

Photovoice Interviews with clients from Bartlett Housing Solutions

LAURI: What does that picture mean to you?

-- this road, the road going that way towards the green sign, is 119, and the road where she just pointed to the right is Old Cheat Lake

JD: There's no bus stop. I've been left standing in the rain. The bus driver, if you're wearing a dark gray rain coat, you can be left standing in the rain. I was waving and doing jumping jacks one day, and he left me standing there in the rain.

LAURI: You were doing jumping jacks where?

JD: Right there by the guardrail. I was actually on the white line. I was almost in the highway, waving with both hands, and he would fly and go through there. And he knew he couldn't stop and so he left me. See, now, if there was an actual bus shed, it should be right over there in that green area. See where right across there, right about there where you're pointing with your pen. If there was a bus shed there, we could get in out of the rain and you can push the button and there's a light on that they -- he can actually stop when that light is on.

LAURI: What time of the day was it?

JD: It was mid-morning. .. there is no shelter, first of all, and when it rains or snows, then you're in it. And then I was telling you the other day, I usually carry a little string pack with warm items in it, like old hats and old gloves and scarves. And then I would put it in a plastic bag and put that on the cold guardrail.



BREANNA: My name is Breana Gallagher. But the thing about getting to this bus stop, you have to walk along this road back here all the way up to this bus stop [referring to guardrail] . And there's so many times -- especially if you have little kids like I do -- vehicle's don't get over for you and it's so hard to walk along these roads with no room. Like, there's so many times I've had to jerk my kids over away to not get hit by a car because they don't care.

LAURI: How old are your kids?

BREANNA: I've got one that is 13, one that is 10, one that is 8, and one that is 3.

LAURI: Okay. How often you're walking with all of them or --

BREANNA: Sometimes I have all of them and then sometimes it's just me and my 3-year-old.

LAURI: Where are you usually going?

BREANNA: Sometimes we had to go to town, just depends. Sometimes we've just had to go up here to Venture Drive, just depends. But this is where -- the only place that the bus will stop and pick you up at, unless you wanna walk the highway all the way up to Venture and catch the bus.

LAURI: Okay. So what do your kids think about that? Are they scared? Are they used to it?

BREANNA: Oh, yeah, they get scared because, I mean, the cars just fly by you. The don't slow down and try to get over. It just scares them bad. Like, if we had to go somewhere, they're, "Please, mom, don't let us go. Please, we don't wanna go," because they don't wanna walk on the highway.



