

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY WALK AUDIT

**AUDITOR NAME & ORGANIZATION** 

# **AUDIT LOCATION**

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# **MAP OF AREA AUDITED**



Within the boundaries of C St & Cape Horn Ave and 2nd St & CA-78 in Julian, CA 92036

Primary focus on routes to Julian Elementary, Julian Charter School, and Julian Union High School which together sit on the edge of town on a hill

Julian is a town located in the Cuyamaca Mountains of San Diego County known for its apple farming and historic Gold Rush era past.

### **WALKING ASSETS: WHAT IS HELPFUL TO PEDESTRIANS?**

• There are 25 mph speed signs in both directions on CA-78 leading up to the intersection of CA-78 & 2nd St indicating a school zone, however not every car respects this speed limit

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

- There are 3 main routes from Julian Elementary School into town. The first route is heading up 2nd St toward C St from the corner of 2nd St & Cape Horn Ave, this is the least popular route since it involves going up a hill
- The second route is heading down 2nd St toward CA-78. At this intersection, students can use only one labeled crosswalk to head into town. There are no labeled crosswalks to cross the busy road of CA-78, the main road leading into town
- Heading into town from the corner of 2nd St & CA-78, there
  are no sidewalks and cars do not respect the speed limit of 25
  mph. Because the high school is adjacent to CA-78, Julian
  Union High School students are seen walking on the road
  along the CA-78
- The safest route to take into town is heading down Cape Horn Ave toward C St from the intersection of 2nd St & Cape Horn Ave, however, this route becomes a dirt path that is sometimes covered in mud or snow depending on the weather
- Once in town, there is a lack of crosswalks and 4-way stop intersections, such as at the intersection of CA-78 (Main St) & C St and CA-78 (Main St) & B St



3 routes to take to and from school, the most popular being Cape Horn Ave which becomes a dirt path after its intersection with 2nd St



Some students walk along the narrow edge of CA-78 to get to and from school

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#### **NOTES AND PHOTOS**

- Julian is a rural unincorporated town in San Diego County that is surrounded by mountains, forests, and meadows
- The schools of Julian are grouped at the edge of town including Julian Elementary, Julian Union High School, Julian Charter School, and Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy
- Some high school students who take the route along the CA-78 to school are seen "playing" by pushing one another into the traffic lane
- The only 4-way stop intersection that exists in the town of Julian is at the intersection of CA-78 & CA-79
- The poor walkability in the town of Julian discourages locals from conducting walk audits because it feels unsafe walking with children, particularly on busy days



Mud and puddles on the dirt path on the way to school on Cape Horn Ave



Another view of the dirt path that leads into town toward C St



The intersection of CA-78 & C St does not contain a 4-way stop or labeled crosswalks

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Install radar speed signs on CA-78 at the school zone near the intersection of CA-78 & 2nd St
- Install sidewalk on CA-78 leading into town starting at the corner of CA-78 & 2nd St
- Insert pavement on the dirt path from C St to 2nd St along Cape Horn Ave
- Add more 4-way stop intersections with labeled crosswalks within the town of Julian, especially at the intersections with CA-78 (including B St and C St)