



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Kentfield School District
Safe Routes to School Taskforce
Meeting Notes
Tuesday January 15, 2019**

Attendance:

Wendi Kallins – Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Hadar Albo- Parisi Associates, Bree Eaton-Neighborhood Captain, Robert Goralka- County of Marin DPW, Zach ? (unable to read name/no email provided), Heather McPhail Sridharan- School District President, Paul Miller- Director School District Maintenance, Brian Miller- CHP Officer, Glenn Newcomer- CHP Officer, Josie Sanguinetti- Marin County Sheriff Officer, Nancy Vernon-County of Marin Aide, Melanie Wollenweber- Parent Kent Middle School, Jenny Walsh- VP Kent Middle School,

Updates Acacia Road

Nancy reported that many of the neighbors that are directly affected by the proposed updates are supportive on McAllister Ave. The County DPW is also supporting the proposed next steps.

Restrict parking on both north and south sides of the street down to Lilac Ave. (south side is currently restricted). The County will continue to collect feedback. The restricted hours will be the same on both sides of the street to avoid confusion.

The County will have a graphic design ready in the next week for review. Once changes are approved an announcement will go out to the school and the neighbors.

A school speed zone of 15 mph is proposed for Acacia Ave. The County is working on whether Acacia qualifies and how far up Acacia it would extend. The one-way option will require a traffic and environmental study for the possible long term impact on neighboring streets. If it was approved, the County may want to consider installing a sidewalk in the future if space was available. The process would include review by the the Board of Supervisors. It will all take a number months to review.

Bob will report back at next the SR2S meeting on what the Board of Supervisors has ruled on the 15 mph zone being adopted for this location. There is wording that must be clarified as to where a 15 mph can be posted within a school zone and whether Acacia qualifies as a school zone..

South Eliseo Drive Update

Residents have submitted complaints of drivers speeding. Officers reported that most of the drivers are the residents. Driver behavior is a challenge and needs to be addressed for the safety of the students and residents. Nancy is looking into interest in starting a “safe streets” group.

Manor Road

The County was asked to install speed bumps/cushions. This is an ongoing challenge for the County; there are concerns by one resident for first responder vehicles getting over and around them. Especially now with the county taking action on addressing wild fire/grass fire exposure. It can take a long time for this type of request to be evaluated.

Sir Frances Drake

The County is actively working on design; this is a very large project that will take a least 2 summers. There will be a community meeting announced for later February/March. The final concepts are on the [county website](#) including the Staff Report.

The Board gave approval with the funds that were available, if costs for the initial projects go up they will have to determine what projects will be

funded next and how. More projects were approved prior to funding; this will help move the projects along once the funded is secured.

The South Eliseo Dr project did get approved but not funded. The environmental study will hold up the project. If cleared it will be a big opportunity to move it forward.

Chicken Path

The improvements installed by the residents look great and have been effective in slowing student cyclist from entering McAllister too fast. In addition to the zig-zagged route there are large rocks preventing anyone from darting out into the street..

Ash Street/Colonial Liquors Update

Students continue to make unsafe crossings of Drake Blvd in this area. Parents would like to see elevated pedestrian activated crossing signals installed.

The County does have this facility noted as high priority; it is linked to the Drake Corridor Project. The County does not want to install a flashing light that would stop blinking while pedestrians are still crossing the street. They are evaluating a advance light for traffic traveling west. A bike safety facility is also planned for this area along with a pedestrian landing in the middle with a Z format to slow pedestrians in the medium.

Task Force members inquired about the pedestrian flags located at some crosswalks in Corte Madera and Fairfax. There is a debate on their effectiveness; no studies have been conducted. They may be effective on smaller streets and note best for 2 lane roads. Use of the flags by pedestrians tends to put responsibility on pedestrians vs vehicle driver behavior and give students a false sense of security in the street.

Bacich Constructions and Safety

Construction is moving along, framing is going up and the school is fully running during it all. All the gates electric locks have been changed, there have been some challenges and they are being addressed. The gates should be open after school and on weekends.

Crosswalk planned for Kent across from Lot 13 and COM

COM is partnering with the County, hopefully this summer to install a pedestrian activated light at Lot 13 and Kent Ave. Many students use this route to get to the middle school.

Visibility Berens and McAllister

Vehicles park on both sides of the street at Berens and McAllister. Cars are parked right up to the stop sign limit line. Drivers have a hard time seeing the stop sign letters and do not stop. A request was made to the County to restrict parking at the stop sign.

Back to school

Walk and Roll Wednesdays will be reinstated at Bacich.

Police Update

Officer Josie requested the Task Force continue to work with the communities to support positive and safe self-policing. Officer cannot be everywhere; community members must be encouraged to get involved for the safety of their community.

Next meeting

April 24th at 9:00 am 2019