

Students Are Walking and Biking to School Starting Wednesday, August 22nd



There are five schools on Huntington Drive in San Marino. The speed limit along Huntington Drive is 40 mph, *except* when students are present. Then the speed limit is lowered to 25 mph. Generally, students will be present from 7:30a.m. - 8:45a.m. during the morning commute and from 2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m. after school. During the first week of school, both Carver and Valentine Elementary Schools will be on a minimum day schedule, so students will be released at 12:30p.m.

The San Marino Police will be extra vigilant about motorists who fail to stop for pedestrians, especially students. The Pedestrian Safety Operations involve officers and pedestrian decoys who will use the crosswalks along Huntington Drive to ensure motorists yield as required by the California Vehicle Code, which says:

(a) California Vehicle Code Section 21950.(a) says, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) This section does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his or her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(c) The driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action relating to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian."

For example a car traveling 40 MPH (the posted speed limit on Huntington Drive) will take about 60 feet to **stop**. If you are beyond this distance and there is a pedestrian entering or in the crosswalk, the driver is expected to yield to the pedestrian.

Safe Routes to School, San Marino, is funded by a grant from the federal government to encourage SMUSD students to walk or bicycle to and from school instead of being driven to school. This non-infrastructure grant is being used to educate and encourage students and drivers to use safe practices on their commute, especially as they travel on Huntington Drive. Questions and concerns may be directed to Mary Ulin at MUlin@SMPD.US

