

Needed: All-way stop at the corner of El Comal Drive & Amaro Drive

The following photos were taken in 2009 of the area of El Comal Drive & Amaro Drive. After these photos were taken, I took dome measurements which are as follows:

- From the middle of the yellow “grate” in the handicap ramp (on the corner) to the sidewalk separator immediately on the east side of the fire hydrant; this = 21 feet.
- From the sidewalk separator to the western edge of my neighbor’s driveway (10409 El Comal Drive) = 35 feet.
- **The total footage from the middle of the yellow “grate” in the handicap ramp (on the corner) to the western edge of my neighbor’s driveway = 56 feet.**
- From the western edge of my neighbor’s drive way to the western edge of my driveway (10417 El Comal Drive) = 26 feet.
- **The total footage from the middle of the yellow “grate” in the handicap ramp (on the corner) to the western edge of my driveway = 92 feet.**

The reasons I am requesting the intersection be an all-way (T-intersection) are because:

- Some drivers go flying around the corner (northbound on Amaro to eastbound on El Comal) at approximately 20 mph or faster which doesn’t allow much room for stopping, especially if my neighbor or I am backing out of our driveways. As you can see by the photos, it is a little of a blind corner in that direction.
- I have come close to being hit several times over the years when backing out and the way was clear when I started. As I’m in the street, these speeders come around the corner, usually being able to stop (usually in front of my neighbor’s driveway; just think if it was my neighbor backing out!) prior to hitting me. Once a which pickup came around so fast with me about 99% into the street that “he” had to go into the westbound lane of El Comal to miss me. “He” finally came back into the eastbound lane about 300 feet down the road; luckily there wasn’t any westbound vehicle coming. I usually stop prior to backing into the street and take a second look (first as I’m backing down the driveway watching for cars and pedestrians). Once I see it is clear, I’ll continue my backing. One time after I backed out, having a clear passage to do so, I noticed through my rearview mirror and driver side mirror a vehicle just going around me without slowing down or stopping.
- **This lack of a stop sign at this intersection is an accident waiting to happen!**
- One last tidbit – El Comal is one of three major thoroughfares west of Santo Road. It is also very heavily walked by young and old (many of the sidewalks are not safe to walk on), with and without kids (in or out of a stroller); some walk on the sidewalks and some in the street along the side of the road. It is also a heavily ridden street by bicyclists, motorcycles and kids of various ages skate boarding.

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