



**Larkspur Corte Madera Safe Routes to Schools
Task Force Notes
Wednesday May 16, 2018**

Attended:

Peter Brown- DPW Corte Madera, Megan Acevedo- Team Leader Neil Cummins, Hadar Albo- Parisi & Assoc., Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools, Jennifer Harrison-Team Leader Neil Cummins, Ann Morrison- Vice Mayor City of Larkspur, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark Safe Routes to Schools, Jean Severinghaus- Caltrans District 4, Michelle Walker- Principal Cove School, Jared Barrilleaux- DPW Corte Madera, Julian Skinner- DPW Larkspur

Updates:

Corte Madera

Pixley/Redwood Update

The city added 90 feet of red curbing and removed several parking spots. No complaints have been received as of this meeting. A stop bar will be installed to prevent drivers from cutting the corner at the crosswalk.

Tamal Vista complete streets design underway

A class 2 bike lane between Fifer and Madera on Tamal Vista has been completed. This will help connect the Sandra Marker and Warren trails. The street crossing remains a challenge; improvements will continue to be explored. The city is evaluating locations for roundabout vs. signed stop intersections: Lucky and Fifer and Nellen Roads.

The DPW is conducting a roundabout feasibility study for four locations in Corte Madera. Safety records indicate they are a safer option vs a traffic signal. The study will include incorporating bike lanes with roundabouts.

A request was made to trim the bushes near the DMV and to fix the pedestrian light at the Sandra Marker trail on the east side of the road

Larkspur

The city will be installing approximately 200 ADA ramps with in 25 miles of streets with funds from Measure B.

Three projects will be funded with TAM Safe Pathways with one bid. Phase 1 will address the road (Doherty Drive) on the west side of the river to the high school parking lot. A future 2nd phase grant application will include continuation to Lucky Drive.

The crosswalk at Madrone and Magnolia can be in the shadows and after evaluation may be removed with funds to be used for the bus stop install bulb outs and flashing beacon. The bus stop does warrant a flashing beacon. The crosswalk at William will get a crosswalk; no flashing beacon (does not meet criteria) an advanced yield signs will be installed

**Emailed comments from David McPherson (Wendi read aloud)

“Doherty Drive is 37.5’ wide and could easily include two 10’ motor vehicle lanes and two protected bike lanes if it had been correctly striped when it was repaved. I feel the Task Force should push to correct this. Larkspur wants the car traffic to remain slow but has provide car lanes that are wider than Highway 101”.

Julian comments this was in the original Safe Pathways project. It was deferred due to no funding. The DPW hopes it will be in the next grant application.

Center line on the bike path

Jean requested the DPW research installing a dashed yellow line down the middle of the path behind Bon Aire shopping center.

The DPW will review for stripping options; studies have shown that no stripes can often slow down cyclists vs a striped lane can sometimes influence cyclists to travel fast “in their lane”. Mill Valley recently painted a solid and dashed line on the pathway. The center line could be helpful to students as they tend to follow rules

The crosswalk near the Bon Air Road Bridgewhere the student was hit is under review. The student did take responsibility for their behavior too. The DPW will be redesigning the “free right slip lanes; they can create unsafe crossing conditions. The community tends to not want them removed because of potential traffic delays.

Doherty Dr. update on phasing

Construction is scheduled to start mid July 2018

Magnolia and Madrone

Construction is scheduled to start following the Doherty work, this fall.

Lark Theater crosswalk-

This crosswalk is included in the third components of the project. The sidewalk will be improved, included a 10ft wide bike path; the sidewalk and bike lane will be right next to each other and extend to Rose Lane. The section of this project that includes the shopping center has not been approved as of this meeting. The next step include the city to seek resolution with the property owner. The City has sued for Eminent Domain in order to get the connector to complete the path.

Bon Air Bridge

This will be a 4 years of construction project. Notices will be posted and emails to the community. Updates and information will be available at the city's website.

Baltimore St.

This issue is on the project list however it is not funded; the study for the crosswalk has been put on hold.

Issues list

The list will be updated: issues that have been resolved first, remaining or new issues will be prioritized. Task Force members and DPW engineers will need to determine. The following "suggestions/comments" match the issue as it is listed on the list #1 to #11.

#1 Bike Path - dogs on retractable leashes Priority 3

The Larspur DPW is evaluating the best resource for striping the multi-use with a center lane over the next three months.

#2 - Bike Path speeding or inconsiderate bicycles Priority 3

A "share the path campaign" education program similar to Mill Valley's program was suggested. The city was not aware of conflicts with speeding cyclists on the trail only on the street.

#3-Rose Lane Priority 2

Students continue to walk down the middle of Rose Lane as they exit the shopping center. There are sidewalks on either side of the street. Students need direction and

education. The school can help with this message. The DPW does not want to install a crosswalk at this time.

#4- Lark Theater Crosswalk Priority 1

The long crosswalk and uneven street improvements are included in the new bid and are funded.

#5- Paradise Drive Priority 1

Paradise drive issues are under review. On San Clemente Drive (south and east road sides) a class 1 path and class 2 bike lane designs are in process. Roadside parking will be removed. The road by Cove School is very narrow; the DPW is looking into options to extend the pathway. There are drainage issue in this location that could impact the cost of the project along with the many driveways that could be affected.

Other DPW projects that are moving along:

Prince Royal Drive- new flashing beacon to be installed with crosswalk

Seawolf Road- the sidewalk will be widened

Robin Drive-class 1 bike lane and improvements to the flow by the school.

6 Riviera Circle Priority 1

Issues to be resolved with the repaving project

#7 Redwood and Pixley Resolved

#8 Magnolia Crosswalk Priority 1

Baltimore Ave remains on the city's project list. The crosswalks by Rustic Bakery and M&G will be evaluated for options to improve visibility for all road users. These projects could be implemented with the repaving of Magnolia. The community will be asked to provide input.

#9 Holcolmb Crosswalk Priority 1

The DPW will work with the police department to address drivers speeding along the back entrance to the school.

#10 Lucky Drive Priority 1

Jean reported these issues are bring address in the Safe Pathways project. A roundabout could be an option for this intersection. Here are suggestions she sent after the meeting which are too long to include on the spread sheet:

Lucky Drive uncontrolled turns at intersection with Fifer

Issue Safety issue for students to travel northeast on Lucky from Doherty intersection without having to cross uncontrolled fast freeway bound Lucky Drive/ Fifer intersection. There is no good way to go left to middle lane go straight and north to POC and West sidewalk Hwy 101 bridge since traffic is uncontrolled, high volume, and does not stop when turning right onto Fifer. Hazard is for students biking northeast along on the southeast side of Lucky Drive after the water district. New proposed project in Corte Madera of Class 2 lane and parking removal on Lucky's east side does not solve this issue: consider instead removing parking on west side.

Suggestion Request a 1.3 block long Class 4 Separated Two-way Pathway, or a MultiUse Path, or a Wide Sidewalk, in Corte Madera, on the northwest, creek, side of Lucky Drive, from Doherty/Lucky intersection (in Larkspur), along Lucky Drive in Corte Madera, to past Lucky/Fifer intersection. Continue path one-third block north (in Corte Madera) approximately to the Marin County line. Place a new crosswalk across Lucky Drive in the much quieter area north of Fifer, still in Corte Madera.

Work with Larkspur (Project in line #11, high priority issue (a)) to place a Flashing Beacon at Lucky/Doherty crosswalk to access this northwest side two-way path.

Having students bike north on the northwest side of Lucky when heading north to the POC and the West Side 101 Bridge sidewalk avoids students having to cross the uncontrolled freeway-bound high volume traffic turning right at Lucky/Fifer.

Parisi reports Lucky Drive right of way is 60 feet wide in Corte Madera so has room to improve, and says this would need to be a project.

#11 Lucky Drive to Doherty Drive Priority 1

A ramp is requested to slow down traffic. Julian said they DPW would review. Here are suggestions submitted by Jean:

Lucky Drive / Doherty intersection in Larkspur

Issue Safety issue for students to travel southwest on Lucky Drive into Larkspur from Corte Madera and Marin County since they have to cross the uncontrolled high volume fast Lucky Drive/Doherty free right turn to merge to go south to RHS and trails.

Two issues a+b:

Issue a) Crosswalk on the free right turn leg of Lucky/Doherty has poor visibility for speeding cars who do not see to stop for students. Or just do not stop. High traffic volumes coming from freeway. Hazard for students in all modes in crosswalk! No ramps.

Issue b) Difficult on bike to move across the right lane of fast moving cars to get into left lane to go straight south into RHS and or turn left to the two trailheads. Missing ramp to trailheads places bikers stopped directly in front of cars exiting RHS parking lot. Slight uphill on Lucky heading south on bike makes it physically hard to match car speeds to merge left. Same hill makes for poor visibility for bikers to see oncoming cars on Lucky near the Doherty intersection. Students (and adults) bike across all three lanes of Lucky at midblock before the hill to avoid both directions of cars, and then bike south against traffic on far side of Lucky in the street. New proposed project in Corte Madera of Class 2 lane and parking removal on Lucky east side does not solve the issue of bikers merging left and continuing across Doherty to RHS and trails to south and west in Larkspur. Nor does it solve the free right turning cars hazard at the uncontrolled crosswalk at the Lucky/Doherty intersection for bikers on the sidewalk and in the travel lane.

Suggestions

My #1 priority. Issues (a)+(b) both; request Larkspur immediately install a RRFB Flashing beacon for the crosswalk leg crossing the free right turning cars from Lucky Drive onto Doherty. A flashing beacon was suggested some time ago. Ramps for cyclists at all crosswalks were recommended too. High hazard!

My #2 priority. Issue (b); Install (with Corte Madera line #10 project, but for different reasons) a 1.3 block long Class 4 two-way Separated Pathway, or a MultiUse Pathway, or a Wide Sidewalk, in Corte Madera, on the northwest, (creek), side of Lucky Drive, from Doherty/Lucky intersection (in Larkspur), along Lucky Drive (in Corte Madera) past the Lucky/Fifer intersection (to approximately Marin County boundary). Having students bike on the new pathway/ wide sidewalk on the northwest side of Lucky Drive when heading south to Larkspur trails at Lucky/Doherty avoids students having to cross the high volume of fast traffic coming from the freeway midblock haphazardly to avoid the cars making the fast, low visibility, free right turn at Lucky/Doherty, AND it places students biking heading south to RHS and trails at Lucky/Doherty in the Flashing Beacon controlled crosswalk leg, protecting them from drivers heading both directions.

A third suggestion from the City and Town DPWs (May 2018 Task Force meeting) is to re-examine placing a roundabout at Lucky/Doherty in Larkspur. (Caution: how will a roundabout control the high speed+ volume of free right turning cars conflicting with bikes and walkers?)

The remainder of the issues will be addressed in the fall.

Wendi reminded the Team Leaders if they have suggestions for additional issues they must be presented to the city(s) as soon as possible when repaving is planned. The repaving projects are on the cities websites. Projects are posted each year.

[Caltrans D4 Bicycle plan](#)

The bike plan report is now available the public.

Redwood carpooling

No update was provided during this meeting.

Crossing Guard report

The guard at Magnolia and King will not be removed. No guards will be removed at Cove School; a guard will not be assigned at the front of the school as requested.

Next Meeting

Is scheduled for Wed., Sept 26 at 3:45.