



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Cove School Progress Meeting notes

2/24/2015 12pm

Attendees: Michelle Walker, Principal; Lee Howard, neighbor; Barry Hogue, Public Works Director; David Macpherson, SR2S Team Leader; Dan Durkin, Trustee & parent; Wendi Kallins, Safe Routes to School; Ashley Tam, Parisi Transportation Consulting

2. Infrastructure

Three applications submitted for the Safe Pathways to School grant funding (Barry Hogue)

1. Cove school "package" applied for \$94,000
 - includes Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) crossing at Golden Hind
 - Madera del Presidio fogline and centerline striping, move crossing new ramps, RRFBs
2. Neil Cummins Pathway

Fills gap near Neil Cummins School, ends At Hickory Ave
3. Tamalpais Drive - Multiple crossings and RRFB at uncontrolled crossing on Tamalpais
 - This is recommended by the Town and most likely will receive funding
 - Would be constructed this summer

The Town has other options for funding Cove school projects

DM: When would we move forward with Cove School projects?

BH: Can start designing for July construction

DM: Does this need citizen mobilization

BH: No, it is not competing with other issues.

Topic of visibility and speed on Paradise came up:

BH: taking an incremental approach to improve visibility. At next major paving, consider narrowing the lanes and updating speed limit. Recent data showed the 85th percentile speed higher than current speed limit.

DM made a comment about bicycle pylons increasing bike ridership in San Francisco. Suggested to be applied to del Presidio.

DD: is left turn lane from Paradise in the Cove School plans?

BH: No

MW: There have been bumper to bumper hits and close calls, but there is room to go around a vehicle waiting to turn.

Suggestion to ask neighbor to trim hedges next to the fence in order to increase visibility.

History: A truck driving down Paradise never stopped and barely missed a mother crossing Paradise with a stroller. Thus, in-street yield to pedestrian signs were placed on Paradise.

- A portable in-street yield to pedestrian sign is placed at Staghound Passage crossing.

Suggestion by LH to paint red curb near crosswalks so kids aren't hidden behind cars.

Suggestion by MW to move crosswalk to the north end of the loop

- BH said it was in the plans so MW will follow-up with the construction crew.

2. Encouragement and Enforcement

WK Fall surveys-info on <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/documents/Covefall2014.pdf>

40% students traveling in family vehicles, reached the goal for 60% green trips at the opening of the school.

- WK organizing data to create a case study for Cove School
- Next goal is 80% green trips-How do we get there?
- Safe Routes will administer parent, principal, and teacher surveys. There is an opportunity to add questions on top of the general questions.

DM: Wants to ask parents who drive why they are still driving and provide them with information on green choices. This could be done at drop off or even better, while parents are waiting to pick up their kids.

- Suggestion to have parent volunteers coordinate before Bike to School Day (May 6) to provide leaflets for drivers/talk to drivers while waiting for kids in the afternoon
- Or organize drop-off and walking school bus from Ages Retirement next to Paradise Foods

Scheduling classes – contact Peggy

- Permission slips needed for biking field trip

3. Hall Middle

WK: Almost 50% are walking and biking and school and only 35% are driving to school. SR2S Teen program is working with Hall teacher in which students from Hall MS will be trained to conduct a walk audit on Wornum Drive. They would do research ahead of time, invite stakeholders to listen to the issues, work with Parisi Associates and the town on solutions and present to the town council. This provides a lesson in leadership and opportunity for feedback from the students. Would happen in spring, but the kids have to choose this activity.