

Larkspur Corte Madera Safe Routes to Schools Task Force
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Megan Acevedo- Team Leader Neil Cummins, Diane Furst- Councilmember Corte Madera, Jennifer Harrison-Team Leader Neil Cummins, Laura Melendy-Parent Redwood High, David Parisi- Parisi Associates, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Nisha Patel-Senior Engineer- Corte Madera, Jean Severinghaus- Caltrans D4 BAC Marin Member, Julian Skinner- DPW Director Larkspur, Cindy Winter- Larkspur, John Neville- DPW Marin County- Traffic Operations, Scott Niklewicz- Central Marin Police Officer.

Bike to school Day

Neil Cummins will have a Bike Train for three routes: Rivera Circle, Lakeside Dr., Magnolia Bike Path. Welcome tables will be set-up to hand out goodies and the Go Green Challenge will be wrapping up in early May.

Hall Middle School did not have an update for this meeting.

Redwood High School will have support from the PTSA to distribute snacks.

The Marin Central police will plan to support participations at Neil Cummins School.

Issues List Document attached.

Attendees used the issues list to identify the location of specific facilities on an oversized map provided by Parisi Transportation Consulting. The list contains items from DPW projects and will help identify where gaps are.

The map displayed 34 improvements that have been completed or are in the process of funding for the past five years to the present. Parisi will collect the comments provided and update the issues list and map as needed.

Comments collected:

Redwood & Pixley- Included a bike lane for students traveling to/from school. Vehicles park on both sides of the road, creating a narrow route for all road users. Suggested “green Sharrow bike boxes”

Shortcut off Pixley- Cindy explained/identified on the map a dirt path that connects Palm and Pepper Avenues by Hart Street by the homes.

Bike Path along the creek off Sandra Marker Trail towards Neil Cummins- It is not paved and is very narrow. It gets muddy in the rainy season. Last year a student fell in the creek; a proposal was made to pave the path way. Note: CM BPAC had funding for this but residents objected.

Tamalpais Drive- Flashing pedestrian beacons and additional bike/ped improvements will be installed this summer.

Holcomb Ave & William Ave- Install stop signs before the crosswalk. Vehicle drivers race through the intersection.

Baltimore & Magnolia Avenues- Vehicle drivers tend not stop at this intersection.

Dark Crosswalks- Many of the crosswalks are dark, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Lark Theater Crosswalk- Many drivers do not stop for pedestrians at the crosswalk in front of the movie theater. The sidewalk is uneven on the south side of the street.

Rose Lane- Remains a safety issue; students do not look for vehicles—It is missing a marked crossing from Lucky Store parking lot entrance onto Rose Lane.

Riviera Circle- Need crosswalks and curb ramps to get across both entrances to Riviera Circle at the front and near the back Redwood HS Parking lots for bikes traveling parallel along Doherty. Suggest speed bumps and bike lanes on Riviera Circle.

Tamal Vista: BPAC has recommended bike lanes and they have been designed by the city along with the widening of sidewalks.

Bike Path- Hall students requested at an earlier meeting that share the path pavement markers and signs be improved. Notify dog owners of the leash law including the length of the leash. A yellow line down the middle of all of Larkspur's multi use pathways would help along with education resources to the schools and community.

The Redwood Environment Action Club student participants are not always leaders. They need support to help raise awareness with student throughout the school. Drake's club is a good example of a successful club and may be a good resource.

The Superintendent will be hosting an open forum inviting students to present issues on campus to administrators. They would like to hear directly from the students. They would like to learn how students feel about bringing food trucks on campus once a week to encourage students not to drive off campus for lunch. How to encourage more students to walk or cycle to school?

Greenbrae Issues:

Jean requested that issues in the Greenbrae Hills area be explored. Many travel from this area to the middle and high schools. There are many options to present to students to travel green.

Lucky Drive- Students encounter issues crossing the road; intersections are very dangerous.

- 1) Lucky Drive to Doherty Drive does not include a safe way to go left when traveling south to the trails (to Neil Cummins) to get across because of right turning cars on Lucky/Doherty. A flashing beacon was suggested some time ago. Ramps for cyclists were recommended too.
- 2) Nor is there a safe way to go left and north across the Lucky to Fifer intersection to continue north on the quiet area of Lucky (from all schools) to Greenbrae and the POC.
- 3) The one block of Lucky which is bounded by Doherty and Fifer and carries heavy freeway traffic is in Corte Madera. The portion of Lucky north of Fifer is in Unincorporated Marin County and is quiet. The junction of Fifer with Lucky is in Corte Madera. The junction of Lucky with Doherty at the south end of Lucky is in Larkspur. The triple jurisdictions complicate fixing safety on Lucky.

Possible solution: A two-way Protected Bikeway on the west side of the one block of Lucky in Corte Madera, with a flashing beacon at the south end in Larkspur, and a crosswalk across Lucky

in the quiet section in Marin County at the north end, would solve these two intersection issues along with the heavy one block of traffic. All three jurisdictions must cooperate.

So far, County DPW commented they have agreed to installing Class 3 sharrows and green paint along the north segment of Lucky.

Regarding a two-way protected bike path on Corte Madera Lucky, David commented this is a very constrained corridor, parking would need to be removed to accommodate the space needed for bike lanes. Corte Madera has already agreed to remove parking from one side of Lucky to make bike lanes possible when they repave. Corte Madera is waiting on Larkspur's improvements on Doherty before tackling Lucky with a project tentatively installing Class 2 bike lanes. However, this project won't solve the bad junctions problem and Corte Madera has expressed willingness to consider other solutions.

Larkspur agreed to add the Flashing Beacon and ramps at Lucky/Doherty onto their Doherty project (below) but lack funds.

A future project could look at the Corte Madera Lucky section along with the Larkspur and County sections' planned fixes and solve the Lucky issue.

Other issues:

Class 1 or 2 bike route on Doherty is underway by Larkspur partly on Redwood HS land. The DPW announced improvements were slated for this summer; however, funds are not available. Once the funds are identified the project could move forward

Students traveling through campus- The HS Admin needs any students not from Redwood to travel outside of campus. This complicates Larkspur's Doherty project options.

Students from east Greenbrae going to Cove and Neil Cummins need the funded "Southern Segment North-South Greenway" behind Trader Joe's built.

Wornum- the south side of Wornum Class 1 pathway uses a crosswalk across Redwood Highway North to the Bay Trail: this spot needs a no-right-on-red-arrow light activated by the pedestrian crossing button. East Greenbrae and east Corte Madera students at Cove, Neil Cummins, Hall and Redwood HS cross 101 here.

Jean presented several professionally designed concepts of facility improvements for the Tamalpais over crossing. These were developed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. These are not official, they are concepts only and will be presented this summer to Caltrans. Superintendent Valerie Pitts wrote a letter in 2013 supporting a better pedestrian over crossing on Tamalpais across Hwy 101 for the schools.

Paradise Drive sidewalk at Harbor to San Clement will have the sidewalks widened soon. Sharrows will be put in place on the back side of Cove School. There are plans to install a flashing beacon at Prince Royal at Paradise Drive. The improvements at Golden Hind have been completed. There will be a path on the south side of the road to Marin County Day. A path is under consideration at Verona

The next meeting will be scheduled after school resumes in the fall.

