

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN
NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

Comments (verbatim)

Bridge has been closed a long time but when open none of these things are possible without fast cars & speeding.

1. Make a 3-way stop at Dominga & Creek Bridge
2. Slow traffic down at corner
3. & also closing of bar times!! (route over forest police free creates lots of Drunk Driving on weekends!

Have witnessed almost 10 very close accidents & bike/walkers

What about a handicap spot near bridge?

Driver coming across Dominga always is too fast.

Create speed bumps or stop prior to bridge by Creek @ Dominga (stop already there)

Lived here since 1952.

We look forward to the re-opening of Creek Road Bridge.

When the town redid our water/sewer lines the positive was how great & supportive the work crew where to navigate in a respectful & safe way; the negative was that they did not complete the project by resurfacing the street.

Who in god's name wrote this survey? You have to open the bridge, you will be sued by at least 200 angry people if you don't open it, and furthermore it is one of only 2 real exits. Have you discussed this with the fire dept.? For crying out loud people, Traffic circles? Widening or narrowing streets?

REALLY? THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING ARE THE POSSIBILITIES?

Good luck with your meeting.

Oh, and you should have sent this bulk mail and not wasted our tax money on full postage.

Thank you

Harrumph

(Fairfax, too small for a country, too large for an insane asylum!)

This survey does not make sense in the context of how it applies to our street! Tell Larry & Council if they want to "calm traffic" enforce existing laws with bicyclist – and tell him to pick up his dogs poop on the streets.

They all annoy me but how often it happens or if I am concerned about it happening is an entirely different question and it doesn't concern the question is poor. Poor questions annoy me very much.

Parents dropping off children at Deer Park Day Care Center – Many speed on Porteous, mainly in early a.m.; small signs put up at school do no good! I have almost been hit walking several times. Speed bumps or police giving out ticket should help.

Creek Road Bridge is a vital emergency transportation route out of the valley. It should be open & available for auto access 24/7. Anything less is irresponsible & possibly negligent.

I think the reopening of Creek Bridge is very important! It allows traffic to flow better & most importantly an alternate emergency route out of the neighborhood. Also, Forrest Ave there are several blind corners & narrow roads. Forrest Ave would benefit greatly by strategically [sic] placing traffic mirrors to help vehicles see each other.

I will send my concerns via e-mail. Thank you very much. Traffic should get back to normal with the creek bridge open again. I can't wait!

Please pave our street. Since the mudslide two yrs ago our street is in very bad shape. We need trees trimmed for wires.

Traffic on Porteous has increased since the Creek Bridge was closed. We look forward to the reopening of Creek Bridge. Thanks!

Children's Center patrons drive too fast (at end of Porteous).

Need to enforce traffic laws for bicyclists and people dropping off and picking up children at the F-SA Children's Center. The stop sign at Porteous and Meernaa is routinely ignored.

More sidewalks, remind people to go slower, maybe close off the Creek Bridge on weekends to encourage safe bike riding? I like having an emergency entrance/exit to the neighborhood besides Bolinas Rd. But we bike all the time to work & back w/our very young son, etc. So we love having it closed. Is there a way to temporarily close it that wouldn't stop a fire truck or emergency exit?

Please give us speed bumps and 15 mph speed limit – the problem has been on going for the 18 years we've lived here – neighbors have never stopped talking about it.

Increasing frequency of loud music/speakers from Deer Park Villa's events has made it very difficult to enjoy our house, garden & yard. Enforcement is needed on volume/noise limitations for day and night events. Thanks.

Permits don't want them, overflow parking, whatever people are going to park here regardless. Parking meters in town will make it worse here in the neighborhood. I live on 26 Pacheco. I think speed humps would be great before the bridge opens. The traffic has been really cut since the close. Noise, people parking here to go down town and cutting through is never going to stop. But speed humps will make it safer for the kids

and pets. Bike riders, too. What I feel would impact my neighborhood the most negatively would be charging for parking. I don't even want to think about how bad it would get if town hall puts meters in. Noise sorry nothing can be done and don't really care. I love being close to down town with all its noise.

First Friend's Montessori Preschool is located on 86 Mono Ave right next to the Alley. During commute hours drivers use Mono Ave from Bolinas Road to cut across to avoid the traffic on Bolinas Road. Drivers drive too fast (faster than the 15 mph limit) and do not see pedestrians coming from the alleyway. Better signs (the speed limit sign on the street is faded) could help drivers be more careful. I am proposing to put up a "slow down children crossing" sign before the alley. I have the sign and willing to pay for the installation cost to protect the children who go to our preschool.

Speed bumps on Porteous & Meernaa might help keep cars from speeding.

Meernaa is not affected as much of course as Creek due to traffic. I bike over Creek Bridge 2 - 6 X/day and enjoy not worrying about cars whipping through and across the bridge w/o much awareness of cyclists.

#1 Keep Creek Bridge open as before. Likewise Dominga & Forrest & Creek. Otherwise traffic on Bolinas is horrendous many hours during the week.

#2 Homeowners with no sidewalks should throw gravel in front so we can get to town without walking in the middle of the street during the rainy season. Very dangerous as is!

Very happy to know bridge project is really starting.

Meernaa is fine but people drive much too fast on Porteous. It's been great to have the bridge open for bikes & pedestrians only! I'd prefer having it available for emergency vehicles only.

Speed humps would definitely reduce the speeding auto/truck traffic on lower Meernaa - the safety for children & pets would greatly be enhanced. A speed hump at the intersection of Meernaa & Forrest would certainly be a deterrent for all the fast drivers. Thank you!

Please open the Creek Road Bridge as soon as possible.

Too many sidewalks blocked with large stone or gardens. Several places where I walk residents have gotten rid of their sidewalks and created artistic gardens.

Sidewalks are in bad repair and not safe for pedestrians. Please ask people to stop planting gardens on their sidewalks! I can't walk safely down town without having to go in the middle of the road into traffic.

Dogs on leash signs - baggies for dog droppings

Clear noise/music amplification requirements for Deer Park Villa. Often the P.A. system is too loud. Thanks for asking our opinion!

Safety response impacts from traffic calming (Cops & fire) over played by fire chief at last council meeting where this issue discussed. Let's really be creative and end the tyranny of vehicles in our neighborhoods. Let Fairfax be a leader rather than reactionary.

1. Flooding in front of my property because of lack of drainage causing dirt & trash to collect. Needs better drainage system.
2. Cars parked in front of property for several days & sometimes for 2 weeks.

The traffic was never that bad. We're just spoiled because of the bridge closure. It is much more important to have access in case of fire or any other emergency than less traffic. I've lived here 34 years and always felt safe walking to town.

Except for excessive speed by residents, living at the end of Hickory and deteriorating road I love it here.

I live by the T intersection of Meernaa & Hillside & it is very busy day & night. Motorcycles are too noisy & go too fast – most cars are driven appropriately. No street parking should be allowed in the area except for the cutout across the street from my home – otherwise, the street is very narrow and has an almost blind curve.

Possibly move “no large trucks” sign to post with “not a thru street” at bottom of street instead of up around first bend in road.

This survey should be addressing the fact that traffic has increased greatly on intersecting streets of Creek, Meernaa, Porteous, and Forrest because these households no longer cross over Creek Road Bridge to get to Bolinas Ave & downtown Fairfax!!!!!! Already heavy traffic on Porteous because of Deer Park School & Children's Center.

Please make a distinction between those who chose and pay to live in the hills vs. those who chose and pay to live in busier downtown areas. Closing roads to thru traffic seems an extreme solution. Education and signage seems a better option. I look forward to the reopening of Creek Bridge asap. It's been a major redirecting of traffic onto Forrest which is dangerous.

Please repair the top of Hillside Dr. way overdue.

Street surface in very bad condition! Keep Creek Road Bridge open – We need exit options. P.s. – nice street map.

Pls. Put back the right turn lane on Broadway (going northwest) – opposite the movie theatre. The new trees took away a full lane and now that intersection gets backed up. And: what about repairing the foot bridge by Peri Park, over the creek. Thanks!

All of my immediate neighbors are not visible when sitting outside because of landscaping, fences, up on hill from street. Blocks do not work in this neighborhood – on hill in back of me from Forrest Terr to Hillside on my side is a mighty long block. Other than the houses next door, all other houses are around a bend and up on a hill. Too many cracks in Street, no sidewalks, might sprain ankle (walking at night). The problem areas in the neighborhood: when bridge is open, too many commuters short cut down Dominga, a street with many children. When bridge is closed, too much traffic on Creek and Porteous. Poor visibility on Creek – large trucks. Solutions: Change YIELD sign on Creek to STOP. Post a No Right Turn from 7-9 am on Creek & Dominga.

We want to respect the rights of the people living on Creek, Porteous and Dominga. They are living along corridors of car traffic to elsewhere. But we have to use these roads. Perhaps slowing down would be the best we can do while driving through these areas. Thank you!

With the Creek Bridge out it has forced more people to use Forrest Ave to Center Blvd. This has been a very dangerous situation.

Looking forward to opening of the Creek Bridge. All traffic problems are created by using Porteous & Creek as the only traffic flow in or out of Deer Park Area other than Forrest Ave. which has blind and narrow turns and should not be used for through traffic. Extremely dangerous for walkers, bikers and children at play.

Forrest Ave is way too narrow to be a major thoroughfare. It is dangerous for walking & driving. Creek Bridge should be reopened as soon as N Bay Construction is far enough away from it. Right now it takes an act of congress to get to Forrest.

Forrest Ave is very dangerous, especially during morning commute. Most cars seem to be going 25 mph, not the 15 mph limit. Also, before Bridge closure, many people cut down Dominga in their cars, making it more hazardous to bike, skateboard as transportation to town, and walk to. Would do something about Forrest & Dominga – close to through traffic, enforcement, speed bumps, etc.

I am very relieved the bridge will finally be repaired. The time it would take for a fire truck to reach my home on Forrest Ave is compromised (an additional 5 minutes) by having to go around to Porteous Ave. I support speed bumps to slow traffic and a “Stop” sign at Forrest & Blackberry. Traffic at 7:45 on school mornings is scary; in excess of 20 miles an hour when 15 is the limit on this twisty road with blind corners – bicyclists & people walking on Forrest are in danger. Thank you.

I respect the need of residents to not have racing cars on their street. It is great to have the bridge repair happening and great to communicate how we can be respectful of each other and come to some workable solutions. I think a few speed humps would be the best solution and on Forrest Ave – 1 or 2.

Need speed enforcement. Also police need to monitor No Turn during morning high school & work commute times. People use as cut through & fly down our windy street.

I have had to call the police numerous times to complain about specific speeder on our street. Highly dangerous. This problem became really bad when the bridge was closed and all the AM traffic diverts to Forrest Ave – everyone speeding through in the 7 – 8:30 AM window making it hazardous to even try and leave one's driveway.

Recently recreational bicyclists have been using Forrest Ave instead of going through Lansdale. An occasional bicyclist is fine but when there is more than 10 of them going at a fast speed, they make the street unsafe.

During school commute – heavy traffic. If traffic slow down on Center or SF Drake – heavy traffic. Parking is always a problem. Few drivers adhere to 15 mph on street.

Opening the bridge again will help a lot with traffic on Creek & Meerna!

Our biggest problem is that we have NO parking.

The corner of Forrest Ave & Blackberry Lane is dangerous. At least one stop sign (or two) need to be installed. It is a blind corner and many bicyclists speed down Forrest Ave. Someone is going to be hurt or killed at this corner. Also, private signs that say “Parking for XXX Forrest Ave only” on the street should not be allowed. Thank you for your concern about traffic & parking & for fixing the bridge! ☺

I have lost kitties and fear for the lives of my current kitties all the time. I would like to emphasize the fact that I have personally been nearly run over, I have had numerous police involvement regarding the need to enforce the sign at the corner of our street – No L between 7 – 9. People in this area think it doesn't apply to them. We need tickets written in the a.m. I don't even like being on the street between 7-9 due to “late” commuters flying in front of my house.

Since the bridge has been closed our street has become safer – keep it closed – make ONE WAY streets.

Biggest concerns are: 1) occasional speeders @ night w/no streetlights and blind corner very dangerous, and 2) speeding commuters, especially in the morning using street as a throughway. Speed bumps are best idea we can think of. We strongly support opening the bridge.

#1 – 3-way stop sign @ Creek & Dominga

#2 – Reduce speed limit to 15-20 MPH

#3 – Enforcement

We live on a court off Dominga. Since the bridge (Creek Rd) has been closed Dominga is much quieter and friendly with people. Prior cars race down the street. Also, many

cars cut off Bolinas onto either Creek or Sherman to get to Doming -> Center Blvd. This is very common in the morning hours during work/school times. Dominga is terrible for the many children living/playing on the street. It is very unsafe from speeding cars. Life on Dominga has been safer & more pleasant with the bridge closed. Also, the traffic impact has been less since the bridge is closed because all the cars on the other side of the bridge are not using Dominga as a thoroughfare. Cars speed on Dominga at an unsafe rate. Also, personally we have had cars hit on Dominga. Thank you.

Dominga Ave has become a danger zone for small children, pedestrians & bicyclists. Something must be done! No one abides by speed limit laws or posted stop signs. Please add speed bumps or make Dominga a one-way street! Thank you.

Dominga has many children and they play out on the street all day in summer & afternoons during the school year – lots of parents outside supervising. Our street is pretty good right now – our main concern is that after the bridge re-opens people from up the hill/valley will use Dominga as a cut through during commute hours to avoid the congestion on Bolinas. I would like to propose making it illegal to turn down Dominga in the am & up Dominga in the pm – except for residents. They do this in San Anselmo on San Anselmo Ave to reduce cut through traffic trying to avoid congestion on Center.

Why are speed humps on Dominga always denied???

Since the bridge closure, traffic is much improved and acceptable! Suggest placing a moveable barrier at end of Dominga for emergency vehicles. Willing to do a door to door survey of homeowners/tenants on Dominga if they all like the idea of a barrier blocking the end of the street by the bridge. “Place moveable barrier @ end of Dominga @ Creek Road!”

Traffic has been much more tolerable with the bridge closed.

Kids adults speed through Dominga/Sherman Ct. – I have gone to the Council – no response. I think we need speed bumps – the traffic is so heavy on Bolinas that people use our street to make their way around it. Since the bridge has been closed it’s been much better – but I don’t think that is a safe solution. My son parks on the street. He bought a car this year – it has been hit twice, vandalized twice. I think we need police presence during the morning & evening commute.

Low-profile speed humps would be the solution for Dominga’s speed problem. Also, pedestrians tend to use the street as a walking path. Dominga has tremendous bike traffic problem (mountain bikes headed to Mt. Tam)

My answers reflect conditions with bridge closed. When the bridge was open, people frequently speeded, turned off the bridge onto Dominga blindly – I was very concerned about our safety then. Since the bridge has been closed, the street has been less of an alternate “commuter thruway” I would ask that there would be a stop sign at the end of the bridge going both directions (especially @ Wessen Lane) and that traffic is limited at

morning/evening commute times – (like “no thru” signs onto Dominga). We do not want to be an open straightaway as an alternate route to Bolinas Ave. How about speed bumps? – Yes! Thank you for this survey. I really appreciate you soliciting our opinions.

Please limit traffic on Dominga during commute hours. Please install stop signs in both directions on newly reopened bridge. Thank you.

Since the bridge has been closed virtually all morning traffic towards Drake HS has stopped on our block. Prior to that I was always concerned about the safety of my child with teenagers on route to school speeding. Over the bridge, cutting around the corner & shooting up and over Forrest. Since the bridge has been closed the neighborhood feels safe! People are out enjoying it more.

We have requested speed bumps several times and have been told that they were not an option – why not? - Also- with cars parked on the street, there is not enough room for 2 cars to pass – could one-way designation be an option?

Please consider speed bumps. Those are a lot of small children on this block and heavy fast traffic would make it feel very unsafe. Thank you!

Creek Road & Forrest Avenues are used as alternate routes through Fairfax. When Sir Francis Drake & Downtown streets are grid locked during commute hours – morning & evening – Also, there is a school in the area. Drivers speed through the neighborhood. Both streets are very narrow and are shared with pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders – because we are so close to downtown Fairfax. This is in addition to the kids and pets in the neighborhood kids walk & ride their bikes to school on these roads; cyclists & hikers use these roads to get to the trails.

When the bridge was open the sharp turn @ the end of the bridge created some very dangerous situations – it needs a stop sign! - And during school months, kids speed down the street @ very high speeds to get to school – and often coming home. That’s when it’s really dangerous. But the 90 degree turn at the bridge is definitely a hazard – I’ve seen some near misses there w/ vehicles, pedestrians & bikes. In a perfect world, most of us would like the bridge to be one-way – tho I know we can’t do that legally. P.S. The North Bay Construction guys are terrific! Very considerate, friendly, professional. Good Choice.

Dominga St between Sherman St and Creek Rd veers near Court Lane. Drivers coming from the direction of Creek Rd often don’t realize this and end up way over on the side of oncoming traffic.

Too many sidewalks are overgrown with shrubbery. People tend to walk in streets because of this. Homeowners should clear the sidewalk areas. There is not enough parking on Dominga, Sherman, Bridge, Napa Streets. Sometimes people block

driveways when they are desperate for parking. If there were markings on the street to show parking spots, parking officers could ticket easier.

Answers given relate to traffic patterns on Dominga Ave & Napa Ave as Bridge Ct is more a glorified driveway & car access is via Dominga/Napa. Generally I would like to see parking & traffic limited to residents. Proximity to downtown (theatre & bars) can be problematic especially with festivals & events, whose noise (amplified music, drunk/loud people) We are subjected to & never informed of or asked if we're ok with it.

Street trees, new sidewalks and a mid-block crosswalk on Bolinas Rd between Broadway & Elsie Lane would help a lot.

Fine/penalize dog owners who do not pick up dog poop. Noisy motorcycles, & taggers. Make sidewalks walkable, repair streets, slow down autos on Dominga to 15 mph. Post signs to slow down speeders since Dominga doubles as a play street for children.

We rent. We live in a unit set back from the street by several yards. We both walk & cycle around town much more than drive. When we can, we turn off Bolinas at Creek to walk/ride on streets (currently) used only lightly by motor vehicles. We know this will change when the bridge opens but we are hoping our use is not too adversely affected. Thanks for this inquiry.

The "Stop Ahead" sign in front of 165 Bolinas totally blocks the sidewalk, especially hard for strollers. Also, the sign is blocked by trees and unreadable. Sidewalk opposite 7-11 is very narrow and in bad condition. Owners don't trim their hedge regularly accentuating the problem.

We live just before you travel up Bolinas Road after Deer Park Villa, and the trucks, cars that speed just as the get downhill is terrible. It's scary getting out of our driveway with a car! Not sure what could be done – slower speeds? – but This was jus an FYI. ☺

Thank you for opening Creek Bridge again. It provides a second exit from the Deer Park area to Fairfax. It is a valuable bridge and has been closed too long.

Cars travel too fast on Porteous are making it difficult to turn off Barker onto Porteous.

I appreciate the effort & concern that has gone into this. My hope is it results in some improvements. Parking is a HUGE problem with so many illegal units, one not using their garages for cars & multiple cars.

We would love to have our street re-paved. My daughter cannot ride her bike because of the bumps & cracks. And my son is awakened from map walks when we turn down our street because the wheels on the stroller often get stuck in the pavement. We love our street because of the trees and our neighbors and lack of traffic and a new road would make it even better. Thanks!

Dominga & Napa have too much reckless speeding through traffic during commuting hours. Many children live here and it is UNSAFE. This is a tragedy waiting to happen!!!

Cyclists “talking” (that means yelling)

We voiced our complaints regarding drivers using Forrest /Forrest Ave as a short cut to Drake High School prior to the City Council taking action. We were averaging 50 cars every ten minutes. Please maintain the restriction on traffic on our beautiful street.

Post speed limit of 15 mph. Make the intersection of Creek & Dominga a three-way stop.

Forrest Ave is narrow & has many blind curves. It is difficult/impossible in most places for two cars to pass each other. Many pedestrians use Forrest Ave. for their daily walks/runs. Whatever can be done to minimize traffic & especially traffic speed will improve safety & nerves along Forrest Ave.

The future should be less vehicular traffic. Let’s make good decision for that future. Deb Hubsmith presented a system of retractable barriers public safety vehicles could activate. Let’s do that for the Creek Road Bridge.

It’s a glorious neighborhood & community! We have occasional hitches: a kid driving too fast, a driver who is discourteous & doesn’t wait when there is only one lane free, bicyclists who don’t thing any rules apply to them, that damned ice cream truck... ha. All mitigated by mostly thoughtful, generous, courteous people of all ilks.

It has been very difficult with traffic having Creek Rd Bridge closed, and needs to open and remain open. Porteous is a freeway with many cars racing up and down street to/from Deer Park and Children’s center.

Bike lane on Bolinas Road would make all riders especially families feel safe. Speed bump thru residential Bolinas between Park & Porteous might help fast cars slow down. Delivery trucks at 7/11 very loud – noise pollution. Littering is popular living on Bolinas, people throwing their trash in your yard or sidewalk – more respect for people’s homes in busy part of town.

No sidewalks and blind corners make this street very dangerous for pedestrian use.

I would greatly support a traffic circle on Creek Rd with traffic going to town (toward town) to allow for concerns about safety egress. Speed bumps or dips would also be helpful. The morning commute and the two AM bars closing are when we see the most dangerous situations. I think making a traffic circle with Creek Road being one-way out would really go a long way to help solve everyone’s concerns. This would also help the situation on Dominga. Thank you for this opportunity.

People often park on the sidewalk or, if they are unfamiliar with the neighborhood, the wrong side of the street. The “no parking” signs should be changed so that they can be

read by oncoming traffic. Their current placement (parallel to the road) is pretty worthless. People don't see the signs. I've seen fire trucks unable to pass because of this problem.

Can't walk on sidewalks – blocked by cars parked in driveway & poor sidewalk condition. It's dangerous pulling out of driveway during morning commute hours because of through traffic from Porteous & Cascade areas. Dominga gets most of the bike traffic (& skateboard) on the path to Deer Park Trails; I'd like to see it classified as the "bike route".

I think that it is wrong to restrict or deny access to the bridge. It only puts more traffic on Porteous. If cars are speeding then enforce the speed limit. Also, Fairfax police should enforce crosswalks especially the one in front of City Hall.

Barking dogs – "Woof Lane" perpetual chorus. Why are dog owners not cited (when complaints are repeatedly called in)? We have a family that is moving out partly due to excessive dog noise (unabated). I am worried about the 2-year period of peace and quiet on Dominga & Creek St going away regardless of what the survey shows...

Creek Street Bridge closure contributing greatly to increase in neighborhood noise!

Establishing a one-way from Blackberry to Dominga will mitigate the volume of traffic while the bridge is open.

I filled this out a couple of years after the Creek Rd Bridge was closed, before the bridge was closed Creek Road was a dangerous street to walk, play, hang out on with the reduced traffic it has become a great place to hang out. I know many more neighbors & kids hang out on the bridge. There is much better sense of community now when the bridge is reopened I'm afraid this sense of community will go away. Also, having the bridge closed provides a safe rough for kids to bike to school.

Dominga was a raceway before Creek Bridge closed. Since it closed, our neighborhood has blossomed – more kids playing in the street, neighbors talking, etc. Please guide traffic to Bolinas, which is a commercial street. Thanks!

Hope there are no long delays on the "Creek Bridge" repair.

All of the above information should not be important on the Creek Road Bridge. What is important is that it is opened in case of an emergency situation or disaster such as fire or earthquake.

The school at Deer Park has lots of traffic – big trucks – and parents in a hurry. Bikers talk loudly to each other creating loud noise. My vote would be to not close Creek Rd. A letter could be given/posted to parents about their driving habits while in a residential area – same with bikers – talk later.

Leave Creek Road Bridge open as it has been for over 40 years. Avoid social engineering that benefits one street while screwing the others. Public streets should all be open to public 24/7.

Drivers crossing the Creek Road Bridge & turning onto Dominga don't slow at the corner. I don't think they realize Wessen Lane is a street – it looks like a driveway. Some whistle stop drivers won't come into the street.

We live on Forrest at the intersection w/Meerna. There is no parking on our side of the street but cars park there frequently b/c the no parking sign is not very visible. It would be helpful if the curb was painted red at this intersection to discourage parking in a no parking zone.

Peace and love!