

29 October 2012

To whom it may concern;

I am the one who's spearheading this particular proposal, but with the earlier neighborhood efforts and the on-going work and support by the City of Boulder and schools such as Bear Creek Elementary, I'm simply continuing the momentum that others initiated. While many of the words you'll read are mine, they simply embody the desires of parents, students, and a supportive City and Community to get out of our cars and enable life-long healthy habits.

I am a parent of a 5th grader at Bear Creek Elementary and a 7th grader at Summit; I've supported and participated in Bear Creek Elementary's effort to encourage alternative transportation options through both of my kids' tenure there. Both adults in our household are year-round bike commuters, and decades ago I worked with the State of Hawai'i's Bike-Ed program, teaching bicycle safety in elementary schools.

I personally became more aware of the challenge of crossing Table Mesa, as my daughter began bike-commuting to Summit last year. She's luckily developed a strong 'Better Late than Never' attitude, but we'd like to create a less-scary Table Mesa crossing for all the families and students in the area. My son will begin bike-commuting to middle school next year. On my short street alone, there are 7 kids who cross Table Mesa at Yale *daily*. I don't want to be asking for a safe crossing after any kind of accident, we need to be pro-active.

Thank you,

-KD Leka, 2790 Carnegie Dr.

Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2012 21:20:40 -0600

From: Ann Loeffler

Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

I live on Carnegie Drive in Table Mesa. When I bike to the bus stop for work-commute by bus to Denver, I have to cross the busy four-lane road at my peril where it intersects with Yale. The feeling of doing this is somewhere between playing Frogger and racing as fast as I can.

Especially around 8am, the crossing at this intersection is very busy, and I am often a lone bike in a line of cars waiting to cross. Watching kids do this is nail-biting, and doing it myself is not pleasant, either.

When I cross Table Mesa at Yale with my children, ages 6 and 8, it is extremely difficult and often requires us to run as fast as we can before the next car comes speeding down Table Mesa. I couldn't imagine taking them to school this

way every day. I am grateful for the safe crossing they have at Table Mesa and Bear Creek elementary.

Thank you for considering a safe crossing at Table Mesa near Yale, particularly for our neighborhood children who attend Community Montessori and Mesa. They need it!

Thanks,
Ann

Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2012 20:45:33 -0600
From: Dave Mackey
Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

Hi KD,
We live at 565 Hartford Drive and have two little kids, age 2 and 4 years old. We support the crosswalk proposal as we cross Table Mesa often as a family. Thank you..
Dave and Ellen Mackey

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 09:04:19 -0600
From: Diane Curlette
Subject: support for Table Mesa crossing

Dear Decision-makers,
I live at 530 Hartford Drive and enter and leave my neighborhood, as do hundreds of other residents, via the intersection at Table Mesa Drive and Yale Road. I also frequently cross Table Mesa Drive from Yale Road as a pedestrian, walking to businesses and destinations to the south and returning home to the north.

Crossing this intersection is hazardous for me, a careful adult, and doubly hazardous for our children and young people. We have many young people who need to cross these streets to attend schools to the south of our neighborhood. I know some parents who feel compelled to drive their children to school because they feel this street crossing is too dangerous for their children as pedestrians.

I want our young people to be able to walk or ride their bikes to school safely. Please install a crosswalk with lights at this intersection to provide a safe crossing, and consider other means of improving visibility at this intersection for drivers as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Diane Curlette
530 Hartford Drive
Boulder

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2012 10:49:43 -0600
From: Evan Cantor
Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

Dear K.D.,

Thank you for working on this "crosswalk" project (Yale & Table Mesa). While I have no mobility issues, nor children living at my home, I do live in the vicinity and with the advent of a community park at this location, I have spoken up for a crosswalk many times. We were always told at the proposed-park meetings that a crosswalk was not within the Parks & Recreation purview, so I'm happy to see that somebody else has it on their radar. I do believe it is a bonafide safety issue for the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Evan Cantor
910 Miami Way

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 16:17:34 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jeanne Kaufman
Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

To Whom it May Concern:

My husband and I live at 643 Hartford Drive in Boulder. We have two daughters, aged 6 and 9. They are in first and fourth grade at Bear Creek Elementary. In a couple of years, our older daughter will be heading to middle school at Southern Hills. We are very concerned about her crossing Table Mesa Drive either on foot or by bike. There is no safe and convenient place to cross this very busy street. I know there are many kids living here who have to negotiate Table Mesa Drive every day. Please consider the request of us and our neighbors to put a crossing light on the corner of Yale and Table Mesa Drive for the safety of our children as well as the adults in our community.

Thank you,
Jeanne Kaufman
Albert LiVecchi

643 Hartford Drive
Boulder

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 09:54:59 -0600
From: Jeff DeMeyer
Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

To Whom It may Concern,

Jeff and Christy DeMeyer at 785 Hartford Dr. would like to express our strong support for a safe crossing zone at Table Mesa near Gillespie and Yale. Our children attend Mesa Elementary and we cross table Mesa during a very busy traffic time in the mornings and afternoons. We also use the parks and have to cross there too. As our children are getting old enough to go to school on their own soon, we would feel much more confident in their safety if there was a lighted crosswalk in this region at Table Mesa. Traffic on this road is often going higher than the speed limit, especially in the downhill lanes. Commuters are often in a hurry and distracted on their way to work or drop children off at the local schools creating unsafe crossing conditions for young people. Additionally, we are expecting the construction of a new park at Table Mesa between Yale and Gillespie and this will draw people from the neighborhoods to the South needing to cross Table Mesa here. Thank You for your consideration of our neighborhood safety concerns.
Jeff and Christy DeMeyer, Hartford Dr.

Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2012 22:53:07 -0600
From: Ruckmans
Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of a safe crossing at Table Mesa and Yale. My child attended Southern Hills Middle School by bike and had to cross Table Mesa daily in both directions from our Yale area home. There is very heavy traffic both up and down Table Mesa in the mornings, especially as parents are dropping their kids at Bear Creek and Mesa elementary schools. All of this traffic comes pouring back down the hill at the same time that middle schoolers are heading across the street to reach Southern Hills. The crossing on the south side of Table Mesa at Yale is particularly dangerous because the cars moving downhill are travelling at their top speed and are visible no more than a block up the hill due to a curve in the road. Even as an adult, I experience a little adrenaline jolt as I start to cross this section of road on foot and

suddenly find myself in the path of an on-rushing car. I would also note that the pocket park soon to be developed by the city on the corner of Table Mesa and Yale will likely bring more young children and families crossing at this intersection.

Thank you,
Judy Ruckman
2990 Carnegie Dr.

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 09:09:53 -0600
From: Kate Sladen
Subject: Re: Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

Dear Colorado Safe Routes to School program and Boulder City,

Our family believes that it is vital to have a safe crossing at Yale Rd., or very near to it, for our two children to bike and walk safely to Southern Hills Middle School and Fairview High School.

We live at 650 Hartford Dr. One of our sons bikes to Southern Hills. Since the traffic is so heavy in the mornings and afternoons, we insist that he crosses at light at King Soopers for safety. This is quite a detour for him and it involves biking on very busy Gillespie Dr.

Sincerely,

Kate Sladen,
Evan Bush, and Dillon Bush
Oct. 26, 2012

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2012 06:58:20 -0600
From: Mary Pettigrew
To: K.D. Leka
Cc: Regner Trampedach
Subject: Re: Proposal for Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

hi k.d.,
thank you for your efforts in this regard! consider this my email of support:
Yale & TM is a BAD intersection that i'd really like to see improved, especially since i have kids and neighbors who currently/will eventually be crossing table

mesa to go to middle school and high school. Not to mention, when/if the park is put in place and we want to encourage usage by the neighborhood. generally, i think cars traveling east on TM get up too much speed between lehigh and yale, and it would help a lot of pedestrians and cyclists if the crossing were marked, and traffic was slowed and encouraged to be more aware. even driving a car from one side of table mesa to the other can be perilous. (guess you know all this already!)

i am sure that we could highlight the improvement at bear creek, as you mention, via friday folder inserts and also with balloons on special "walk to" days or a "christening" once it is in place.

let us know how else we might help.

best,
mary

Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2012 14:23:52 -0600

From: MaryBeth Vellequette

Subject: letter of support

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is MaryBeth Vellequette, parent of an 8 year old boy who attends Bixby School.

Finding alternative transportation to school is very important to my family, and we try to ride to Bixby at least 2-3 days per week, when the weather is cooperative. We live on the north side of Table Mesa Drive in the Hartford/Yale Neighborhood, and one very real source of stress for our morning commute is the intersection at Table Mesa and Yale. This is a tricky intersection to navigate, even for adults. When approaching Table Mesa from Yale, a bike rider has to be mindful of many things:

- * Traffic approaching from behind that might be turning right onto Table Mesa
- * Traffic approaching from West Bound Table Mesa
- * Traffic turning west on Table Mesa from the median

...and THEN you reach the median. Where you start the process all over again to cross TWO lanes of east-bound table mesa traffic.

Add to this mix the "rush hour" mentality of morning commuters and the very high level of school-related car traffic on Table Mesa, and you have a recipe not just for a stress-laden start to your bicycle commute, but a potential recipe for disaster.

While I continue to press for more independence for my son, unaccompanied crossing at the Table Mesa/Yale intersection is likely off the table until he is well into middle school -- OR until a safe crossing is installed at this intersection.

To address the arguments that a crossing is unnecessary because a lighted pedestrian crossing already exists near King Soopers, I counter that while that crossing is extraordinarily beneficial to King Soopers and library patrons, the west side of that intersection is not suitable for bike traffic (it doesn't "empty" into a bike-path or city street).

Therefore I urge the Safe Routes to School program to strongly consider funding the installation of a safe crossing at the Yale/Table Mesa intersection.

Sincerely,

MaryBeth Vellequette
2750 Carnegie Dr.
Boulder, CO 80305

303.817.8970

October 26, 2012

I am writing to say that my husband and I wholeheartedly support having a "safe crossing" at Yale Road and Table Mesa Drive. The North side of Table Mesa is strictly residential; and this crossing is used to get to schools (from pre-school through high school), the bus stop, the East Rec Center, Viele Lake and the park, churches and the Table Mesa shopping center. After the pocket park is established at Yale and Table Mesa, there will also be children coming across from the South side of Table Mesa. At the present, there are no marked crosswalks between Bear Creek School and King Sooper's.

This intersection is especially dangerous when crossing from the North side because the East bound traffic is coming downhill and around a bend, the street being obscured by shrubs. I can't tell you how many times I have ended up running across the East bound lane because cars either didn't see me or I underestimated how fast they were coming around the bend. Because there is no marked pedestrian crossing, many of the drivers seem to feel that they have the right-of-way, often not even slowing down once they do see me.

I have a special interest in seeing a "safe crossing" at this corner. My husband is handicapped; and every time he goes out alone with his mobility scooter or recumbent trike I worry about his safety, especially since both the scooter and trike are lower to the ground and even more difficult for the drivers to see (not unlike children crossing). Of course, there are also other residents who aren't as nimble due to age, illness or injury who have a hard time beating the cars coming down the hill.

Since we moved here thirteen years ago, I have seen this intersection as dangerous. I'm hoping that we can have, at the very least, a marked pedestrian crossing.

Sincerely,

Mike and Pauline Barnai
795 Yale Road
Boulder, CO 80305
(303) 494-1844

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2012 14:37:54 -0600

From: Rebecca Payne

Subject: RE: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale: REVISED

We are parents of four and a half year old twins. We cross Table Mesa at Yale, both on foot and by bike, to get to the shops and playgrounds on the south side. Next fall our children will be in Kindergarten at Community Montessori so our journeys across this intersection will increase considerably.

The amount of traffic traveling east and west on Table Mesa, the general speed at which it travels (especially east bound traffic as it is down hill) and the turn lanes for cars either making a u-turn on Table Mesa and or heading north or south on Yale often make the intersection congested and difficult to cross on foot. We would feel much safer crossing and perhaps use the intersection more regularly if some sort of traffic control device/s were installed. Providing a safer intersection will give us more direct access to the school and other amenities on the south side of Table Mesa.

Thanks for your consideration,

Darren and Rebecca Payne

Hartford Dr.

Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2012 15:58:46 -0700 (PDT)

From: Sonya Lunder

Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

To Whom It May Concern

My family lives on the 700 block of Hartford Drive, north of Table Mesa. We frequently cross the street at Table Mesa and Yale and I find it very nerve-wracking. Picture it. My sons are 7 and 3 years old. We frequently cross on foot pushing bicycles--me with a trailer and 3 year old, leaving my 7 year old to cross

with his bike unaided. I've had a couple of close calls where cars are barreling down Table Mesa and it is difficult to judge if our caravan can make it safely through.

My sons are obviously too young to attempt this crossing on their own. But they will need to do so to reach our neighborhood middle school (Southern Hills) and high school (Fairview). A neighbor of ours drove her son to middle school every day last year because she was too nervous about him crossing Table Mesa alone. I don't blame her. The alternative for neighborhood children to cross with a light is to ride on the sidewalk all the way down to the library/King Soopers signals. But that requires kids to navigate a much busier stretch of commercial district during a high traffic time of day. This isn't a safer option or acceptable solution.

My family plans to remain in the neighborhood and we are committed to biking and walking our children to school. I hope you consider quickly installing a signal at Yale, and assure you that this will make the trip to school, to friend's houses and to neighborhood parks MUCH safer for area children.

Sincerely,

Sonya Lunder

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2012 11:09:18 -0600

From: Tod Davies

To: Evan Cantor

Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

Dear K.D.,

As a new homeowner in this lovely neighborhood, I wholeheartedly support the establishment of a crosswalk at Yale and Table Mesa. In fact, my husband and I were surprised, when we first moved here, that there wasn't one already. It is so obviously dangerous at that intersection, where children and older people frequently cross over from the church and school on one side to the residential neighborhood on the other, with cars pelting around a curve on Table Mesa that is often icy in the winter time.

Often, my heart has been in my mouth watching some poor young mother negotiate the present inadequate crossing with a toddler and a baby. A crosswalk would not only provide safety for these kinds of crossings, but relieve my stress!

My husband joins me in supporting this crosswalk, especially since he has to dash across it every day to catch the SKIP at the stop on the other side from us of Table Mesa.

Best wishes,

Tod Davies 535 Hartford Drive

27 October 2012

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express support for a safer pedestrian and bicycle crossing at the intersection of Yale Avenue and Table Mesa Drive in Boulder, Colorado. I live at 2770 Carnegie Drive which is approximately three blocks from this intersection. I am a homeowner and resident of this neighborhood. I have two eleven-year-old children who live with me at this address. They both attend Southern Hills Middle School. My children must cross Table Mesa Drive to get back and forth from school. I believe a safer crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists is needed for this intersection. Table Mesa Drive is a major thoroughfare, with cars traveling at speeds of 35 to 45 MPH in both directions. Additionally, a curve in Table Mesa Drive west of this intersection makes it impossible to see far enough in that direction to safely determine whether cars are coming before crossing.

Thank you for reading my letter and considering this request.

Sincerely,

William Patton

Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2012 11:23:40 -0600

From: Donna Axel

To whom it may concern:

I support this proposal to the Safe Routes to School program to establish a safe crossing for pedestrians and bicycles across Table Mesa Dr. in the Yale/Gillaspie vicinity.

Sincerely yours,

Donna K. Axel

560 Yale Rd.

Boulder, CO 80305

Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2012 07:49:20 -0700

From: karen lee boardman

Subject: Re: [hartfordyale] Crossing at Table Mesa/Yale

Hi--If it's not too late...

We live at 2935 Baylor Dr. and would love to see a crosswalk at Table Mesa and Yale. I often cross to go to the bus stop right by there, and it would be a great help to have a crosswalk at this intersection.

Thanks,

karenlee boardman

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