

Public Open House Final Write-up For:

The City of Encinitas
Wales Drive / Crest Drive Junction Gate

Public Workshop: July 31, 2023

The meeting was held at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on July 31, 2023, in the Poinsettia Room at the City of Encinitas. Ben Stryker (City) hosted the public meeting with Matt Widelski (City), Carlos Baldenegro (City), Jill Bankston (City), and Josh Gordon (City). Ten (10) citizens signed the attendance sheet and were present. The meeting began with Ben Stryker presenting on the project background, proposed improvements, and the tentative project schedule. Photos of existing conditions and the proposed design plans were provided in the presentation. After the presentation, a question-and-answer session with the public was held. All citizens left after the questions and comments were answered or compiled.

25 specific questions were raised during the discussion or were emailed before or after the meeting.

Question No. 1: Why do we need to advertise the project?

Response: This project will need to follow competitive bidding requirements for public works projects. The project specifications and design will be advertised to contractors through PlanetBids and the local newspaper once they are approved.

Question No. 2: Have many people submitted ideas online?

Response: As of the time of the public meeting, 5 emails with comments and 4 online feedback forms had already been submitted.

Question No. 3: How was the position of the gate decided?

Response: Our design consultant recommended locating the gate nearest to the pull box where power would be connected to. This minimizes conduit and wire required to complete the project.

Question No. 4: The current position affects adjacent neighbors to the north and south, could it be moved closer to the Crest end of the junction?

Response: Staff will direct our design consultant to move the gate as far toward the Crest Dr end of the junction as possible. There is a tall hedge on that side of the road that would minimize view impacts for the property owners adjacent to the junction.

Question No. 5: Could the gate be lower in height?

Response: Yes, staff intends to specify a 4' tall gate for the junction.

Question No. 6: With a short gate, it will invite skaters who might want to ride the top of it. What can be done to prevent this?

Response: An arched style gate would discourage skate activity, as well as metal bumps that you typically see on street benches. Staff will look into the feasibility of mounting metal bumps.

Question No. 7: With a 5' opening on both sides of the gate, doesn't that seem too wide and vehicles could bypass the gate?

Response: At this time, our design consultant has advised against adding additional obstacles that could also impact pedestrian and bicycle traffic. City staff will look into the feasibility of adding removable bollards within the 5' opening zone.

Question No. 8: Referring to the openings on either side of the gate as a bike path encourages bikes to speed through. Could stop signs be considered for Via Tiempo at Wales Dr?

Response: City staff will add this intersection to be surveyed for intersection controls by our traffic department. Stop signs or yield signs may be warranted, depending on the results of the traffic study.

Question No. 9: Could the City consider a vinyl gate?

Response: The City will plan on adding a vinyl gate as an "additive alternative" on the specifications. The base bid will have a black, powder coated metal gate. This means that if the low bidder on the project submits a price for this option that is within the City's budget, we can execute that option.

Question No. 10: Can the gate be wider?

Response: Structurally, suppliers can manufacture swing gates up to 10 ft wide. We are proposing the maximum width feasible at 20 ft wide. (2 swing gates).

Question No. 11: Could there be two gates, one at each end of the junction?

Response: The project budget has enough funds for 1 gate. Additionally, the Fire Department does not recommend adding a second gate to the emergency access junction.

Question No. 12: If there is an earthquake and the ground shifts, can the gate still open?

Response: Staff will recommend to our design consultant to have the gate swing to the west, which is downhill. Additionally, the Fire Department noted that if there is an earthquake that shifts the ground in a manner that prevents the gate from opening, they would likely not allow residents to use that method of ingress/egress until a geotechnical engineer confirms it is safe.

Generally speaking, in the event of an emergency, there are several ways in which the gate will open. 1) Both the sheriff and fire departments have a key that can open the gate, even if the power is out. 2) The "Opticom" on all their engines can open the gate remotely. 3) The Fire Department has an app on their phones that can remotely open/close gates.

Question No. 13: Can the gate open downhill toward Wales Dr instead of uphill toward Crest Dr?

Response: Staff will recommend to our design consultant to have the gate swing to the west, which is downhill.

Question No. 14: If the gate is vinyl, what colors would be possible?

Response: Residents stated that the gate should blend into the surroundings and be minimal. Colors are based on supplier availability, but vinyl is much more versatile in terms of color.

Question No. 15: What is the budget for this project?

Response: Council approved a transfer of \$100,000 for the design and construction of the gate junction and road restoration.

Question No. 16: Can cobble stones, pavers or DG be used instead of pavement?

Response: City staff will consult our designer on the feasibility of alternative materials. It is important that whatever material is selected to be stable and not fail in the event of an emergency. Another constraint would be budget, as alternatives are much harder to maintain over time.

Question No. 17: What will the City do to discourage parking in the junction?

Response: The current plan is to paint the curbs red on both sides of the road, and stencil “NO PARKING ZONE” onto the pavement of the junction. Additionally, no parking signs will be posted on both sides of the street. The City could also coordinate with our code & law enforcement partners to make them aware ahead of time of the new junction area.

Question No. 18: What can the City do to discourage the open space from becoming a teen hangout area?

Response: City staff can coordinate with our code & law enforcement partners to make them aware ahead of time of the new junction area.

Question No. 19: What posts are proposed on the ends of each swing gate?

Response: City staff plans on proposing a metal post on each end of the gate for the base bid on the project. An “additive alternative” could be considered by our design consultant for C.M.U. pillar on each end of the gate.

Question No. 20: Can greenery be installed in front of the gate posts?

Response: The City will be unable to provide irrigated planters as a part of this project. Staff encouraged residents to pursue a Permanent Encroachment Permit to have community managed green space.

Question No. 21: What stormwater requirements are triggered by this project, and could bioretention be considered?

Response: This project does not trigger any requirement for bioretention. Additionally, Staff had our design consultant inspect the area for potential drainage concerns. What they found was that the existing curb system already conveyed stormwater on Crest Drive past the junction area to the nearest curb inlet on the west side of Via Tiempo. No changes to stormwater drainage patterns should be anticipated for this project.

Question No. 22: Can the City remove the pavement and go back to a DG or dirt ground cover?

Response: The City would not have the resources to maintain the cleared dirt ground cover in-perpetuity for emergency access. The Fire Department recommends to keep the area as paved.

Question No. 23: Will the existing curb cuts be removed as part of this project?

Response: No impact to existing curb, gutter, or sidewalk is anticipated as part of this project, except for potential trench impacts for installing electrical conduit.

Question No. 24: How can we be notified of developments to this project moving forward?

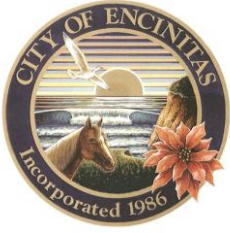
Response: The final design of this project will be presented at City Council for approval, which will likely occur in October/November, but is subject to change. If you would like to be notified of updates to this project, please contact Ben Stryker by email (bstryker@encinitasca.gov). Additionally, the selected contractor will provide written notice in the mail or on door hangers to the residents in direct vicinity of the work before any construction begins.

Question No. 25: What would prevent someone from just ramming into the gate?

Response: The gate will have reflectors installed on both sides with the intent to eliminate accidental collisions.

At the end of the Q&A session, City Staff thanked the attendees for their time and comments. Staff also encouraged residents to tell their neighbors there is still time to fill out the online feedback form to provide input. Some over-the-phone and email comments were received by Ben Stryker before the meeting and are addressed in this report.

All emails received, as well as a feedback form summary table are attached to this report below.



The City of Encinitas
Invites you to attend a:

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING WALES DRIVE/CREST DRIVE JUNCTION

On May 17, 2023, the City Council of the City of Encinitas hosted a public hearing on the Emergency Access Route on Crest Drive at Via Tiempo. The direction provided by Council was to install a remote access emergency gate in place of the previous wooden barricades, and to allow the community an opportunity to provide input on the aesthetics of the junction.

The proposed remote access gate would be at the junction where the northern end of Wales Drive meets the southern end of Crest Drive. The City has completed the initial concept design and is seeking public input on a preferred gate product.

Meeting materials, including gate concepts and design, will be available for viewing on the Engineering Department Public Notices website prior to the meeting at the link below:

<https://www.encinitasca.gov/government/public-notice/engineering-public-notice>

We look forward to meeting you and discussing any comments or questions you may have regarding the proposed junction. If you are unable to attend or have questions prior to the meeting, please contact Project Manager Ben Stryker by email bstryker@encinitasca.gov, by phone at 760-943-2230, or by mail at 505 S. Vulcan Ave, Encinitas, CA, 92024 to provide your input.

The Neighborhood Meeting will be held on:

MONDAY, July 31, 2023

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

AT

**THE CITY OF ENCINITAS – POINSETTIA ROOM
505 SOUTH VULCAN AVENUE
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024**

WALES DRIVE/CREST DRIVE JUCTION



VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE

ID	Start time	Completion time	Email	Name (optional)	Phone number (optional)	Email (optional)	Address (optional)	Do you have any proposed changes to the site configuration that you would like to see implemented?	Do you have any proposed changes to the gate style that you would like to see implemented?	Please list any other comments you may have.
1	7/19/23 12:21:03	7/19/23 12:22:56	anonymous	Brandi Langley-Lewis	8589452745		Freda Ln, Cardiff	Pedestrian friendly, with gap big enough to allow bikes to pass Our family has lived on Lake Drive or in Sea Village Circle for 25 years. These last six months have been the safest on Lake Drive in all those years. There have been no speeding cars, no racing cars, and significantly less traffic. We have inquired about lowering the speed limit or adding speed bumps multiple times unsuccessfully. Please keep the road opened!	Something pretty. (Cardiff logo??)	Keep gate closed, limit traffic on crest. Speeding enforcement on Lake.
2	7/19/23 18:42:44	7/19/23 18:48:25	anonymous					I would suggest no bike opening and planters instead. If a bike opening is chosen then there MUST be bollards or other physical deterrents (between the bike lane and sidewalk) to vehicles driving around each side of the gate by utilizing the proposed bike access and sidewalk	Please leave it open!	A bike opening is redundant to the sidewalk already used regularly by cyclists. Sidewalk access is possible at the corner curb on Wales side and via driveways on Crest side.
3	7/28/23 22:25:40	7/28/23 22:37:06	anonymous	Donna Martin	619-733-7229	pdakmartin@outlook.com	2331 Ruddy Duck Ct			I would like to submit a vote for the arch style-puppy pickets as a resident who will be driving by the site at least daily
4	7/31/23 13:44:52	7/31/23 13:47:13	anonymous	Ed Marks		Edmarks@comcast.net	2210 Via Tiempo	No, I like it as is proposed with the bike opening	I prefer arched single pickets	
5	7/31/23 14:31:16	7/31/23 14:35:18	anonymous							concerned about encouraging official pathways for bikes. Last thing we want is teenagers on ebikes zipping down Wales when north end of Via Tiempo has a blind turn on to Wales. Kids are already doing wheelies on ebikes in area..
6	7/31/23 14:33:02	7/31/23 14:35:26	anonymous	Jobi Halper	619 571-5056	jobi@complexadr.com	2242 Via Tiempo, Cardiff by the Sea	No	No	Please review transition on repaired road @ Lake to Wales as it's uneven and created significant dips. (ii) please clean up sandbags, signage, etc. from Lake/Wales as soon as road work completed. Thank you for your efforts on the entire project.
7	7/31/23 15:09:10	7/31/23 15:26:45	anonymous	Fred LaCroix		welacroix@gmail.com	2247 Via Tiempo, Cardiff	Any barrier should have a foolproof manual way to open as electrical connections may not work after an earthquake (positive or negative).	Ensure visibility at night (in a tasteful manner) to reduce accidental collisions .	The 1975 "requirement" appears or be invalid as it gives private benefit to public right of way. An earthquake or other emergency could happen at any time, thus the current orange barrier are a safety hazard. May 17, 2023 meeting notice was not distributed to all affected parties, thus not everyone had fair notice as required. The area should not be asphalt but a cobble stone look where some small vegetation would grow in between totally accessible by cars or trucks should the need ever come .
8	7/31/23 16:13:11	7/31/23 16:17:57	anonymous	Sepideh	Kassai	sepidehkassai@gmail.com	2057 wales drive	I believe the gate should be placed at the end of crest not wales as two of the neighbors would be effected by the proposed location. Yes, 2 changes. 1) The gate should be moved further east (end of Crest drive). People walking and playing in the area always stop and enjoy the view and watch the sunset. If there is a gate on the west end (wales side) the view of beautiful sunsets and the ocean is obscured by the a 4ft gate. 2) There is no reason the gate should be 4 ft high. We are only trying to stop cars not obstruct views. 2 /3 ft should be sufficient.	The gate style should have some aesthetic look totally not a regular prison like	Our kids played in the area and had a "secret garden" You could add potted plants on casters (wheels that could be moved in case of emergency).
9	7/31/23 17:17:08	7/31/23 17:29:25	anonymous	Olaf Wagner	4252465455	olafwagner@gmail.com	2030 Via Tiempo		Prefer the standard style	
10	7/31/23 17:25:59	8/1/23 12:19:34	anonymous	Boone Hellmann	858-583-3900	mbharchitect@gmail.com	2002 Bruceala Court	I would like to see additional bollards installed on either side of the gate support columns. This would prevent automobiles from straddling the sidewalk and the street edge to get past the gate. It would also serve to slow down the downhill bicycle/e-bike speeds. I realize cost is a limiting factor, but a change in pavement style and texture for that area would be desirable. Perhaps an alternate can be considered for pavers or some type of grasscrete with gravel in-fill.	Rather than the iron/steel picket design, I prefer the more rural and rustic fence board styles presented in the vinyl material option	I think placing the gate at the proximity of the previous western barricade is the most desirable. It duplicates what was in existence previously. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
11	8/1/23 14:05:17	8/1/23 14:25:49	anonymous	John & Nancy Bockman	408 425-5622 (John)	john_bockman@sbcglobal.net	2035 Via Tiempo	1) Extend red paint on curb to corners of Via Tiempo and Wales. 2) Move location of proposed gate to middle of blocked area so that it is out of our view. 3) Paint "NO PARKING ZONE" on street on both sides of gate. 4) Need signage on both sides of gate indicating end of road. 5) Need bollards (one on each side of gate) to prevent cars from bypassing gate. 6) Position double sided "NO PARKING" signs next to each side of gate.	1) Arch or Standard style with single picket. 2) Minimize height of gate to limit impact on views.	Our concern is that no permanent or semi-permanent obstructions or plants be allowed. The gate must open immediately in the event of an emergency or power outage to allow through traffic.
12	8/7/23 11:11:25	8/7/23 11:24:20	anonymous	Michael and Jana Birch	760 415-7670	jmichaelbirch@gmail.com	2346 Wales Drive. Sandy Point	The standard style looks fine. Our concern is that no permanent or semi-permanent obstructions be allowed. In an emergency or a power outage the gate must open immediately to allow through traffic	The standard style looks good.	1) The final design needs to be a permanent solution, so we don't have to keep meeting about it. 2) Like to see more substantial end posts on gate (C.M.U. block or concrete). 3) Prefer metal gate to vinyl.
13	8/8/23 10:51:09	8/8/23 10:52:45	anonymous	Row Grimes				n/a	n/a	
14	8/14/23 15:45:14	8/14/23 15:54:47	anonymous				Via Tiempo	4 foot fence is too low; would NOT like to see it moved further on Crest as proposed at meeting (earthquake issue)	I would like simple arched gate vs straight gate and prefer black; please make sure any gate is high enough to discourage teenagers from using it for skate boarding tricks, etc	Mayor Kranz indicated city could add some greenery for esthetics; what is proposed for beautification. Highly recommend paths not be officially labeled bike path and something be put in middle of 5 foot opening to deter cars straddling sidewalk, ebikes and stunts heading down Wales

Ben Stryker

From: J Michael Birch <jmichaelbirch@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:34 PM
To: Ben Stryker
Cc: janabirch@gmail.com
Subject: Crest Drive Emergency Gate

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Thank you for encouraging residents to comment on the new emergency gate at the junction of Crest Dr and Wales Dr.

I didn't find design information on the CofE website but the designs shown previously seem fine. The key issue is to ensure that in an emergency the gate and streets can be fully opened to normal traffic immediately even if power is out. Plants and fences and other obstructions in the street must not be allowed.except for the gate.

Sincerely

Michael and Jana Birch
2346 Wales Dr, Cardiff, Ca 92007

Ben Stryker

From: Jobi <jobi@complexadr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Ben Stryker
Subject: Re: Crest/Wales/Via Tiempo Project

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Thank you so much Ben
Jobi Halper

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 26, 2023, at 12:46 PM, Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Hi Jobi,

No landscaping is proposed at this time.

The gate will not block the sidewalk on either side of the street. There will also be a small opening on each side of the gate to allow cyclists through.

Thank you,
Ben

From: Jobi Halper <jobi@complexadr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Re: Crest/Wales/Via Tiempo Project

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

One additional question: The gate will not block the sidewalk access between Wales and Crest, correct?
Thank you

Jobi Halper
Mediator | Arbitrator
619 571-5056

On Jul 26, 2023, at 10:49 AM, Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I'm happy to share that the meeting materials were posted today on the website at the link below:

<https://www.encinitasca.gov/government/public-notices/engineering-public-notices>

The link is titled "PowerPoint Presentation (PDF)"

The feedback form is live, so you can feel free to review and leave your comments at your convenience.

Have a great day.

Respectfully,
Ben

<image001.png>

Ben Stryker

Engineer II

Engineering Department

505 South Vulcan Ave, Encinitas, CA 92024

760-943-2230 | bstryker@encinitasca.gov

www.encinitasca.gov

Report an issue through MyEncinitas!

<image002.png> <image003.png>

From: Jobi Halper <jobi@complexadr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:54 AM

To: Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov>

Subject: Re: Crest/Wales/Via Tiempo Project

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Ben,

Thank you for responding, and yes, I would like the materials when they are ready.

Appreciate it.

Have a great day!

Jobi Halper

Mediator | Arbitrator

619 571-5056

On Jul 25, 2023, at 9:49 AM, Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out regarding meeting materials. The City is still

waiting on the conceptual drawing of the junction from the design consultant, which we should be receiving any day now. I can send you an email as soon as the material is finalized and ready for your review, if you'd like.

Respectfully,
Ben

Ben Stryker
Engineer II
Engineering Department
505 South Vulcan Ave, Encinitas, CA 92024
760-943-2230 | bstryker@encinitasca.gov
www.encinitasca.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Jobi <jobi@complexadr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:04 AM
To: Ben Stryker <bstryker@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Crest/Wales/Via Tiempo Project

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Hello Ben, I'm Jobi Halper and I've been checking back regularly for the meeting materials, gate concepts and design, that are supposed to be available for viewing before the meeting. But the link is circular - the notice offers a link that takes you to the main site, and when you click on our project, it takes you back to the notice.

How can we look at the above? I think the people all along Via Tiempo, who will see it every day as they come up wales street to turn onto Via Tiempo right or left, and the couple of houses at the very very end of Wales, are most impacted.

Best,
Jobi Halper

Sent from my iPad

Ben Stryker

From: Olaf Wagner <olafwagner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Ben Stryker
Subject: Questions (Regarding Wales/Crest Junction Gate in Cardiff)

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Hi Ben,

Thank you for uploading the materials for the upcoming meeting on Jul 31st. I have a few questions, that I could ask at the meeting on the 31st, but I thought I would send them through in advance:

1. Gate Height

Unlike typical gates, the purpose of this gate is to ONLY restrict vehicle access, (except for emergencies), and not people. Therefore, the gate could be much lower than the examples shown on page 8 (Gate Style Concepts). What is the minimum height for an effective emergency access gate? Can it be as low as 4 feet? Maybe even 3 feet?

2. Project Considerations

During the 5/17 public hearing, the following 'considerations' were raised by various council members:

- Aesthetically pleasing gates/posts
 - Some form of plants/planters, to aesthetically lift the design
- Some mechanism of arresting the water runoff (perhaps via plants?) - I specifically remember Mayor Kranz making reference to this

The configuration and style proposed on pages 7 & 8 appear very minimalistic and 'sterile' - just a paved road and a black gate, and don't seem to acknowledge any of the council members requests.

3. Neighborhood Meeting

At first I thought the concepts are merely examples, but if I look at the 4th bullet on the agenda slide, it is clear that these are indeed the 'Proposed Gate Style'. I am unclear on the exact intent of the Jul 31st meeting, as while the Public Meeting Notice makes reference to '*input on the aesthetics*', it continues with '*The City has completed the initial concept design and is seeking public input on a preferred gate product*', which makes it sound like the only thing we (the public) are allowed to provide any input on is 'Arch vs Standard Style' and 'Single vs Puppy Pickets' and nothing else. Is this true?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards and Thanks,
Olaf Wagner

2030 Via Tiempo
425-246-5455

Ben Stryker

From: Fred LaCroix <welacroix@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Tony Kranz; Joy Lyndes; Ben Stryker
Subject: Wales Drive / Crest Drive

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Mr. Stryker;

Before I get to the comments on the aesthetics of your proposed barrier, I must point out something.

I am not mobile at the moment and receive health care at home. The health care providers utilize online driving directions that are still having them get to Via Tiempo by way of Crest Drive. The online services have yet to catch up to the hasty placement of the orange barriers. As a result, my health care has been negatively impacted. Appointments have been cut short due to the extra time to figure out how to drive back around via Lake Drive.

I know from over 40 years in public service that the proper and safe way to have addressed this situation was to not make a hasty and unsafe move to barricade the connection from Wales to Crest the minute that Lake Drive opened back up, but to WAIT until everyone catches up. Indeed, the usual and proper course of action would have been to leave the connection open for a few months and conduct a traffic study to realize that most traffic would not use Crest Drive as it is a substandard roadway. The unsafe haste in placating a small number of people who appear to have undue influence at city hall has had real, tangible negative impact.

In your PowerPoint slides, you make it seem like some construction decision made in the 1970s is inviolate and would take something like an act of Congress to change. These decisions are routinely and easily changed in light of either new information, or realization of insufficient input was considered at the time as in this situation.

This area is subject to future sinkholes, landslides, and earthquakes. Experience shows that often the first things to fail during these events are electric power and telephone services. Therefore, installing a gate with an electric release is a fundamental design flaw. If the people here need to evacuate quickly, your design may very likely trap them (for no valid reason). Only a foolproof manual latch should be utilized in a situation like this.

I will not be able to attend your meeting. Please remember that city staff and elected officials alike must consider everyone's needs equally, and not merely base decisions on the noise made by the few people who attend meetings.

Best Regards;

Fred LaCroix
2247 Via Tiempo
Cardiff By The Sea, Ca 92007

Ben Stryker

From: Debora Carl <info@deboracarl.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Ben Stryker
Subject: Wales/Crest Junction Design

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Hi Ben,

First off, I want to let you know that I appreciate the city of Encinitas holding a public open house and involving the community in the design of the new emergency access gate and closure at Wales/Crest. The closure is a few blocks south of where I live (at the junction of Crest and Birmingham) and will not be a visual element in my day to day travels. However as a retired landscape designer, I consider the aesthetic elements as important as the functional and like to see art and design brought into public spaces.

I am not sure I can make it to the meeting tonight but wanted to throw out a few comments and questions that I am hoping you can answer.

1. At the city council meeting in May, several city council members discussed including a bit of plant material in the design. Although somewhat problematic (how to irrigate and maintain), has this been considered? Could the gate be offset in the 38'w opening, with a bike access on only one side (thinking not a lot of bike traffic here) allowing for a more generous planting area? The planting area could be defined with a low (8"-12"h) raised ¼" thick plate steel planter. I would be happy to share design & installation specs on this!
2. The elevation drawing showing the gate design depicts 2 sizable support posts that the gate is hinged on that look larger than a metal post. Are these CMU, some other material?
3. Is the gate material aluminum or steel painted with a metal appropriate paint or powder coated? Are there options as to paint color? I am thinking a rusted metal, sage green or blue gray paint color could soften the overall appearance.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Debora Carl
1791 Crest Drive
info@deboracarl.com
www.deboracarl.com
760-212-8819

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Ben Stryker

From: Erik E Magnuson <erikem@fastmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Ben Stryker
Subject: Bike lanes on Crest/Wales gate

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Ben,

The bike lanes as proposed look like a fatality waiting to happen. We had problems with people driving too fast coming from Crest to Wales prior to the 4 way stop sign and I see the same problem with bike riders. Note that there is a restricted sight line when approaching the Via Tiempo intersection from Crest making it difficult for bike riders to see cars and for drivers to see bikes.

Despite the e-bike emergency being in effect, yesterday I saw a young e-bike rider blow through the Birmingham/Lake stop sign and 2 minutes later saw another young e-bike rider blow through a red light at the Lake/Santa Fe intersection.

- Erik Magnuson

Ben Stryker

From: Sepideh Kassai <sepidehkassai@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 9:49 AM
To: Ben Stryker
Subject: Wales Drive/Crest drive junction

CAUTION: External Email. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, verified their email address, and know the content is safe.

Hello and thank you again for all the time and attention you have given to our neighborhood and our inputs.

I attended the last meeting and was happy to see the flexibility to our suggestions.

Here is how I summarized the results of that meeting.

1-The gate will be the short rural looking one opening towards Wales and placed at the crest drive side not Wales drive side.

2- The color will be decided once closer and will be discussed .

3-There will be pavements where the previous vegetation was to discourage fast bikes driving down Wales from Crest and for safety of bikers.

4- The sides (5 ft) openings are in discussion . Could be ground dirt areas with some big succulents (willing to donate) , width size to be determined.

Please keep me and my husband updated with all progress.

Regards,

Sepideh Kassai and Mansoor Mosallaie
2057 Wales Drive
Cardiff, Ca 92007