

*Wynnewood Train Station &
Surrounding Streets
Pedestrian & Vehicle Safety*

Wynnewood Civic Association

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What Has Changed?

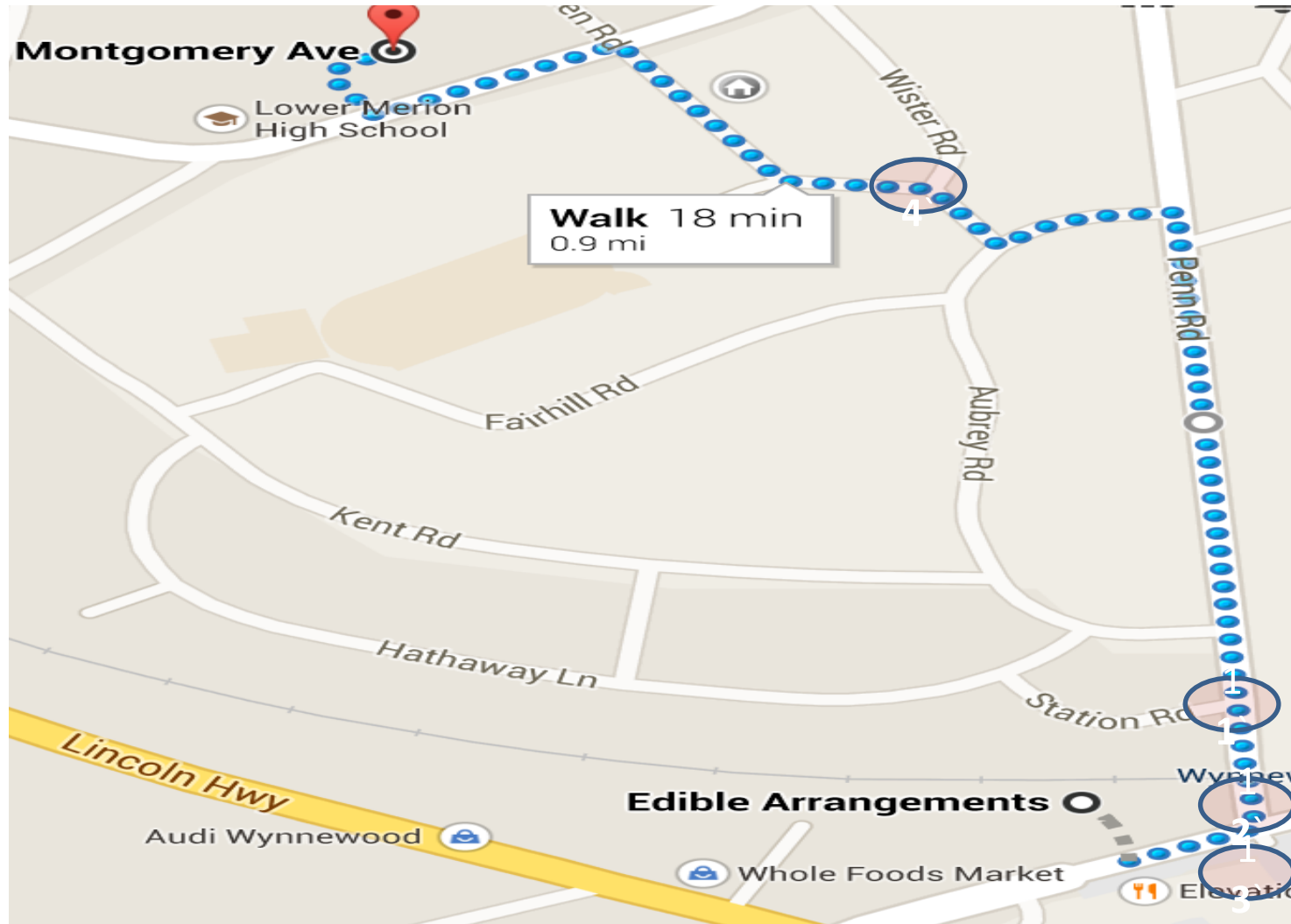
Changes are coming in the way and number of pedestrians trying to access the corner of East Wynnewood Rd. and Penn Rd.

Many of these pedestrians will be coming from LMHS and going to Whole Foods and the Pedestrian Friendly development by WP Realty at the corner.

- Whole Foods + roof top taco truck, and “restaurant”
- *Expansion of Lower Merion High School*
- *WP Developments East Wynnewood Rd.*
 - Possible coffee houses (previously proposed Dunkin Donuts and or Starbucks at corner of Penn Rd.
- Sabrina’s restaurant
- Mad Mex
- Maybrook Estate proposed development

Currently there is no safe route for pedestrians trying to access Wynnewood shopping, train station and Proposed WP development as well as Whole Foods from Penn Rd.

Areas of Concern



Entrance to Station

Pedestrian Access to Wynnewood Station Needs Changing

- Few pedestrians using Station Road park to access train station
- To go to center city you have to cross Station Rd, go into park, down steps, through tunnel and up steps vs. just crossing on diagonal across Penn Rd.
- Traffic is rushing to beat left turn signal on E. Wynnewood towards Penn Rd., picks up speed under tunnel and cars have a hard time seeing pedestrians crossing Penn Rd. towards train station parking lot exit.

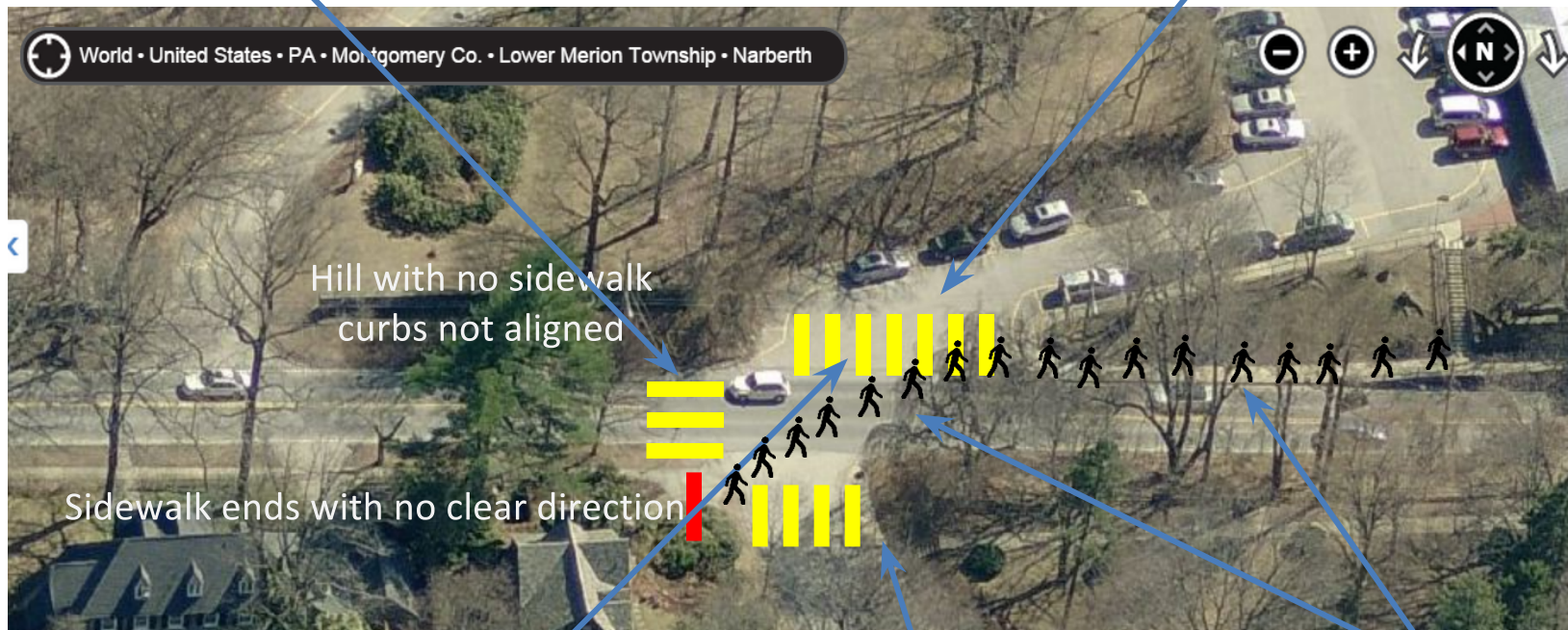
Possible Solutions

- **Cross walk with button activated signal at Station Rd.**
- **Aligning sidewalks**
- **Adding side walk down length of Penn Rd.**
- **Marking crosswalks at Station Rd.**

Area of Concern #1

Possible crosswalk with signal

Possible crosswalk with pedestrian right of way reminders

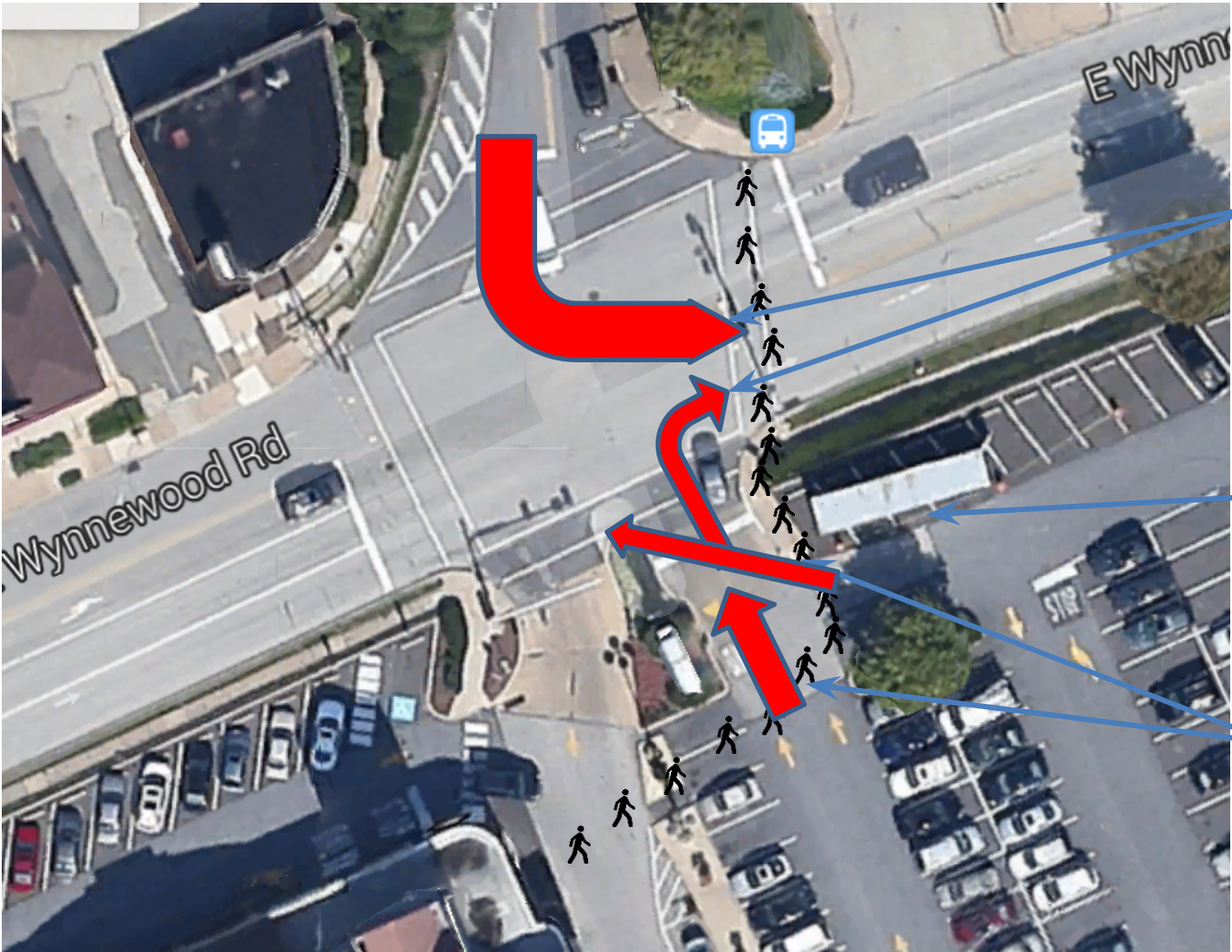


Most pedestrians choose to try to cross on a diagonal path towards station sidewalk or parking area

A few pedestrians going to Thorndale enter station via park. Not practical for Center City or to use for crossing E. Wynnewood. (Must Enter park, steps to station, walk close to tracks, down steps to tunnel (bad odors desolate), steps back up to station and still need to cross E. Wynnewood

Current dangerous route

Area of Concern #2



Pedestrians must contend with cars turning left from Penn Rd. onto E. Wynnewood at the same time as cars turning right onto E. Wynnewood, so they must look in-front and behind them. Most are heading towards back of shopping center where most of the large stores are

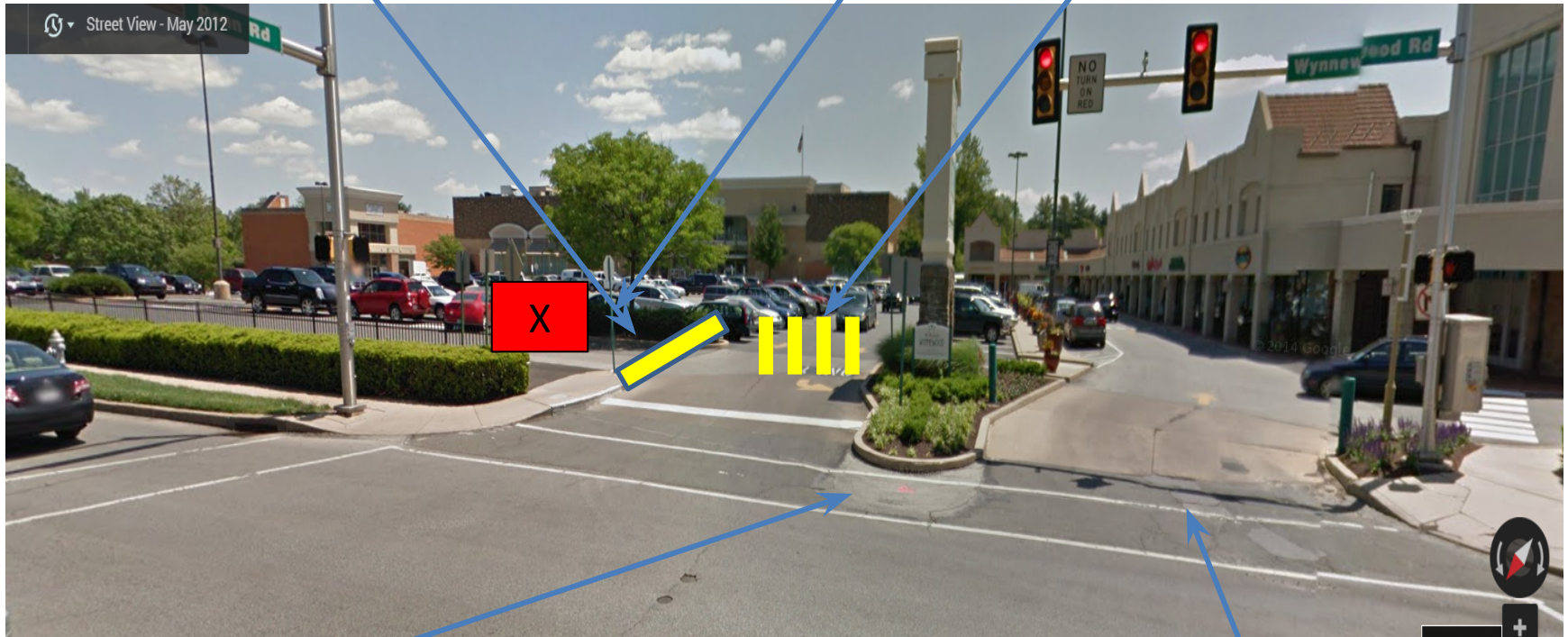
They then must contend with cars coming from the side of parking lot trying to cross in-front of exiting traffic, trying to beat light

Current dangerous route

Area of Concern #2

Exit is unnecessary and dangerous for cars and pedestrians. Cars heading to Lancaster Ave. can go back down lane and around and cars heading toward N. Wynnewood can go out existing Williams Rd. exit

Side walk could be extended and proper pedestrian crossing could be marked. This would possibly create additional spots in lot and increase safety for cars and pedestrians alike as well as reduce confusion in intersection from cars crossing in-front of exiting vehicles then trying to beat the light to go left on E. Wynnewood



Cement safety zone for pedestrians was reduced to make it easier for cars to exit shopping center, making it more dangerous and confusing for pedestrians, thereby forcing them into parking lot.

Pedestrians must contend with traffic turning right into the parking lot during green light and also when light is red.

Area of Concern #2

Adding left turn arrow could also reduce danger in the intersection from cars turning left out of shopping center



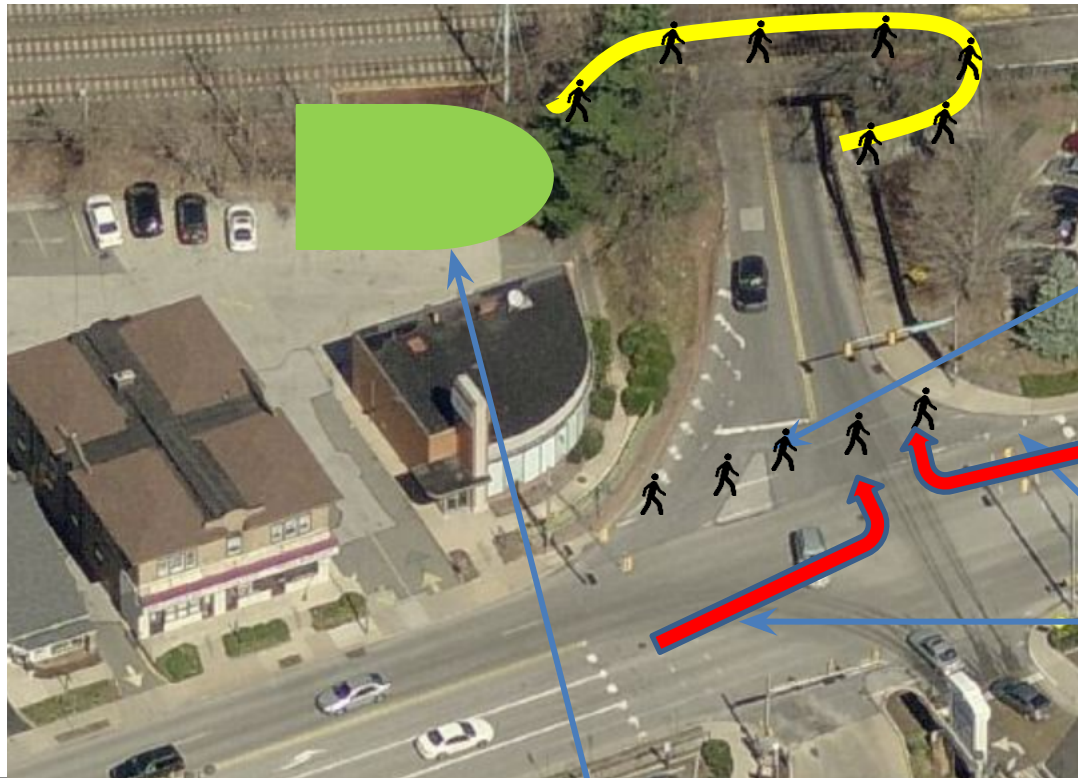
Satellite picture showing pedestrians crossing

Additional parking

Sidewalk extension

Clearly marked crosswalk, would ease exit for cars by removing unnecessary pedestrians from the corner

Area of Concern / Opportunity #3



With whole foods and new development there will for the first time be a large number of pedestrians trying to cross from East to West across Penn Rd.

Pedestrians must contend with cars making right turn as well as cars coming across E. Wynnewood

If this area were to be developed in a pedestrian friendly way then pedestrians may choose the yellow path up to the station and around to avoid waiting at the light to cross in addition to the danger of crossing. This could be a real opportunity to reduce the danger at the intersection for the vastly increased number of walkers that will be trying to access the area. Including increased LMHS enrollment, student and others arriving by train to shop and or eat at the larger Whole Foods. Path behind building not being maintained or shoveled properly and bricks in SEPTA station very uneven and dangerous in the winter.

Area of Concern #4

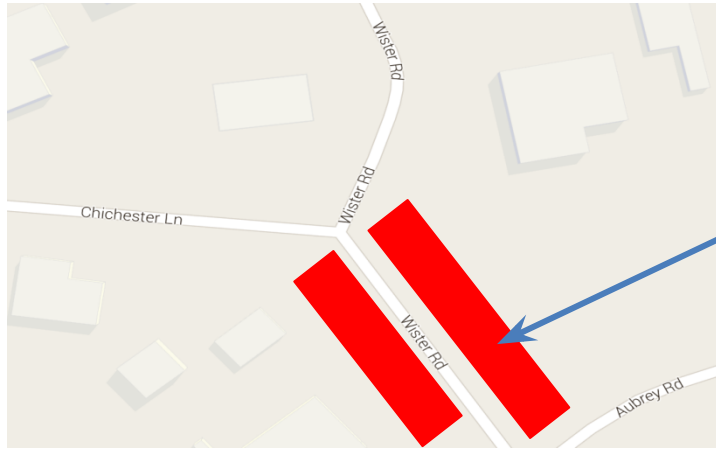
- Lack of sidewalk on west side of Wister between Chichester Ln and Aubrey, cause teenagers walking home or to new Whole foods to cross street at blind turn without stop signs or walk in street especially in winter



Cars confused as to who has right of way, those coming up Wister or the ones turning left

- Stop sign needed to reduce confusion

Area of Concern #4



Prohibiting parking on one side of street would reduce accidents that have occurred from cars coming around the blind turn and encountering a car or school bus head on with teenagers crossing or walking in the street because a car was parked on one side

