related issues within the **Safe Passage Corridor** and stimulating creativity to identify potential improvements for further study;
- 3) Preparing an Information Packet that summarizes the progress made to date by the Working Group for use in the next phase of the project;
- 4) Formalizing endorsement of the Working Group's findings by the Stakeholder entities that they represent; and

- 5) Initiating an outreach effort to a broader list of Key Stakeholders including government agencies that have jurisdiction and related responsibilities for improving the safety within this corridor.

### **Safe Passage Corridor Map**

In the work-sessions following the ‘walk-about’, the Working Group developed a long list of safety related issues, and brainstormed various approaches for how these issues might be addressed. The “findings’ from this process have been organized starting with the drafting of the **Safe Passage Corridor Map (Attachment B)** and a **Historic Resources Overlay (Attachment C)** to the **Corridor Map**.

Given the numerous safety issues identified by the Working Group and the numerous historic resources, the **Safe Passage Corridor Map** is divided into **ten (10) Segments labeled “A” to “J”**. A series of summary sheets have been prepared for each of the Segments. Please refer to **Attachment D** for the summary sheets. Each summary sheet contains a chart along with photographs that identify the specific safety related issues and historic resources that are present in each of the Segments. **Attachment D** also includes photos showing the condition of the existing signage in the corridor and photos showing the deteriorated condition of existing walkways.

### **Overarching Complexities**

As the Working Group learned in more detail, and as one reviews the **Corridor Map**, the **Historic Resources Overlay** and Segment summary sheets in **Attachment D**, one will recognize that there are a few overarching complexities that must be addressed when considering potential improvements within this area. These overarching complexities include the following:

- **Traffic Volumes and Circulation** – Following are a few facts related to the complexity of the *Safe Passage Corridor*.
  - **Mission Canyon Road, Mountain Drive and Alameda Padre Serra** are all **critically important emergency evacuation routes** from neighborhoods in Mission Canyon, the foothills and Riviera.
  - **Normal traffic volumes (Average Daily Trips)** are **10,700** in the bottleneck area **on Mission Canyon Road south of Puesta Del Sol**, with an **average peak of 1,000 cars in the evening rush-hour**. (These counts were conducted by Associated Transportation Engineers for SBMNH in April of 2011 as part of their Master Plan application process).

- A conservative estimate of the **number of visitors annually to three of the major institutional uses** along the *corridor* include the following:
  - **Old Mission Santa Barbara** – The number of annual visitors to the Mission are estimated to range between **750,000 to 1,000,000** individuals. (This does not include those who attend regular religious services throughout the year nor does it include those who attend major events held at the Mission during Old Spanish Days/Fiesta, I Madonnari, among others.);
  - **Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History** - Annual attendance has varied over the years with a maximum of **196,000** individuals. (This does not include staff, but includes visitors to exhibits, participants in educational programs, special events, volunteers, meetings of community groups, etc.); and
  - **Santa Barbara Woman’s Club** – Annually, approximately **14,000 individuals** attend events and activities at Rockwood. (This does not include the club’s full-time staff or those that live on site.)
  
- **During the school year, 750 to 1,000 elementary school children**, with their teachers and volunteer parents, walk in groups of 30-35 from **Roosevelt Elementary School** up through the *corridor* to the SBMNH and then back to the School. In addition to Roosevelt Elementary School, the **Garden Street Academy** is adjacent to the *Safe Passage Corridor* and the intersections in the corridor provide access to and from the **Marymount School** and **Santa Barbara Middle School** campuses, both located nearby in the Riviera neighborhood. Further, schools from throughout southern California bring hundreds of buses loaded with school children throughout the school year to visit the Old Mission and SBMNH for educational tours.
  
- **Historic Resources** – As we have emphasized in this Information Packet, the ***safe passage corridor lies within one of the most historically significant parts of our community***. There are numerous historical resources that are visible above the ground, but also many that lie underground. Some of these resources are degrading before our eyes and deserve immediate attention for preservation and restoration. These historic resources add to the complexity of making changes to reduce the safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles that traverse through these roadways. Nevertheless, preservation (and restoration) of these historic resources is very much tied to our community values as well as to our community’s economic health. To better appreciate the complexity of this reality, please refer to **Attachment E, Historic Resources in Lower Mission Canyon**, which is a summary description of these resources and their respective sensitivity. Also, please refer to **Attachment F** which is a map that shows the boundaries of existing mapped areas designating the sensitivity of the archeological and historical significance within this area.

- **Multiple Jurisdictions** – in addition to the jurisdictional complexities related to cultural resources, there are government agencies that will not only be involved as adjacent property owners, but will need to take the lead with the permit processing, fundraising and implementation of safety improvements within the roadways. These jurisdictions include the City and County of Santa Barbara, and their respective boards, commissions and departments. In addition, state and/or federal agencies may have jurisdiction over proposed improvements that may affect the Mission Creek corridor.

## **The Challenges Ahead**

The Working Group has learned a great deal about this *corridor* and what it will take to move forward to address the safety issues. We believe progress will be made if the following occurs:

- The Key Stakeholders (the neighborhood associations, the institutions and private property owners within the *corridor* and the advocates for preservation of our historic resources) must all remain committed to building on the strong relationships that have been created to date. This on-going commitment is what will get the attention of government officials (elected officials and staff) and overtime keep them engaged in the work necessary to improve the safety of this *corridor*. This commitment will also be critical to building a broader base of support, from other community organizations and the public at large.

Please refer to **Attachment G** which includes letters of support received to date from our Key Stakeholders. In addition to these formal letters, our Key Stakeholders and individual members of the Working Group have contributed to date a total of \$2,500 to help pay for hard costs associated with production of this Information Packet and other expenses that may be incurred as the project moves forward.

- Given the overarching complexities, it will be important to separate out a list of “just do its” that would help address some of the safety issues in the near term (even on a temporary basis) from the more complicated problem areas and their potential solutions that will require more in-depth study and a longer time-frame for implementation.
- Recognizing the overarching complexities related to the issues involved in pursuing safety improvements within this *corridor*, and the long-term studies that may need to be undertaken, consideration should be given to development of a Master Plan (and/or formation of a special district) for adoption by the City and County of Santa Barbara. The primary purpose of this Master Plan would be to keep both entities “on the same page” and provide a tool for measuring progress in future years. If there is support to pursue a Master Plan, our Working Group would be willing to assist with its development and ultimately with its implementation.

## **Attachments**

**Attachment A – Parcel Map with Jurisdictional Boundaries**

**Attachment B – Safe Passage Corridor Map**

**Attachment C – Historic Resources Overlay Map**

**Attachment D – Corridor Segment Summary Sheets**

**Attachment E – Historic Resources in Lower Mission Canyon**

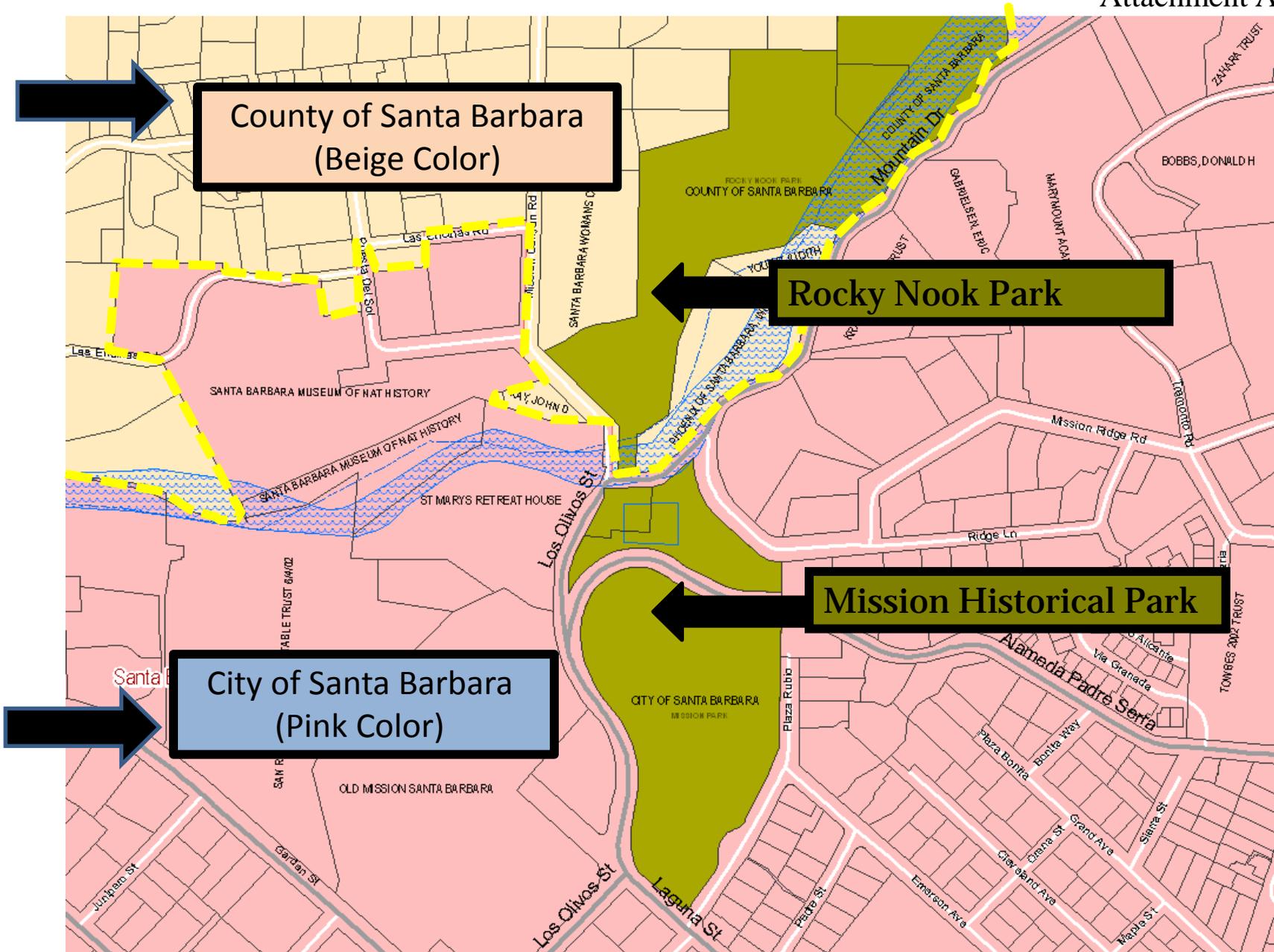
**Attachment F – Safe Passage Cultural Resources Overlay Map**

**Attachment G – Letters of Support from Key Stakeholders**

- 1) Santa Barbara Conservancy
- 2) Pearl Chase Society
- 3) Upper East Association
- 4) Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
- 5) Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation
- 6) Garden Street Academy
- 7) Pearl Chase Society
- 8) Phoenix of Santa Barbara
- 9) Mission Canyon Association
- 10) Kay Family Trust
- 11) Old Mission Santa Barbara
- 12) Santa Barbara Woman's Club

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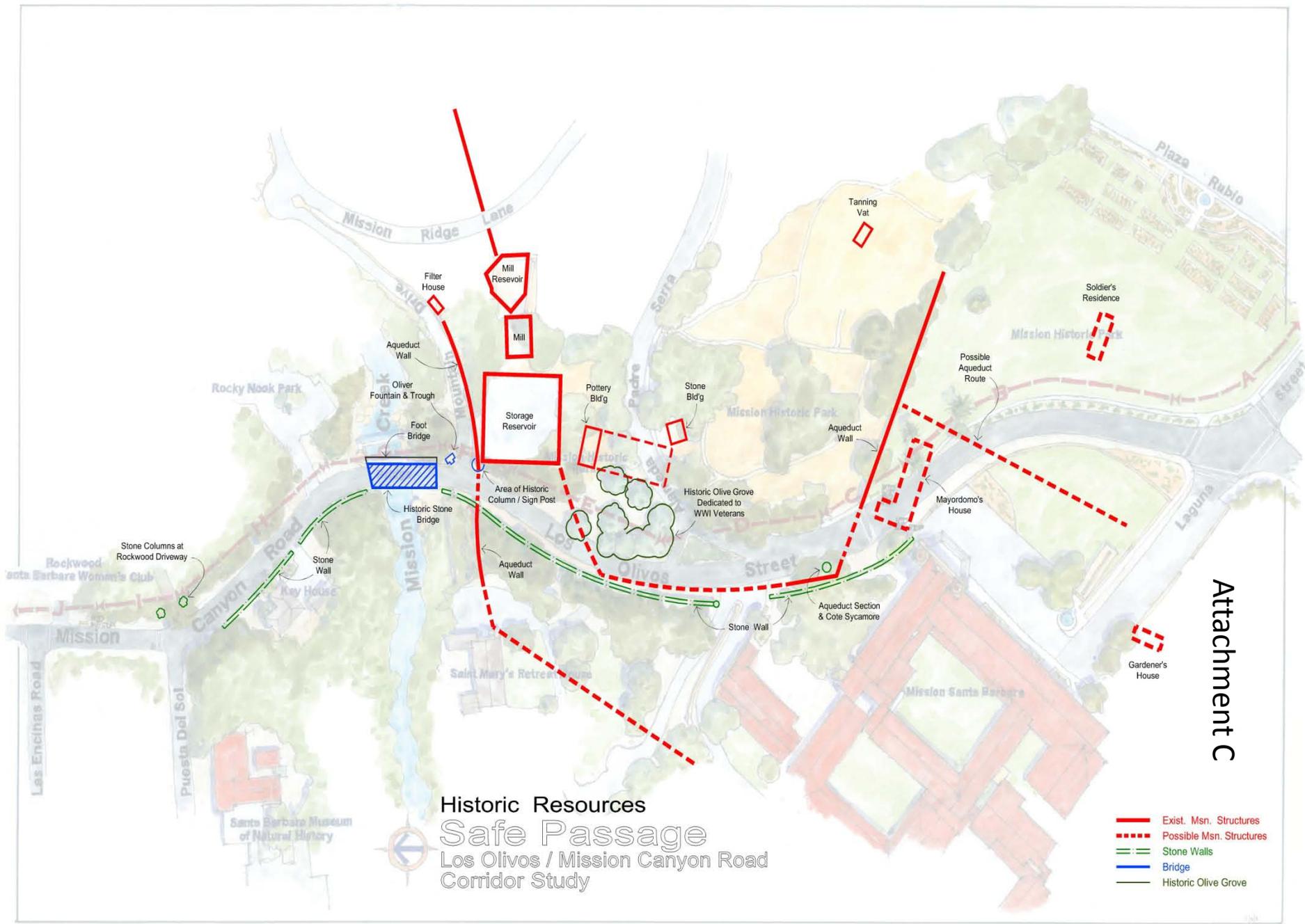
**Rocky Nook Park**

**Mission Historical Park**

**City of Santa Barbara  
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Attachment B



**Historic Resources**  
**Safe Passage**  
 Los Olivos / Mission Canyon Road  
 Corridor Study

- Exist. Msn. Structures
- - - Possible Msn. Structures
- - - Stone Walls
- ▨ Bridge
- Historic Olive Grove

Attachment C

## Attachment D

### Safe Passage Corridor Summary Sheets

- Segments A – J
- Walkway Conditions
- Traffic Signage
- Historic Signage
- Ad Hoc Signage



SAFE PASSAGE LOCATION/IMPACT ISSUE MATRIX						
IMPACT TYPE					LOCATION	NOTES
PEDESTRIAN	VEHICULAR	VISUAL	HISTORICAL	JURISDICTIONAL		The color coded legend @ left represents impact types per segment
<b>SEGMENT A</b>						
<b>MISSION HISTORICAL PARK/PLAZA RUBIO</b>						
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<b>LOS OLIVOS/LAGUNA ST INTERSECTION</b>						
AC PAVED SIDEWALKS-NON STANDARD PARKS DEPT RESPONSIBLE						
BUS PARKING ALONG LAGUNA BELOW LOS OLIVOS						
INTERSECTION AWKWARD GEOMETRY EXTRA WIDE						
STOP SIGN AS EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL						
SIGNAGE MISCELLANY						
<b>LAGUNA ST./MISSION DEAD END</b>						
PUBLIC STREET/MISSION PROPERTY CONFUSION						
NO FORMAL MISSION SIGNAGE/ENTRY						
BUS PARKING IMPACT						

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LAGUNA/LOS OLIVOS INTERSECTION LOOKING SOUTH WEST



WALKWAY FROM MISSION HISTORICAL PARK LOOKING NORTH



WALKWAY ALONG  
SO. SIDE LOS OLIVOS



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<b>SEGMENT B</b>		
<b>LOS OLIVOS OPPOSITE MISSION HISTORICAL PARK</b>		
	WALKING SURFACES IN RIGHT OF WAY ON WEST SIDE OF LOS OLIVOS SIDEWALK ENDS ON EAST SIDE PEDESTRIANS CROSSING RANDOMLY NO ADA ACCESS TO MISSION LAWN AREA EVENT PARKING ON SIDEWALKS	

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LOOKING NORTH ON LOS OLIVOS

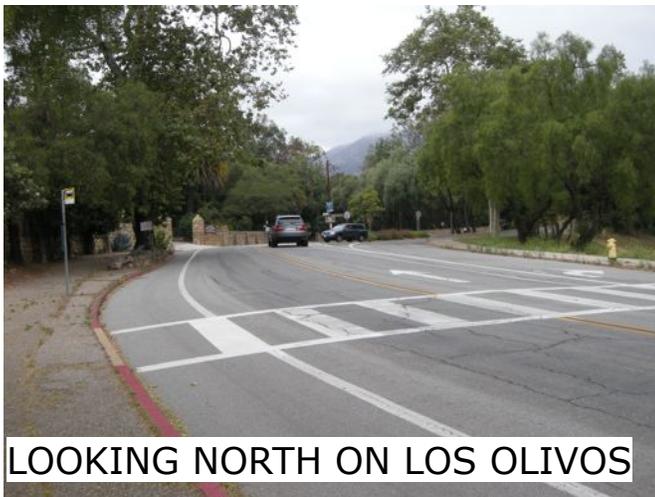


DETERIORATED NON ADA WALKWAY/OVERFLOW PARKING AREA



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<b>LOS OLIVOS CROSSING @ MISSION HISTORICAL PARK</b>						
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LOOKING NORTH ON LOS OLIVOS



MTD STOP/AQUEDUCT



COTA SYCAMORE/AQUEDUCT



AQUEDUCT CROSSING LOS OLIVOS



COTA SYCAMORE/AQUEDUCT/PLANT'G



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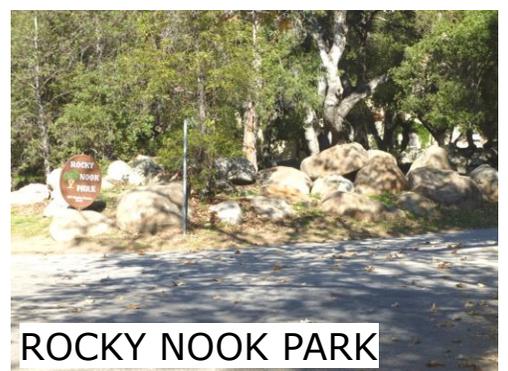
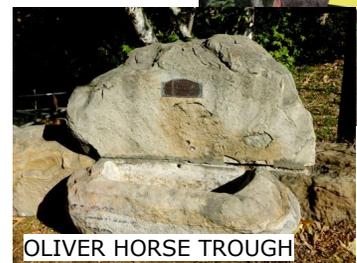
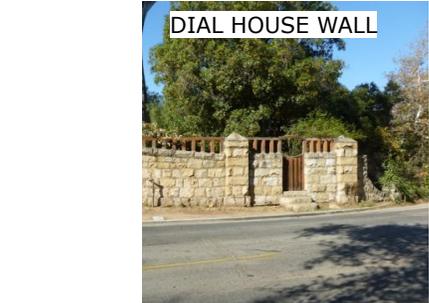


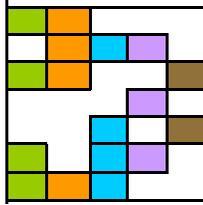
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<b>TRAFFIC ISLAND LOS OLIVOS/A.P.S. INTERSECTION</b>					
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<b>SEGMENT E</b>					
<b>OLIVE GROVE AREA TO BRIDGE/MOUNTAIN DRIVE</b>					
				<p>W.W.1 HISTORICAL MARKER-OLIVE GROVE                      UTILITY POLES/ EASEMENTS, WATER LINES BELOW/ MTR IN WALKWAY                      EVENT PARKING IN RIGHT OF WAY BOTH SIDES OF ROAD                      POTTERY BUILDING                      ST MARY'S ROCK WALL                      PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS UNDEFINED                      RUIN ACCESS/SIGNAGE</p>	





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<b>JOHN KAY PROPERTY/STEGASAUROS WALL</b>					
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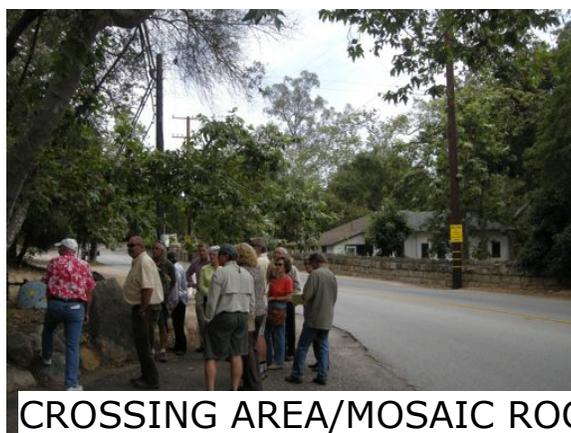
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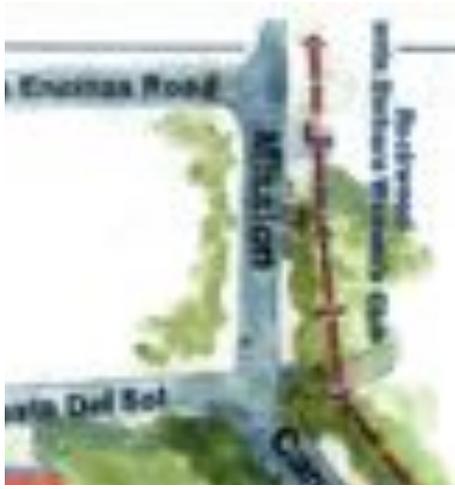
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SIGNAGE ISSUES



CROSSING AREA/MOSAIC ROCK



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					<b>PUESTA DEL SOL/M.C.R./ROCKWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB</b>
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					<b>SEGMENT J</b>
					<b>PUESTA DEL SOL TO LAS ENCINAS INTERSECTION</b>
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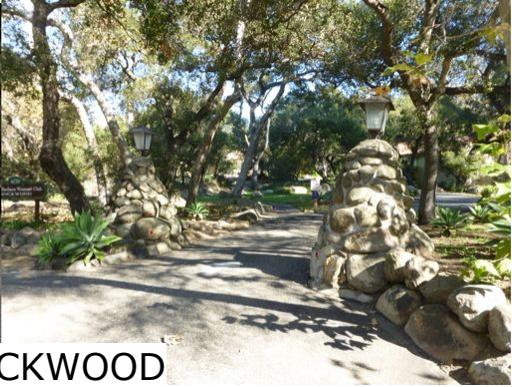
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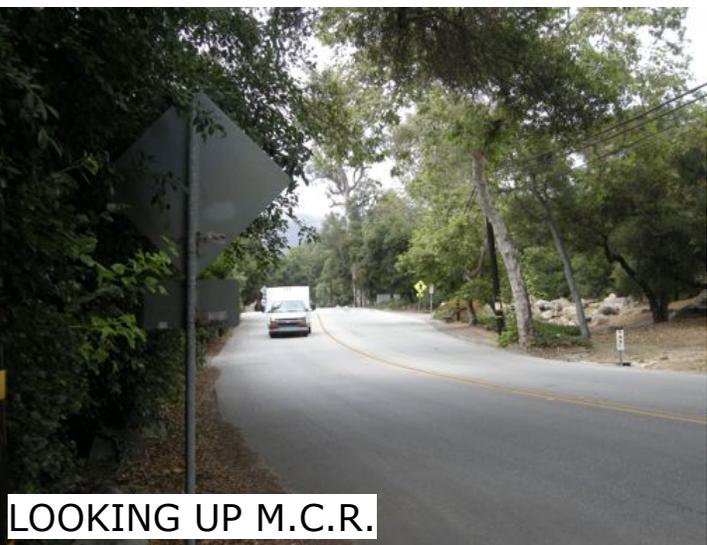
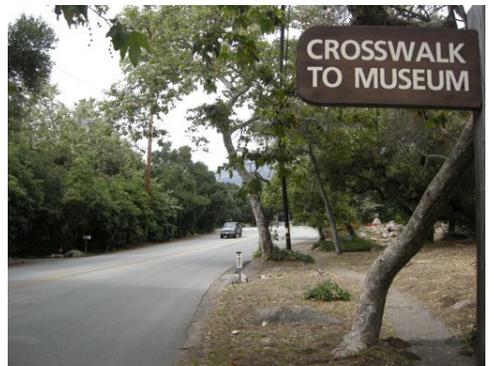
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CROSSING/ENTRY TO ROCKWOOD



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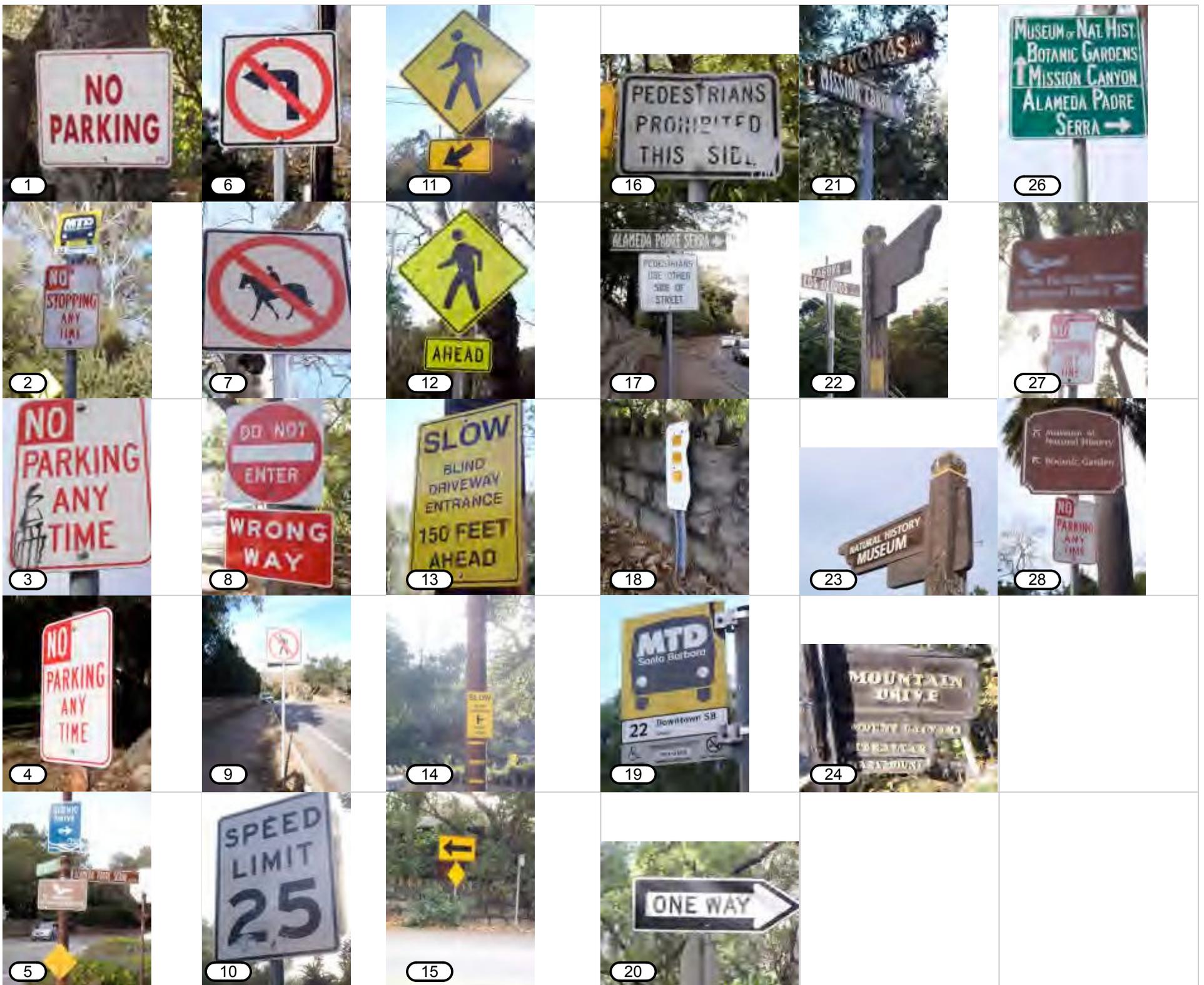
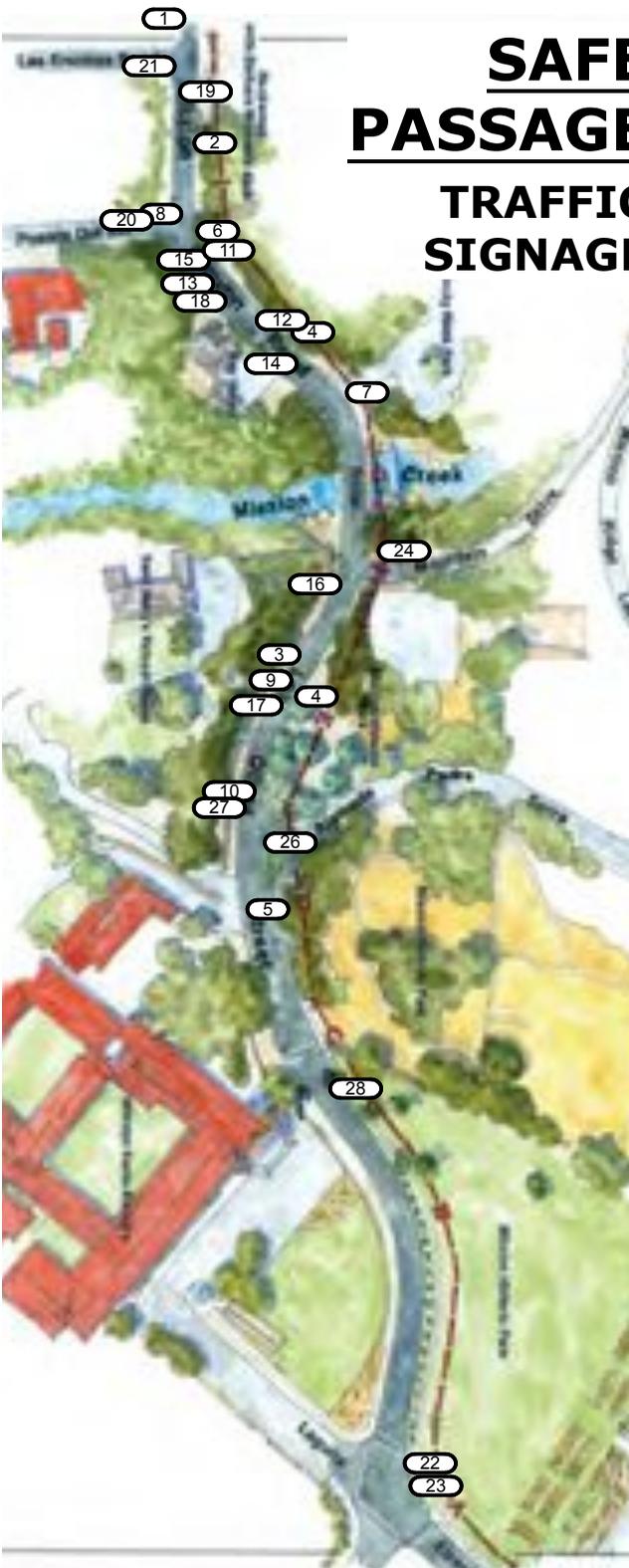


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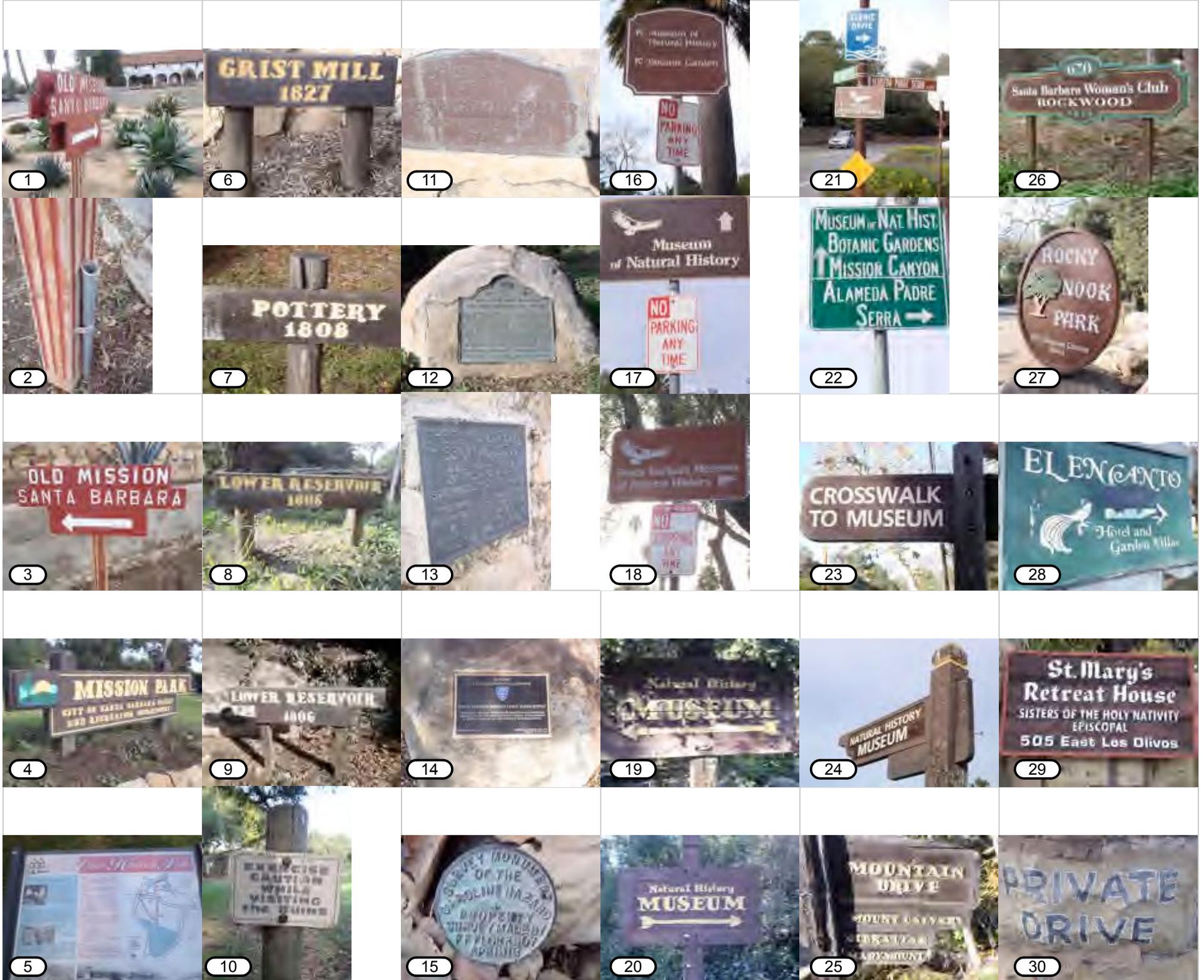
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# SAFE PASSAGE TRAFFIC SIGNAGE



# SAFE PASSAGE HISTORIC SIGNAGE



# SAFE PASSAGE AD HOC SIGNAGE



**HISTORIC RESOURCES IN LOWER MISSION CANYON**

**Mission Canyon Safe Passage Core Group**

**March 31, 2012**

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Historic Resources**

Lower Mission Canyon and the Mission Santa Barbara area are replete with cultural (historic, archaeological and landscape) resources. Many of them are Mission-period Spanish colonial features; others date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. European settlement in Santa Barbara began with the founding of the Royal Presidio on April 21, 1782. When permission was given to establish a mission to serve the local Native American Indian population Mission Santa Barbara was founded on December 4, 1786, and an escolta (guard) from the presidio garrison protected it.

**The Mission Santa Barbara National Historic Landmark District** encompasses the mission church, its cemetery, the front quadrangle and sacred garden, the fountain and lavanderia, and the following features located in Mission Historical Park: the remains of the pottery, the tanning vats, the stone building on Alameda Padre Serra, and the filter house, upper reservoir, grist mill and lower reservoir, including all aqueduct segments and miscellaneous remnants of archaeological features. (Ref. National Historic Landmark District Nomination Form, Jan. 2000, pages 7 and 8, map 10) The entire area is within the Mission Complex and Waterworks section of the City of Santa Barbara Master Environmental Assessment's Archaeological Resources Sensitivity Map (1997) and some of it is shown on the Prehistoric Sites and Watercourses Map.

Mission Santa Barbara is a designated National Historic Landmark and NHL District, a California Historic Landmark, a City of Santa Barbara Landmark, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Mission Historical Park's City Landmark** designation includes the City-owned park of 10+ acres and all Mission period structures within it, including two reservoirs, plus the Cota Sycamore tree located between East Los Olivos Street and the Mission cemetery wall, all park aqueducts as well as the portion near the sycamore tree and the portion on the east side of the bridge, the 1891 stone bridge over Mission Creek (Arroyo Pedregoso), and the 1910 Oliver trough-fountain at the intersection of West Mountain Drive and Mission Canyon Rd./Los Olivos Street.

**The sandstone walls bordering the Old Mission property, the former Hazard properties, and the Museum of Natural History properties.** These late nineteenth century stone walls include the wall fronting St. Mary's Retreat House (Mission Hill Estate of Caroline Hazard) and the museum, as well as the wall bordering the Kay property at 609 Mission Canyon Road. Mr. and Mrs. David Kay had been employees of the Hazard family. The border/retaining walls were constructed by Joseph Dover of Santa Barbara in 1891. Mission Hill's aqueduct and its elevated support structure ending at the remnant on the west side of Los Olivos Street are significant mission-period artifacts. Until the 1880s there was a portion of the elevated arched section of this aqueduct in place south of Mission Creek.

**St. Mary's Retreat House property, 505 E. Los Olivos Street,** consists of two main houses (Mission Hill and Dial House) and the grounds of the Rowland Hazard estate. Mr. Hazard purchased the hill property from Dr. S.B.P. Knox in February 1885 and immediately constructed a house called "Mission Hill" to replace an earlier one that had burned prior to the purchase. Nearby properties were added to the estate in subsequent years. Miss Caroline Hazard, Mr. Hazard's daughter, inherited the property upon Mr. Hazard's death in 1898. In 1916-1917 a house named "Dial House" for the sundial on the nearby aqueduct wall was built for her brother Rowland Gibson Hazard II (1855-1918). Miss Hazard (1856-1945) was born in Peace Dale, Rhode Island, served as president of Wellesley College in Massachusetts from 1899 to 1910 and was a generous benefactress of the college. An author, poet and philanthropist, she was the holder of several honorary degrees and was one of the donors of a portion of Mission Historical Park. In 1922 Miss Hazard's sister-in-law, Mary P. Bushnell Hazard, contributed funds to build new buildings for the Museum of Comparative Oology in memory of her late husband. Founded in 1916, the museum was considered of great importance by Rowland G. Hazard. The institution's name was changed to Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History in 1923.

The Hazards' former Mission Hill estate is situated between Mission Santa Barbara and Mission Creek, and previously included the Museum of Natural History's original property and the Kay land as well. The Sisters of the Holy Nativity acquired the property in 1955. The Brothers of the Holy Cross have resided at this active retreat center since their Mount Calvary home in the Rattlesnake Canyon area was destroyed in a wildfire.

**The stone retaining wall abutting the Mission-period Filter House and bordering W. Mountain Drive.** This wall divides the northerly portion of Mission Historical Park from Mountain Drive and forms its border. A column covered by vines is located at the street intersection and may have a connection with the Mission-period lower reservoir.

**The stone bridge and the Oliver Trough-Fountain.** See Mission Historical Park's City Landmark description above. The bridge was designed and partially paid for by Rowland Hazard in 1891. He also supervised its construction by Dover and Woods, a local masonry firm. Another donor to the construction was Enoch J. Marsh, who bought land on the north side of Mission Creek. The bridge is said to be the oldest extant in the county. In 1910 Mrs. G.S.J. Oliver hired stonemason George Robson to construct the

trough-fountain in her late husband's memory. It was comprised of sizable boulders from the area. The job was finished in September and newspaper accounts described it as "a beautiful sanitary drinking fountain for horse and man." They reported that "drinking water for persons comes up in a single stream and the flow is entirely sanitary, while a continuous flow in the trough makes this constantly fresh and pure." The bronze plaque on a boulder reads "In Memory of George Stuart Johannot Oliver Who Loved This Canon 1910." The Olivers owned adjacent land and their home was called "Rocky Nook." In July 1890 a wildfire had nearly destroyed it. This threat very likely led to the proposal to construct a stone bridge over the creek.

**The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History** campus includes Spanish Revival style structures and stone walls that are designated as City of Santa Barbara Structures of Merit. These are the original 1922 quadrangle, the 1926 Indian Hall, the Botany Hall, Mammal Hall, the Library, the bordering stone walls and the 1938 Fleischmann Lecture Hall. The architects were Floyd Brewster, Carleton Winslow, Sr., and Chester Carjola. The land was given to the predecessor museum by Miss Caroline Hazard and construction was financed by her sister-in-law Mrs. Rowland G. Hazard II.

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**Rocky Nook Park** is a County of Santa Barbara park outside of the City Limits. The land was previously "Rocky Nook," the home of G.S.J. Oliver, Frances Dabney Oliver and their family. Mr. Oliver had been a diplomat serving in the Azores Islands. In 1892 he had purchased large pieces of Mission Canyon land from the Roman Catholic bishop and from E.J. Marsh. In early 1928 Samuel J. Stanwood purchased a creekside property from the estate of Mrs. Oliver. A few months later he and his wife Carolyn C. Stanwood transferred the land to the County National Bank and Trust Company of Santa Barbara. Two days later the bank deeded it to the County of Santa Barbara as a gift in memory of Frances Dabney Oliver from her friends the Stanwoods. A plaque recognizing Samuel and Carolyn Stanwood for this gift was placed in Rocky Nook Park in 1993. They had been prominent citizens—Sam Stanwood had served as a longtime Santa Barbara County supervisor and twenty-year El Presidente of Old Spanish Days.

**Rockwood, 670 Mission Canyon Road**, is the home of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club. The present building was designed in the Spanish Revival style by Edwards, Plunkett and Howell and built in 1928. Previously there had been a handsome partial-stone residence on the property and it became the Rockwood Inn, or the Rockwood Hotel and Bungalows. The main building was built in 1913 by the E.J. Marsh family, who had come to California in 1890 and relocated to Mission Canyon. Mrs. F.M. Weston was proprietor of the inn for several years. The property was sold in 1921, then in early 1927 the building burned, although a few bungalows were saved. The Woman's Club purchased the property and constructed a new clubhouse. Later, additional property was added to its holdings with assistance from Mrs. Samuel Stanwood, Mrs. Max Schott and other members.

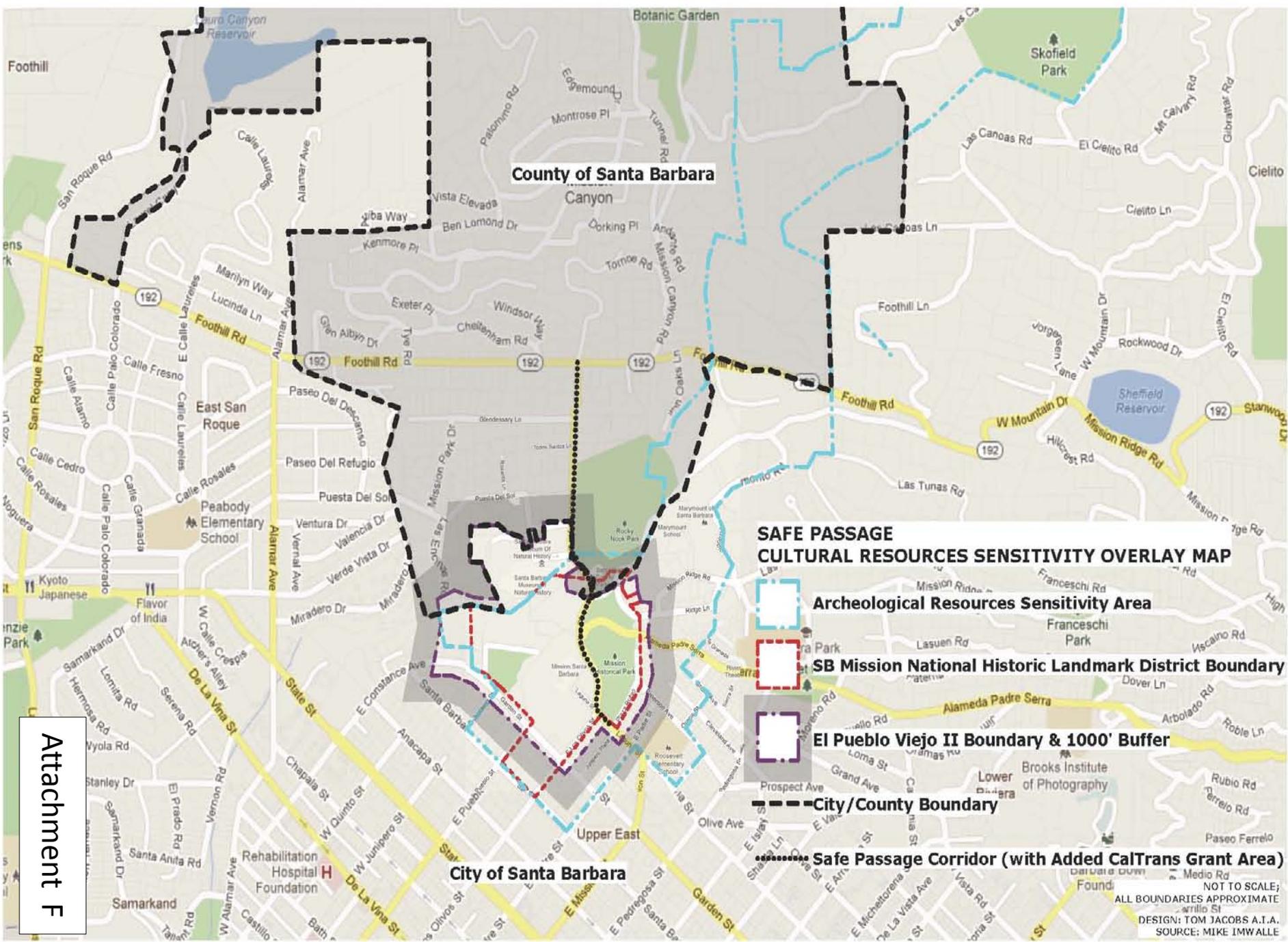
**679 Mission Canyon Road**, former home of artist Fernand Lungren, was built beginning in 1906, when Lungren and his wife Henrietta relocated to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles. They had previously lived in New York and Europe. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1857 and raised in Ohio. He studied art in the U.S. and Europe, working as an illustrator and landscape painter. In 1892 he paid his first visit to the west and became enamored with it. Lungren was hired by the Santa Fe Railroad to paint Southwest scenes for advertising purposes. He later built his Mission Canyon house of adobe bricks in a Pueblo style; it was damaged in the 1925 earthquake and repaired. Lungren became involved with city planning and the arts through the Civic League and the Community Arts Association, and was a founder of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts. He has been described as a premier painter of the American Southwest. Fernand Lungren died in 1932 and bequeathed his personal collection to what is now U.C.S.B. In later years alterations and additions were made to the former Lungren residence. The street number ceramic plaques at the driveway entrance were made by a former owner, Ruth Wathey, who lived there for several years with her husband James M. Perry.

**Glendessary House**, built for Robert Cameron Rogers in 1899-1900, is the sole County Landmark in the region. Samuel M. Ilsley was the architect and Christoph Tornoe was the contractor for the Tudor Revival style mansion. In 1894 Santa Barbara resident R.Cameron Rogers wrote the poem "The Rosary," later the lyrics for a well-known song. This poem, another by Rogers, and several by Caroline Hazard are printed in the 1922 booklet "Santa Barbara Songs." Rogers was also affiliated with local businesses and organizations. He and Mr. Tornoe were trustees of the Mission Canyon School District at the turn of the twentieth century. Later Glendessary became the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwin Gledhill, portrait photographers. Mr. Gledhill was instrumental in the creation of Santa Barbara's "El Pueblo Viejo" district. The library at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum is named in his honor.

Other features such as sections of the Museum of Natural History, certain Plaza Rubio houses, and the former St. Anthony's Seminary are eligible to be City Landmarks. Archaeologically significant resources may be revealed at any time.

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- SAFE PASSAGE  
CULTURAL RESOURCES SENSITIVITY OVERLAY MAP**
- Archeological Resources Sensitivity Area
  - SB Mission National Historic Landmark District Boundary
  - El Pueblo Viejo II Boundary & 1000' Buffer
  - City/County Boundary
  - Safe Passage Corridor (with Added CalTrans Grant Area)

Attachment F

NOT TO SCALE;  
ALL BOUNDARIES APPROXIMATE  
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February 22, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

Following decades of first-hand dangerous experiences, the residents and community members that pass through the historically significant Mission Historical Park/Mission Santa Barbara area feel that now is the time to make improvements so that people can safely walk or bicycle through this neighborhood, and, at the same time, allow for safe passage of vehicles. Over the past year, a volunteer consortium of concerned neighborhood associations, neighbors, historic preservation organizations and institutions in the immediate vicinity of the Mission Canyon Road and East Los Olivos Street corridor, has come together to form an ad hoc Working Group to find ways to provide safe passage through this corridor and to enhance the scenic and historical value of this wonderful area of our community. The process undertaken by the Safe Passage Working Group has focused on defining the involved areas and coordinating the transfer of information and recommendations to the various civic entities that have jurisdiction over the areas of concern.

As members of our organization, the Santa Barbara Conservancy, Sue Adams, Mary Louise Days, Michael Imwalle, and Don Olson have actively participated in the Working Group. At our Board meeting on February 22, 2012, the Draft *Safe Passage Information Packet* and *Corridor Maps* were presented for our review. This information is a very comprehensive summary of the safety issues and constraints present in this corridor for pedestrians, bikers and drivers of motor vehicles. Many of our members experience these issues on a daily basis and regularly observe, or are part of, near misses and accidents. Following the presentation and discussion by our Board Members, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the findings of the Working Group and strongly urge City and County officials to take action to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety as well as institute measures to protect significant historic resources within this corridor. We believe that this is a critical public safety issue and deserves high priority and immediate attention.

Sincerely,



Donald G. Sharpe, President  
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March 9, 2012

In Support of The Safe Passage Working Group  
and its Stakeholders

Attention: Don Olson

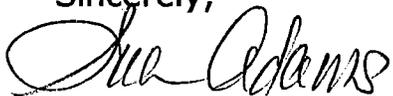
The Pearl Chase Society is aware of the considerable effort undertaken by the Safe Passage Working Group to improve safety conditions along the Mission Park to Mission Canyon roadway and enthusiastically supports the task force as they look for solutions to improve pedestrian and traffic circulation in this historically sensitive corridor.

The Society stresses the need to preserve and celebrate our historical resources while searching for a range of corridor improvements and hope that the outcome will enhance the awareness and enjoyment of our remarkable historical and environmental resources in this site.

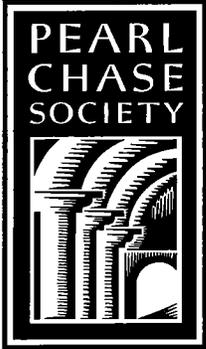
Studies and research identifying the complexities inherent to construction of a walkway or altered roadway within one of the most historically significant parts of our community are integral to the successful development of a Master Plan for adoption by the City and County of Santa Barbara. The Pearl Chase Society supports the Safe Passage project by offering stakeholder representation and financial resources, where appropriate, to reduce the risk of loss of any features, above or underground, that could adversely affect the historic resources of the area.

We support the Working Group's mission to explore needs and strategies for the improvement of pedestrian circulation and, after historic preservation needs are met, will work to build positive relationships by stimulating the support of neighboring property owners, government agencies and the community at large.

Sincerely,



Sue Adams, President  
Pearl Chase Society



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## ***Upper East Association***

***Santa Barbara, CA***

***24 February 2012***



**Subject:** *Safe Passage* Information Packet

**To:** *Safe Passage* Working Group:

The Board of Directors of the Upper East Association enthusiastically endorses the findings of the *Safe Passage* Working Group as documented in the 10 February 2012 Information Packet and accompanying attachments.

The Working Group has illuminated a longstanding problem – the unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists in the corridor between the Mission Park/Mission Santa Barbara area and Mission Canyon. It has also documented clearly and graphically the historic and natural resources that must be protected. In the process it has fostered cooperation among interested neighborhood associations, neighbors, historic preservation organizations, and institutions, resulting in a cohesive set of findings that form the basis for corrective action by City and County government agencies.

Members of the Upper East Association Board have actively participated in the Working Group and kept the full Board informed of their activities. The product of this work, the *Safe Passage* Information Packet and Corridor Maps, was presented for review at our Board meeting on 14 February 2012. The Board found this information to be a comprehensive summary of the safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicle drivers and of the environmental and historic resource constraints on possible solutions.

Following the presentation and discussion by our Board members, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the findings and to support proceeding to the next step – urging action by City and County officials to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety within the corridor and to provide better traffic intersections for automobile traffic. We believe that this critical public safety issue deserves high priority and immediate attention.

Sincerely,

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Milton Hess  
President, Upper East Association



Santa Barbara  
Museum of Natural History  
& Ty Warner Sea Center

February 28, 2012

Subj: Safe Passage

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History enthusiastically endorses and supports the efforts of the Safe Passage Working Group: a group of residents, property owners, and community members united in an effort to bring about safer conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers moving between the Santa Barbara Mission and the lower end of Mission Canyon Road.

For many years, we have observed, with great concern, the dangers bicyclists and pedestrians, including many school children and families with strollers, are exposed to as they move through this difficult corridor in order to get to the Museum of Natural History. In addition, we have witnessed numerous traffic accidents, particularly of vehicles going south on Mission Canyon Road, that fail to negotiate tight turns and consequently run into historic stone walls, utility poles, or bridge abutments. It is nearly miraculous that no fatalities have yet occurred in this dangerous stretch of road.

We are deeply appreciative to the many individuals and organizations that have joined together in the consortium of the Safe Passage Working Group, including neighborhood associations, individual neighbors, representatives from historic preservation organizations, along with representatives of the many institutions in the immediate vicinity of the Mission Canyon Road and East Los Olivos Street corridor.

The Museum of Natural History's Board of Trustees has been thoroughly briefed about the work of the Safe Passage Working Group to date and strongly supports the group's goals and activities. The Board believes that the group's endeavor will not only benefit the thousands of Museum visitors and the residents of the adjoining neighborhoods but also the Santa Barbara community at large. The Board urges City and County officials to take action to address the critically important and urgent public safety issue identified by the Working Group.

Sincerely,

Karl L. Hutterer Ph.D.  
Executive Director



# Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

To preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County

February 29, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Following decades of first-hand dangerous experiences, the residents and community members that pass through the historically significant Santa Barbara Mission and Mission Historical Park area feel that now is the time to make improvements. Changes must be made so that people can safely walk or bicycle through this neighborhood and at the same time, allow for safe passage of vehicles. Over the past year, a volunteer consortium of concerned neighborhood associations, neighbors, historic preservation organizations and institutions in the immediate vicinity of the Mission Canyon Road and East Los Olivos Street corridor, has come together to form an ad hoc Working Group to find ways to provide safe passage through this corridor and to enhance the scenic and historical value of this wonderful area of our community. The process undertaken by the Safe Passage Working Group has focused on defining the involved areas and coordinating the transfer of information and recommendations to the various civic entities that have jurisdiction over the areas of concern.

As members of our organization, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Mary Louise Days and Michael Imwalle have actively participated in the Working Group. At our Board meeting on February 27, 2012, the Draft *Safe Passage Information Packet* and *Corridor Maps* were presented for our review. This information is a very comprehensive summary of the safety issues and constraints present in this corridor for pedestrians, bikers and drivers of motor vehicles. Many of our members experience these issues on a daily basis and regularly observe, or are part of, near misses and accidents. Following the presentation and discussion by our Board Members, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the findings of the Working Group and strongly urge City and County officials to take action to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety as well as institute measures to protect significant historic resources within this corridor. We believe that this is a critical public safety issue and deserves high priority and immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hoover, Ph.D., President  
Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Jarrell C. Jackman, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Date: March 6, 2012

SUBJ: Safe Passage

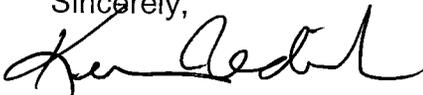
To Whom It May Concern:

Following decades of first-hand dangerous experiences, the residents and community members that pass between the Mission Park/Mission Santa Barbara area and Mission Canyon feel that now is the time to make improvements for people to safely walk or bicycle between these two neighborhoods in our community, and, at the same time, allow for safe passage of vehicles. Over the past year, a volunteer consortium of concerned neighborhood associations, neighbors, historic preservation organizations and institutions in the immediate vicinity of the Mission Canyon Road and East Los Olivos Street corridor, has come together to form an ad hoc Working Group to find ways to provide safe passage through this corridor and to enhance the experience of absorbing the scenic and historical value of this wonderful area of our community. The process undertaken by the Safe Passage Working Group has focused on defining the involved areas and coordinating the transfer of information and recommendations to the various civic entities that have jurisdiction over the areas of concern.

Members of our organization, Garden Street Academy, have actively participated in the Working Group. We have reviewed the *Safe Passage Information Packet* and *Corridor Maps*. This information is a very comprehensive summary of the safety issues and constraints present in this corridor for pedestrians, bikers and drivers of motor vehicles. Many of our members experience these issues on a daily basis and regularly observe, or are part of, near misses and accidents.

Following the presentation and discussion by our Leadership Team and voted unanimously to endorse the findings of the Working Group and strongly urge City and County officials to take action to improve the safety within this corridor. We believe that this is a critical public safety issue and deserves high priority and immediate attention.

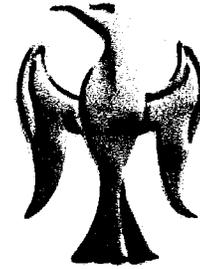
Sincerely,



Kevin J. Redick  
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To whom it may concern,

We fully support the work being done by the "SAFE PASSAGE" project team. Gerry Westerfield is the staff member who represents our agency on this team.

Our residential treatment facility, "Mountain House" at 37 Mountain Drive has adult residents diagnosed with mental illness who walk into town regularly, and who risk life and limb because pedestrian access on Mountain Drive, Los Olivos, and Mission Canyon, is not adequately supported by sidewalks, crosswalks, and safety-oriented signage.

We estimate there are 3,285 pedestrian trips from our facility per year around this hazardous set of streets, where the traffic flow often appears to flout basic safety standards.

In addition, we have an event "Art Along the Creek" Memorial Day weekend at our Mountain House facility, which attracts close to 1,000 people, whose safety is not well served by the issues I mention above.

Sincerely,

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J. T. Turner, MFT

Executive Director

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March 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Pathway from S.B. Mission to S.B. Natural History Museum ("Safe Passage")

On March 6, 2012, at the monthly Board of Directors meeting for Mission Canyon Association, a presentation of the work done to date by the citizens and community group known as "Safe Passage" was given by Tom Jacobs, Alastair Winn, and Kellam de Forest, MCA's representatives to the Safe Passage committee.

The Board unanimously agreed that the definition of the problem areas and impacted resources is comprehensive and that this information should be forwarded to the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara with our strong support for an application for funding a Caltrans grant in the subject area. The grant will support engineering studies to ultimately implement a solution to the critical issue of pedestrian safety through the historic corridor between the corner of Laguna Street and Los Olivos Street and the intersection of Mission Canyon Road and Puesta del Sol and continuing up to the intersection with Foothill Road (Hwy 192).

MCA is proud to support the efforts of such a community-based volunteer group that has brought together the stakeholders in this endeavor and commends the consensus this group has built to achieve the momentum necessary to resolve this safety issue that has plagued our community for over 50 years.

Sincerely,

  
Ray Smith  
President  
MCA Board of Directors

Mission Canyon Association  
P.O. Box 401  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

JOHN AND EDITH KAY  
609 MISSION CANYON ROAD

March 21, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

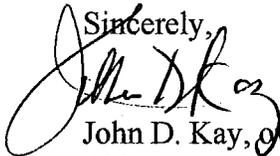
RE: Pathway from SB Mission to SB Natural History Museum ("Safe Passage")

As owners of the property located at 609 Mission Canyon Rd., and as participants in the Safe Passage group of volunteers who seek to implement a comprehensive solution to both traffic and pedestrian safety issues in the Mission Canyon corridor, we are fully supportive of the Safe Passage community group's recommendations.

Specifically, we agree that the decisions reached by the Safe Passage coalition should be forwarded to the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara with our strong support for an application for funding a CalTRANS project in the subject area. The grant will support engineering studies to ultimately implement a solution to the critical issue of pedestrian safety through the historic corridor between the corner of Laguna Street and Los Olivos Street and the intersection of Mission Canyon Road and Puesta del Sol and continuing north to the intersection of Foothill Road (Hwy 192).

My wife and I are proud to support the efforts of such a community based volunteer group (of which we are members) that has brought together the stakeholders in this endeavor. We commend the consensus the group has built to resolve the critical safety issue that has plagued our community for over 50 years. More personally, I have been associated with the 609 Mission Canyon Rd. property for nearly seventy years and am intimately associated with the increasingly hazardous traffic and pedestrian safety problems in the area.

Sincerely,



John D. Kay, owner  
609 Mission Canyon Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA



# Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS ♦ Office of the Provincial Minister

March 21, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: **Safe Passage**

As the Provincial Minister of the Franciscan Friars of CA, I would like to draw your attention to a matter that is of great concern to the friars who live at Old Mission Santa Barbara. I join with the Mission Park/Mission Santa Barbara area and Mission Canyon community in thinking that now is the time to make improvements for people to safely walk or bicycle between these two neighborhoods in the community, and, at the same time, allow for safe passage of vehicles. We all have experienced first-hand dangerous experiences for the residents and community members over a significant period.

During this past year, a volunteer consortium of concerned neighborhood associations, neighbors, historic preservation organizations and institutions in the immediate vicinity of the Mission Canyon Road and East Los Olivos Street corridor, has come together to form an ad hoc Working Group. They attempted to find ways to provide safe passage through this corridor and to enhance the experience of absorbing the scenic and historical value of this wonderful area of the Santa Barbara community. The process undertaken by the Safe Passage Working Group has focused on defining the involved areas and coordinating the transfer of information and recommendations to the various civic entities that have jurisdiction over the areas of concern.

Members of our religious order, the Franciscan Friars of California, Inc. have actively participated in the Working Group. We reside at the Old Mission and many of our members experience these issues on a daily basis and regularly observe, or are part of, near misses and accidents. At our meeting of Trustees on March 15, 2012, the *Safe Passage Information Packet* and *Corridor Maps* were presented for our review. This information is a very comprehensive summary of the safety issues and constraints present in this corridor for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers of motor vehicles. It is a complicated and dangerous passage.

Following the presentation and our discussion, we voted unanimously to endorse the findings of the Working Group and strongly urge City and County officials to take action to improve the safety within this corridor. We believe that this is a critical public safety issue and deserves high priority and immediate attention. I hope you take action on our request. It is a matter of justice and safety.

Sincerely,



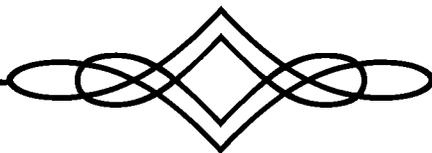
# Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS ♦ Office of the Provincial Minister

X Very Rev. John S. Hardin, OFM

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Provincial Minister of St. Barbara Province of Franciscan Friars



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March 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

Since building a meeting place for our organization in Mission Canyon in 1927, the members of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club feel that we share a very special part of Santa Barbara with our neighbors.

We have witnessed an increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and motor traffic along East Los Olivos Street and Mission Canyon Road. We believe the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists in our area needs to be addressed. During the past year, concerned neighbors, representatives from historic preservation organizations, neighborhood associations, and representatives of the institutions in the immediate vicinity of East Los Olivos Street and Mission Canyon Road have met to form the Safe Passage Working Group. The Working Group is addressing the issues of concern regarding safe travel from the area of the Museum of Natural History and our property on lower Mission Canyon Road to the Santa Barbara Mission and Rose Garden. Representatives of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club are actively participating in the Working Group.

Following the presentation of the *Safe Passage Information Packet* at our Board meeting, the Board members of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club voted to endorse the findings of the Working Group. We strongly urge City and County officials to take action to improve the safety within this corridor.

Sincerely,

Linda Alderman, President

