



## Meeting Notes Meeting #13 – May 4, 2012

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Participants: Jim Fraser, Wendi Kallins, Peggy Curran, John Frick, Simon Coyle, Frank Doyle, Mike Cronin, George Rodericks, Trisha Seyler

1. *Minutes:*

There were no corrections to the meeting notes of April 20, 2012.

2. *Report on Meeting with Kate Sears*

Jim reported to the group on meeting he and Peggy had with Supervisor Kate Sears, Marin County Director of Public Works Bob Beaumont and the head of Marin Transit Authority David Rzepinski. Jim and Peggy explained what CART has been exploring over the past several months, and inquired about funding support in order to be able to validate solutions for the community to embrace. The answer they received regarding funding was not encouraging; however, they indicated some willingness to help CART's efforts, particularly with Caltrans. The County also appeared to offer assistance with helping to analyze student data to help determine a more advanced bus routing system for the district, since they have experience with this.

Overall, Jim and Peggy felt the meeting was useful in gaining the attention of the Supervisor and head of Marin Transit for helping to find solutions for Tiburon traffic issues. It also heightened their motivation to help us obtain Marin Transit contributions to our community. Marin Transit briefly discussed exploring smaller shuttle buses for the peninsula instead of larger traditional buses, perhaps using Blackie's Pasture as a drop off point for parents. A smaller shuttle that is localized might make parents feel more comfortable letting their children ride to school; however, there are certain restrictions that Marin Transit faces in terms of servicing schools. Peggy volunteered to contact Marin Transit to determine what information they might need to order to help us determine an advanced bus routing system for the school district.

3. *School Report*

John provided the group an overview of the morning and afternoon bus schedules. He indicated these schedules will move forward to the next school year, as the PTA unanimously rejected the idea of changing school start times. Bus passes go on sale starting Monday May 7. Parents can pay in full or make payments in June, July and August. If the payment plan system increases demand, then the district may consider adding a fourth bus. However, there is a concern that the monthly payment option may result in the district not receiving all of the money promised, and then the district would have to find money elsewhere to cover the remaining costs for the existing buses. Peggy suggested having the school district partner with a local bank to help support the endeavor, for which the local bank could receive PR through local newsletters. Peggy and George offered to contact one of the local banks to explore this option.

4. *Bike Pool*

Frank briefed the group on the challenges of starting a bike pool for the community, which includes getting kids down the hills and to a specific starting point, in addition to getting enough kids to participate. He also said it would be difficult to determine just how many cars would be taken off the boulevard if the bike pool were successful. The group discussed starting a bike pool with Bel Aire as the younger kids could learn safe riding skills and continue using them as they move up to Del Mar. Even if the bike pool was only one day per week, and was successful, then the group would have a success story which could be duplicated at Del Mar. Wendy and Frank agreed to work over the summer to come up with a route map, recruit adults to help volunteer to run the bike pools, determine a registration procedure, and have the volunteers take safe cycling classes through the Safe Routes to School program.

5. *Holding an open forum for public participation*

Jim inquired with the group about holding a public meeting to help the cause of CART, the timing of the meeting, and what the structure of the meeting should have. The group agreed that the meeting should take place around the end of September, when the students are back in school and there is a heightened awareness of traffic issues. It was also agreed that CART should hold only one meeting to start with, and then if it becomes clear that a secondary meeting is required, then it could be planned. The meeting itself should have a panel of individuals to help answer questions, such as a representative from Caltrans, the School District, Police, etc. The group began a discussion regarding the structure of the meeting, which included starting by setting the context of the meeting (understanding the problem), and what we already know. One possibility is to have small facilitated break-out sessions to brainstorm ideas, with one representative from each group reporting back to the group at large on their findings. Since the structure of the meeting requires careful consideration, the group agreed to continue this discussion to the May 18 meeting.

6. *Tasks and objectives for May 18 agenda*

- Continue the discussion on the structure of the public participation meeting to be held in the fall.
- Report back to the group on Marin Transit findings regarding helping analyze data for an improved bus route system.
- Report back to the group regarding whether or not one of the local banks would have a willingness to help the school district with funding for bus pass sales and bus funding in general.

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