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The Glen Ellen Traffic and Safety committee is looking at the traffic issues in the area with a desire to work with the 3E concept: Enforcement, Engineering, Education. We are planning to meet with representatives of the County-Sheriff Department and Transportation and Public Works, along with the CHP. We, the people in our community are the key to the Education component of the 3E's.

Traffic Volume and Speed are considered a concern by most of us on the committee. Preliminary research with the county has provided data that supports that Arnold Dr is traveled on average by 5500 vehicles a day, and Warm Springs Road is traveled on average by 3500 vehicles a day. Quite a few of these vehicles are traveling up to 5 mile per hour over the posted speed limits, a speed most would consider reasonable on an open highway. However, with the narrow and winding roads, along with the congested areas of the Village, these speeds are dangerous.

One idea has been to see about acquiring a radar speed sign (the kind that flash your speed when you are going faster than the limit). Our thoughts are to find funding to purchase the sign board so we can move it as needed. The sign also collects speed and volume data so we can monitor the progress. There is also the ability to add a camera if desired. Law enforcement would not be able to write tickets from these photos, however, we might be able to send warning letters to the registered owners if the speeds are unreasonable.

Another idea is to work with the county to add signage to re-route some through traffic back to HWY 12.

Other concerns on the priority list are pedestrian and bicycle safety. How to improve walk and bike routes while maintaining the Glen Ellen historic look and feel.

There are many traffic safety issues the committee has discussed, traffic noise from stop signs, speed in specific areas, parking, commercial vehicle delivery times, and more.

AT THIS POINT, nothing is being changed regarding signage, requests for stop sign or removal of stop signs, or other engineering concepts. The enforcement you might see is part of the regular duties of our law enforcement officers. Please feel free to thank them if you get a chance.

There is a Glen Ellen traffic survey on the web site. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to us. There are many ideas and concepts out in the community about how to address or not address the traffic issues in Glen Ellen. Your ideas are welcome.