



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Mill Valley Safe Routes to Schools Task Force
Meeting Notes
Wednesday August 29th, 2018**

Attendance: Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark Safe Routes to Schools, Hadar Albo- Parisi Assoc., Kevin Cuff- Parent MVMS-Tam High, Ryan Eriving-Team Leader Edna Maguire, David Eschoo-Engineer Mill Valley DPW, Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools, Simon Gillmore- Strawberry, , Jacqueline Graf-Reis- Mill Valley Police Dept., Molly Graham- TAM, Clay Kunz- Team Leader Strawberry, Tracy Lee- Team Leader Old Mill, Des McKissock-Marin Horizon, Christina Mueller- Parent Edna Maguire, Scott Brooks- Mill Valley Police Dept., Tricia Satake-Tam High, Jill Liszewski- Team Leader Park School, Steve Zoyrntos- Parent Tam Valley School, Stephanie Moulton-Peters- City Council

Measure AA- Attachment

Molly presented an informational “fact sheet” developed by TAM. Feedback was by task force members. update the document for schools to present to the parent community, include details about crossing guard program and data that relates to what the measure funds.

Team Leader

[Back to School- Park and Walk](#)
[SR2S- Safe Tips 2018- Spanish](#)
[SR2S- Safety Tps 2018- English](#)

Safe Routes to Schools provided all school principals (prior to the start of school) with safety tips to identify authorized “park and walk” locations. SR2S is encouraging students and families to reduce congestion around schools by utilizing park and walk locations. Many schools throughout the county are encouraging campus drop off with student and parent valet.

International Walk to School Day is October 10th; this is a good time to introduce suggested park and walk locations. Locations to consider for parking include: senior centers, church and community parking lots. Volunteer resources: neighborhood seniors to walk with students and student leadership and grade 5 “school buddies”, could meet up and walk to school together.

Kevin requested Tam High post authorized drop-off locations for the in coming students/parents. Many do not know the area and could use help from the school and police department. The police department has identified “drop off” at Tam as an ongoing challenge. Many drivers do not drive responsibly; students are dropped off in unsafe locations. Messaging needs to be directed to change behaviors.

Wendi reinforced behaviors can change when a cultural shift is promoted. Infrastructure is very important to support the change in behavior. Students can help promote proper behavior to their parents too.

Jill requested a proposal be made to build an eco-friendly path along Shoreline Hwy. where the water drainage that runs along Shoreline in Tam Valley. Many residents feel it is very unsafe to walk or cycle along this section of Shoreline. In the morning and evenings during specific times of the year the angle of the sun can cause several blind zones for drivers.

Wendi suggested that once the mapping projects for the local schools have been updated, SR2S can review options for road facility improvements and include the suggestion for Shoreline.

Iwalk Planning

SR2S Cool the Planet and the Green Sneaker Challenge are encouragement options available this year. Contact laura@marinbike.org to learn more.

Safe Routes to Schools will not have Clif Kid products to distribute this year; alternative resources are being researched. Volunteers are encouraged to ask their local grocery store if they have not already been approached for SR2S donations. Stickers are being provided to schools to distribute on IWalk Day.

Old Mill I Walk Plan

Students and families will be encouraged to meet at the Depot to walk to school in IWalk Day (100+ students are expected to participate)

Report cards

Wendi reported the formatting for the report cards countywide has been updated. Many schools have been participating in the program since 2000. Those baselines have been pushed up to 2009 to create a more level grading formula. The reports measure green trips and active participation in Safe Routes to School programs. Report cards do not present a pass or fail grade; they are developed to determine what progress a school is making. If progress is not demonstrated, Safe Routes to School can offer support to improve green transportation at individual schools. Report cards can be updated if information/data was not accurately reported as a result of missing information.

Old Mill Report Card- comments

Baseline was updated from 2000, now data will be more accurate. Student engagement, green team activities and student bus trains have helped Old Mill achieve a Forest Green grade.

Marin Horizon Report Card- comments

At this time of the meeting SR2S did not have survey data or activity details from the 2017-18 school year. Des did report data was collected and it will be provide. A new bus stop was added, mapping routes are on the school website. Walk and Roll will start up again in September 2018.

Park School- comments

Baseline was also updated.

Strawberry School- comments

Baseline was updated; there was a decrease in green trips from 2016. This school is still a feeder school; where students travel from can influence how they get/depart school. The yellow bus and carpool resources can help with increasing green trips.

Mill Valley Middle School- comments

Baseline was updated; overall report is good.

Tam High School- comments

Report card needs to be updated with recent informations submitted; increased participation in the the student travel survey conducted last spring provided valuable information on green trips.

Yellow School Bus Program-

No representative was present to report.

Crossing Guard-

TAM Board approved a budget to step in and cover expenses until the January. It was going to drop to 58 positions at the start of this school year. If future funding is approved through the renewal of the sales tax, 96 crossing guard positions could be funded after November 2018.

No guards have been cut for Mill Valley; this could change if funding is not approved.

Many schools have crossing guards at the front of a school. These positions could possibly be funded outside of TAM. Tricia reminded school volunteers that during the last task force meeting they were encouraged to ask their PTA if they could fund guards. No one at the meeting inquired. Some PTAs are well funded and others are not.

KIDDO currently funds school art related programs. It was suggested they be approached to add safety to the funding program in the future. .

Updates and Issues

City Updates

[Bike Friendly Community Designation](#)

The City has submitted the application for being awarded a designation. Since March of 2018 city staff have been working on the application. Now a survey has been distributed from the Bicycle Friendly America program for additional feedback from the community. The City is very confident they will receive at least a Bronze reward.

Camino Alto project:

Will go out to bid in early winter; if bids are close to the budget it could be awarded next spring. The project will include bike lanes on Camino Alto.

A crosswalk on Camino Alto would cost approximately \$15,000 with ADA ramp. The DPW will consider adding this to a bigger project in the future

County Update- comments provided to Wendi from the County DPW

A bike/pedestrian buffer zone is due to be installed along the northerly side of Belvedere Drive as part of the Belvedere Drive rehabilitation project. It will provide a clear path for pedestrians and bicyclists on that side of the road between the easterly and westerly intersections with Bayview Terrace.

Mapping **Maps attached of MVMS and Old Mill**

Edna Maguire- Ryan will look into the next steps to get project started.

Mill Valley Middle and Old Mill map drafts were distributed for feedback. The maps reflect information that was collected at the last mapping meeting. Road facilities need to be confirmed, suggested safe routes need to be reviewed along with location of crossing guards. Comment: Where Reed meets the frontage road is not correctly marked.

Tam Valley map needs to be expanded as students travel to Mill Valley Middle School and Tam High.

Comments: Bell Lane does not have a bike lane, many students ride on the sidewalk and encounter dangerous conditions when crossing driveways. Sharrows would also be useful along Marin Ave.

Strawberry would like a map developed, the next step is to schedule a meeting with people from the neighborhood and the school's site council. Another option is to update

an existing travel survey similar to what MVMS used for students/families to complete and return.

Simon request information be collected on a possible route in the Strawberry area located behind the In/Out Burger to keep students off the frontage road. There is a section that enters private property. It was suggested he collect more information and present it to the Mill Valley BPAC and County DPW John Neville.

Old Mill map draft needs to be reviewed by school mapping volunteers for comments.

Park School is not schedule for a map at this time. Comments provided: a pedestrians blinking light by the tennis courts similar to the one on Shoreline. There are obstructions for vehicle drivers including a city banner that hangs across the street. Many drivers are looking at the banner and not paying attention to the crosswalk underneath it. The sun can also create blind zones at specific times of the year.

Next Meeting

Oct 17, 2018 at Tam High at 9:45AM