

**American Avenue Task Force  
Recommended Solutions**

<b>Short-term Solutions (0-1 year)</b>			
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Construction Required</b>
1	Install asphalt path on the east side of American Avenue from Balfour Road to the loop road	\$ 80,000	Yes
1a	Extend asphalt path from loop road to southerly end of American Avenue	\$ 40,000	Yes
2	Have afternoon crossing guards	To Be Determined ("TBD")	No
3	On southbound American Avenue, lengthen turn lane used to enter the Heritage High School student parking lot	\$ 60,000	Yes
4	On southbound American Avenue, change signage/stripping for the turn lane used to enter the Heritage High School student parking lot to designate it as "Student Parking Lot Only"	\$ 1,000	No
5	Restrict the Heritage High School student parking lot to student parking only and not allow drop-off and pick-up of students	\$ -	No
5a	Identify alternate area for drop-off and pick-up of students	TBD	TBD
<b>Additional Short-term Solutions (Not Prioritized)</b>			
	Encourage schools to adjust start times	TBD	No
	Continue occasional Police assistance with traffic enforcement	TBD	No
	Have schools promote carpooling and other alternatives (e.g. walking, biking) and provide "511 Contra Costa" information to parents	TBD	No
	Encourage schools to look into shuttle service	TBD	No
	Inform parents of the availability of school facilities prior to and after school (e.g. library opens at 7:30 a.m.)	TBD	No
<b>Mid-term Solutions (1-3 years)</b>			
1	On southbound American Avenue, install a second turn lane to enter the Heritage High School student parking lot	\$ 45,000	Yes
2	Install traffic signals at the intersection of American Avenue and the Heritage High School student parking lot	\$ 275,000	Yes
<b>Long-term Solutions (3+ years)*</b>			
	Annex and develop land between Heritage High School and Balfour Road to construct an access road from the Heritage High School student parking lot to Balfour Road	TBD	Yes
	Annex land between Mountain View Drive and American Avenue to construct a road that would intersect American Avenue near Adams Middle School, which would provide a second access road to the schools	TBD	Yes
	Annex and develop land west of the schools to extend American Avenue and intersect Balfour Road at a second point west of the existing American Avenue/West Country Club Drive intersection to create a "loop" road	TBD	Yes

\*Long-term solutions require a change in the Urban Limit Line.