



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Attendance: James Campbell- City of Belvedere, Alice Fredericks- Mayor Town of Tiburon, Nancy Lynch- Superintendent, Dmitriy Lashkevich- Tiburon Assoc Engineer, Kathy Mcleod- Outreach Coordinator, Matina Seremetis- Team Leader Bel Aire School, Tricia Seyler- Belvedere Chief of Police, Ashley Tam- Parisis & Assoc., Wendi Kallin- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Bob Gouveia - Parent, Cathleen Gouveia- Parent, Ryan Gouveia- Student, Pat Barens- DPW Director

**Suggested Map Route- Ryan Gouveia-Bel Aire 5th grade students:** [Map photo](#)

Ryan presented a hand drawn map including features along his route to Bel Aire school. He lived in the Cove neighborhood for over 2 years and cycled to school.

**Presented suggested improvements:**

- The intersection at Tiburon Blvd and the Cove Shopping center is very dangerous- he recommends students and pedestrians use an undeveloped path around the shopping center to avoid cutting through the parking lot of the center.
- Install a pedestrian bridge over Tiburon Blvd- vehicle drivers go too fast when kids and pedestrians are present.
- Reed Ranch Road can also be dangerous for students to cycle.
- On Cycle Drive is there a path the students could also use to reach Bel Aire School to avoid being on the busy road.
- There is a fire road where Cayford Dr connects with Reed Ranch Road- this is a good place for kids to ride too.
- The old train tunnel at Mercury Ave leads to Bel Aire school

Pat Barnes commented on a few of the suggestions. The road is managed by CalTrans and is a state roadway; making it difficult to lower the speed limit. A bridge from Trestle Glen Blvd to Blackies Pasture would be very expensive and a controversial issue for residents. Gaining access to a bridge on the Trestle Glen Road side would be a challenging design.

Pat will take a look at the fire road near Cayford Drive for access options.

Ryan's presentation was very well delivered and all attending thanked him and his family for taking the time to present his suggestions to the Task Force.

**Greenwood Meeting Update:**

Pat reported that Greenwood Ave has been a bike route since early 80's. For years residents have complained that cyclists travel too fast for the neighborhood. The results of a speed survey indicated very few cyclists exceed the speed limit (approx 6 riders out of 1,200). There have also been complaints that cyclists go too slow and do not move out of the way of vehicles.

The residents are OK with students cycling on Greenwood but they object to recreational cyclists.

A recommendation was to encourage the fast, recreational cyclists to use Tiburon Blvd and to have students use Greenwood as a designated Class 3 route. A Class 2 designation would remove parking spots on the road. A suggestion was made to install signage directing fast cyclists to Tiburon Blvd at Blackfield Road. Safe Routes to Schools would like School Route street signs directed to/ for students, indicating this is a route to school and for traffic to be aware and slow speeds.

The town is considering making Tiburon Blvd as Class 2 to match with the County section of the roadway. The area between Steward and Trestel is a very dangerous area for cyclists.

**Definition of Bike Lane facilities:**

Class 1: Provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with cross-flow minimized.

Class 2: Provides a striped lane for one-way bike travel on a street or highway adjacent to auto travel lanes.

Class 3: Bike Routes where Bicycles share the lane with cars

Cathleen lived at 20 Greenwood for a number of years. It is a well traveled road for students during the school year and during the summer as kids travel to town to attend summer camps.

The attendance at the DPW meeting is mostly by Greenwood residents. Parents and other neighbors are not showing up at the meeting to voice suggestions.

The next step will be for the Planning Commission review recommendations. It is important for SR2S representatives to attend these meetings. SR2S will email alerts to the School District and Task Force members.

Wendi proposed a meeting with the Greenwood Cove Dr and Greenwood Beach residents before the Planning Commission meeting. This would help all parties understand the issues. Pat thinks this is a great suggestion to actually meet on the street and provide examples for suggested signs.

### **Workshop to create maps: Comments:**

Cove Area Discussion: Pat understands why kids go through the parking lot and behind the mall. The parking lot is very busy and traffic can be heavy. Vehicle drivers are rushing in all directions. With the improvements suggested including enhanced bike boxes, a crossing guard, pedestrian lights updated and shifting lanes students will still cut through the parking lot.

Wendi reported in the past SR2S was presented the idea of using the pathway behind the mall. The improvement would be very expensive, it may be better to leave it alone as a casual bike way. Improvements would require the land owners approval, storm drain upgrades and repaving at a cost of approx 1 million dollars. If were to be a Class 1 Caltrans would need to give up roadway and install a guardrail. CalTrans rarely make such changes and they are costly.

The fire road up Cecilia to Circle Drive (off Cayford) has a short cut used by students. There may be steps and lanes to the main streets that need to be identified. The use of this short cut would reduce the traffic coming down the hill. The roadways are very narrow and winding; making it dangerous for students walking and biking.

The vegetation near Reed School needs to be cut back to increase site lines.

The gravel path by Gil Martin Road is on the Raven property. It is a long route for Reed students to take and most will not take the longer route. This project is too big for the Task Force to focus on at this time.

Safe Routes needs a list of the steps, lanes and paths in Tiburon. Several of these identified facilities could be put on the SR2S maps to be developed. Ashley and Pat will meet to review routes using the steps/lane list.

Belvedere Map does not provide safe route for bikes. Walking to Reed School can be planned for; the official school zone extends 500 feet

The timing of the light at Blackfield Road will be adjusted to give pedestrian more time to cross Tiburon Blvd.

The Map work will take several stages as they develop and more research will need to be done as recommendations are presented.

### **Next meeting date:**

The next meeting date will be announced in the fall.