

MAYOR & COUNCIL
Thank you for having me.

PUDO – Pick up and drop off
GNS – Glenlyon Norfolk School
PPG - Maddison People Priority Greenway

2002 GREENWAYS PLAN

The 2002 Greenways plan states:

“The urban greenways of Victoria will be established to provide a superb, human scaled, people friendly environment so that pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorised users will be rewarded with a safe, enjoyable and engaging experience as they use Greenways.”

The 800 block of Maddison street is designated as a People Priority Greenway (PPG) within this plan. Now according to Vision 2050 we are moving forward with Linear Parkways.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

GNS uses this PPG as its main PUDO (pick up and drop off), and has done for many years even though in 2002 they stated they would move their main entrance and PUDO to Richmond. GNS traffic compromises the safety and well-being of the North Gonzales community on a daily basis. This problem has increased significantly over the years as their institution has continued to grow through expansions. The Greenway vision has been completely lost with the overuse by GNS. Complete blockage of this PPG is common. Jeopardizing the safety of the local children using this greenway is a price too high to pay.

DAILY VEHICLES

Seven days a week semi-Trailer trucks, oversize delivery vehicles, buses, parents, staff and students all travel through the local streets of North Gonzales and end up on the PPG putting the local children, residents and other non-motorised users at risk. GNS states they cannot control where their traffic drives, but they specifically direct all the above vehicles onto the local streets and this PPG. Speed is a major concern

BUS SYSTEM

Traffic problems extend beyond private vehicles. GNS operates a three-way bus system that import students from St. Michaels, the GNS Junior Campus and the PW Campus. That three-way school bus network uses the greenway constantly. Students are dropped off and picked up at PW and bused to other campuses bringing many more vehicles onto the PPG. The PW Campus is not the only user of this greenway. This is totally opposite to the designated use of the PPG.

TRAFFIC CHANGES

This community needs you, as their representatives to require GNS to direct their PUDO now, onto Richmond Ave, which is a collector Road and off the local streets. Please ensure through your Vision 2050 this designated safe passageway (PPG) is protected.

EXPANSION ISSUES

Their current plan is to have an exit on Richardson as well as Richmond. This plan will continue to spill their traffic onto the PPG, and the local roads. This will also negatively impact the Richardson bikeway that connects to the Maddison PPG. No expansion should be approved unless this commuter campus can accommodate all their vehicles on their property and cease downloading these dangerous problems onto the PPG, the local streets and the residents of North Gonzales.

Thank you