



## Kentfield Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, May 2018

### Attendance:

Penelope Amuyunzu- Parisi Associates, Bree Eaton- Team Captain Bacich School, Marnie Helmer-Team Captain, Kathleen Helmer- Neighbor, Heather McPhail Sridharan- Team Captain, Paul Miller- School District, Nancy Vernon-Aide to Katie Rice, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Adrien Brown- Parent School District Safety Committee.

### County updates on SFD and McAllister and Wolf Grade

#### Handouts

- [Project Component Recommendations\[PDF\]](#)
- SFDB- Community Filer (004)- [Sir Francis Drake Blvd Project](#)

Nancy reported that on May 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Supervisors certified the EIR and also approved the project. Staff developed a recommended schedule of all the project components broken into 3 categories:

1. Those projects recommended for construction now,
2. Those projects recommended for construction now if additional funding can be secured or constructed at a later date and
3. Those projects not recommended for construction now because of community concern or issues surrounding the need for substantial additional design and construction cost.

[Read the staff report](#) and [visit the website](#) for more information

Phase 1 will begin the fall of 2018. Phase 2 is planned for April to October 2019.

The community will receive continuous updates (meetings will be announced in advance) on phases completed and planned to reduce frustrations. Committees are meeting with the design group; among the many issues they are addressing is vegetation (growth management/color) for the median design.

The County will coordinate with the school district and provide updates; no impact is seen regarding the yellow bus program. The school districts improvements should not impact this project. The Wolf Grade project is planned for the summer to avoid challenges during the school year. The planning has been a very collaborative process with emphasis on addressing potential safety concerns by the schools.

Crosswalks will not be in place until the road paving is completed. Crosswalks may be stripped but this would need prior approval. The widening of the sidewalk on Drake has been approved.

The traffic safety plan will address potential needs for additional crossing guards. Needs will be identified once the construction schedule is determined. Task Force members expressed the need for a guard at Laurel Grove during construction.

### **Chicken Path**

Nancy addressed Task Force safety concern with student cycling behavior as they enter/exit the path with the County. The County does not have an objection to safety signs. This is not County property; they will not post signs or add gravel for rainy season erosion..

Task Force members discussed starting a GoFundMe account to raise funds for a gate. If funds were raised they would get a contractor to install the gate.

Task Force members expressed concern of increased traffic (cars backed up) during drop off/pick up on Acacia Ave and on Drake near Bacich School during construction. They would like the messaging to the community to encourage more walking and biking.

Nancy did address this issue with the County. Parisi Associates did complete an evaluation on Acacia Ave a number of years ago for a possible one way street and/or adding a walking path. It was a challenging issue for the County, and she will look into the documented history and report back. This may be a good time to address again with the planned construction in the area and get the community involved. Nancy will organize a special meeting on Acacia.

### **Mapping Update**

The Bacich map needs to be updated before the start of the next school year with the current “suggested preferred route”. Nancy, Penelope, Bra and Liz agreed to work on the map updates during the summer. Safe Routes does not need to help, as these are locally created maps as opposed to official Safe Routes maps.

A request was made to change the speed limit to 15 mph at Lilac and Acacia in the school zone areas. So many students are driven to school because parents are concerned about the speed of vehicles.

## **Crossing Guard**

TAM will not be cutting any guard positions throughout the county this school year but some cuts could take place next school year. However, TAM will be funding 21 guards over and above the 58 in the last report. As many as 91 guards could be funded if the renewal of the Transportation Tax is approved. If the state gas tax was repealed, then local funds priorities will need to be evaluated. Under the TAM expenditure plan for the sales tax renewal, current funding for crossing guards will increase from 4.5 to 7% with the voter approval of the Transportation Sales Tax in the November 2018 ballot.

Heather provided the following list of 7 funded crossing guard locations and their TAM rankings for the 2018-19 school year.

*“ \* There were two new intersections included in the list (which is an amazing feat given the widespread proposed cuts by TAM). A special shout-out to the advocacy of Neighborhood Captain Sarah Poser, and parents, Sarah Killingsworth and Alan Hirschbein, for the new crossing guard at Manor / SFD.”*

1. McAllister / Stadium - #28
2. College / Stadium (in front of Kent) - #29
3. SFD / Laurel Grove - #37
4. SFD / Manor - #52\*
5. SFD / Bon Air - #63\*
6. College Ave / Woodland Ave / Kent Ave - #66
7. SFD / College Ave - #78
8. SFD / Wolfe Grade - #121 (KSD will seek to continue funding this guard even though it didn't make the cut-off criteria by TAM for funding)

## **School Activity**

Wendi recognized the above average effort Heather has given as the Safe Routes to Schools Team Leader at Bacich School. She established a strong school community for green transportation. To maintain this momentum the school now needs a few volunteers to host IWalk and Bike to School Day annually, Walk & Roll Wednesday(s) and contests. Starting with Iwalk is the best way to get people involved.

The results of the Safe Routes Student Travel survey indicate green transportation has dropped due to contests and encouragement not happening on a regular schedule each year.

The PTA could add a position(s) for Safe Routes to School parent(s). volunteer. Each parent volunteer could manage just one aspect of the encouragement program. Laura offered to address this at the next PTA meeting.

Task Force members plan to get Safe Routes to Schools printed information updated by June and have it ready for the parent Kindergarten welcome meeting scheduled.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, Aug 15, 2018