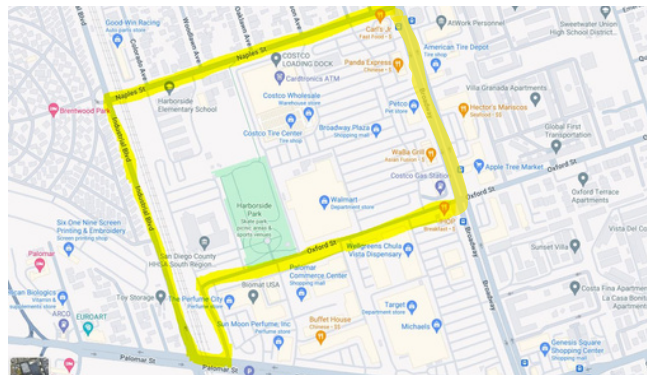


# SAN DIEGO COUNTY WALK AUDIT

AUDITOR NAME & ORGANIZATION	AUDIT LOCATION	AUDIT DATE
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## MAP OF AREA AUDITED



Within the boundaries of Naples St & Oxford St and Industrial Blvd & Broadway, Chula Vista 91911

Primary focus on Industrial Blvd & Oxford St near Harborside Elementary and Harborside Park

Harborside is a metropolitan community on the west side of Chula Vista known for its Palomar Street Transit Center, San Diego County HHS South Region facility, and shopping plazas along Palomar St & Broadway

## WALKING CHALLENGES: WHAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT OR UNSAFE TO WALK?

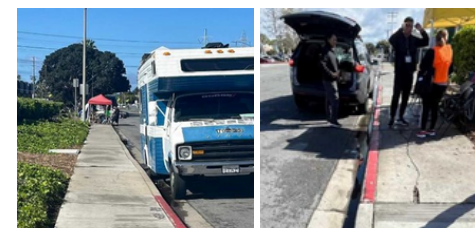
- A large displacement of unhoused population especially concentrated along the perimeter of main streets: Palomar St, Naples St, Industrial Blvd, Oxford St, and Broadway
- Overgrown trees blocked parking regulation signs on Industrial Blvd between Naples St & Palomar St and exposed electric boxes on Oxford St between Industrial Blvd & Broadway
- Significantly unkept and lifted sidewalks, including difficult-to-walk sidewalks, pose a safety concern for the disabled community on the routes leading to Harborside Elementary along Industrial Blvd & Naples St
- The set-up of sidewalk vendors on Oxford St between Industrial Blvd & Broadway limits fair and safe passage to parents and students on the way to and from school
- Families at times have to cross into the street to avoid vendors
- The 40 mph speed limit on Industrial Blvd is a safety hazard for students and other pedestrians since it is the cross street to Harborside Elementary
- Minimal streetlighting on Industrial Blvd between Naples St & Oxford Ave
- Faded crosswalks on the corner of Naples St & Industrial Blvd next to Harborside Elementary



Numerous homeless encampments along Industrial Blvd between Naples St & Palomar St



Exposed electric boxes on Oxford St between Broadway & Industrial Blvd



Vendors blocking sidewalk on Oxford St between Broadway & Industrial Blvd

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## NOTES AND PHOTOS

- On the corner of Industrial Blvd & Naples St sits Harborside Elementary, a K-6 school that enrolls about 600 students
- Behind Harborside Elementary sits the County HHS South Region facility and Harborside Park, a sprawling green park with benches, basketball courts, and a skate park
- Across Harborside Elementary along Industrial Blvd sits the Brentwood mobile home community that borders the Interstate-5 and home to several enrolled students
- Industrial Blvd between Naples St & Palomar St and Oxford St between Broadway & Industrial Blvd has had a chronic issue with homeless encampments that have risen exponentially since the COVID-19 pandemic
- Students are seen walking past homeless encampments to and from school and sometimes having to avoid encampments by walking on the curb or on the side of Industrial Blvd which has a 40 mph speed limit
- In August 2022, the Chula Vista City Council was forced to fence Harborside Park to evict dozens of unhoused residents. Though the City Council since the closure has allocated \$1.25 million toward reopening and improving the park, the park's temporary closure has resulted in community residents including Brentwood resident kids to play on the roads
- Historically, Chula Vista's west side has less than a third of the parks that its east side contains



Lifted sidewalks along Naples St between Broadway & Industrial Blvd



Speed limit of 40 mph on Industrial Blvd next to Harborside Elementary



Faded crosswalks on the corner of Industrial Blvd & Naples St

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Limit the size of the set-up of sidewalk vendors located on Oxford St across from Harborside Park leading to Harborside Elementary to provide a fair and safe pathway for parents and students
- Reduce the speed limit of Industrial Blvd from 40 mph to 25 mph to reflect the speed limit in front of Harborside Elementary or incorporate another traffic safety measure to create a safer environment for students crossing the corner of Naples St and Industrial Blvd
- Need for various safety features to create a healthier community and safer passage for Harborside students including graffiti & trash clean-up, installing more streetlights & speed limit signs, adding crosswalks and public trash bins, and upkeeping trees along the perimeter of Oxford St, Industrial Blvd, and Naples St

For more information or questions about this walk audit, please contact Luis Galvan at the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative via email at [l2galvan@ucsd.edu](mailto:l2galvan@ucsd.edu)