



Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Attendance:

Leslie Alden- Marin County Board of Supervisors, James Campbell- City of Belvedere, Alice Fredericks- Town of Tiburon, Dmitriy Lashkevich- DPW Tiburon, Angela McInerney-Parent/Team Leader support, Kathy McLeod- Parent/Resident, David Parisi- Parisi Associates, Matina Seremetis- Parent Bel Aire, Christine Svallin- Parent Del Mar School, Simon Coyle - St Hillary, Julie Stewart- Team Leader Reed School, David Sawyer- VP Del Mar School

Introduces new team leaders

Julia Stewart- Team Leader for Reed School, Jena Watson- Team Leader Bel Aire,

Greenwood Beach Road

Wendi referred to the request from the task force that the “school bike route” signage be approved for Greenwood Beach and Greenwood Cove roads. These roads are managed by the Town of Tiburon and the County of Marin. There have been several conversations however a decision has not been presented.

Dmitriy reported this is a CIP project for Tiburon. Last July the Town Council had decided what projects would be included in the coming fiscal year. Projects were identified by level of importance. Many of the Safe Routes to Schools projects were not included. He believes a study was approved only.

Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) was requested to prioritize their projects and then present that list to the Council. A recommendation was made for SR2S to first prioritize projects and then present 1 project a year to the council for approval.

The city has a very large underground project and a ferry dock project that have taken priority for Tiburon this year. There are many considerations included in the evaluation of projects including community safety and legal requirements. When there is a high community interest those projects get attention over others.

David agreed SR2S needs to update the issues/project list for long and short term projects. TAM will have a Safe Pathways “call for projects” in the next 6 months. The Del Mar project could be a strong candidate for the county wide funding. Tiburon has been awarded funding in the past for under \$25,000 projects. The funding cycle is every 3-4 years; when money is available. The projects presented for this funding must supported and presented by the DPW.

The Greenwood Beach and Cove project along with the collaboration of Tiburon, County and SR2S could be a small project that could be award funding. The deadline is soon approaching for submitting priority projects. February and March are months when projects are reviewed for funding.

County report

No representatives from the county

Walk audit:

David reported a 2 hour walk audit was conducted to observe road conditions along with a second visit to the field. A number of issues have been identified. A report will be presented to the Town Engineer in October. A few of the items in the report will include:

- Parking of vehicles at uncontrolled crosswalks
- Curves in the road that obstruct site lines
- Dated signs

The report will include design concepts for longer term, more costly projects. There are many exciting ideas that will be presented. The priority now is for SR2S to update the issues list and meet with the city in early November.

In the interim task force members would like to see action taken with the safety issues at Del Mar School. Hillary Ave is very unsafe during drop-off with many vehicles. Heavy traffic and unsafe driving behaviors (double parking) are numerous by the school.

Mapping

Update on the Del Mar Map

Parisi Associates office is working on the final edits for the map. Currently the crossing guard location will not be changing. A guard will be added at Tiburon Blvd and Stewart Drive.

The Vice Principal said there is a formal procedure for student drop-off at Del Mar. The map needs to include the drop-off location once identified. The school will see the current procedures are shared with the school families.

School Pool map request from Redwood

Redwood High Seniors will be invited to participate in the lottery for the 48 carpool spaces first. Student's with parking permits will not be permitted to leave campus in their vehicles. The permit application program will start up in October 2018.

The school district may have the neighborhood already identified for the yellow bus program. If this information is available, it could be used to identify families in specific neighbors to coordinate carpool or walking school buses. The success of a school pool program is when families can identify people they already know to travel with.

Map for Reed

SR2S is budgeted to produce only so many maps a year. Angela and her team have already completed a great deal of the initial data collection. Now David's staff can add additional comments and complete it to present to the DPW.

Crossing Guard report

Simon reported a guard will be added at Rock Hill Drive and Tiburon Blvd. The position is being funded by parents of St Hilary's School. They would like to request a flashing light on Tiburon Blvd "school crossing ahead". This location will be added to the requested list for TAM.

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.

The current state guidelines for determining where a crossing guard will be placed is used in Marin County. TAM with input for Safe Routes to Schools could review the criteria.

Guard Update:

Avandia Mira Flores has a crossing guard.

Karen Way does not have a crossing guard.

Measure AA

See attachments

Measure AA is on the November ballot. It will support the continued funding of crossing guards. The attached documents can be used by schools, PTA groups and the community to inform voters about the measure and how it supports schools.

Safe Routes to School Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed in October.

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.

Safe Routes to Schools has a challenge with engaging the Reed School District. The bus program is doing very well and SR2S promotes the bus. It was suggested if the bus program is doing well this could create an opportunity to also promote walking and rolling. The Tiburon Bike Train was a very successful program and could be an option to promote again.

Overview for Reed School District:

- Del Mar School - Deep Green
- BelAire- Forest Green
- Reed School - Growing The overall score is low; however, it is improving slowly. There are less students using the bus and the school's encouragement has not been well supported. In the past they had 100 students participate on Bike to School Day. Now that there is a new team leader participation will increase.

Safe Routes to School is promotion Park and Walk

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. Blackies Pasture is a very good park and walk location; additional location need to be identified.

On occasion the police are on the pathway. If families knew this maybe more parents would feel more comfortable permitting students to walk and ride to school.

I-Walk plans

Angela requested the Ark promote I-Walk in the local paper. She requested the DPW place the flashing sign announcing I-Walk as they have in past years. The overall plan is the same as in past years. Students and families will be encouraged to walk, bike, bus and carpool.

Family Biking Event

Planned for Saturday, Oct 6 at the back side of Town Hall. The back lot will be cordoned off. The Ark had a featured article; the school district provided information to all the schools and the town web site has the event posted

Other issues

Update on RUSD School security plan

Safe Routes to School would like an update. The proposal that was presented last spring does not support the efforts for walking and rolling to school by Safe Routes to Schools by closing off entrances to the campus. The police chief stated at the meeting the risk was infinitesimal that something would happen on a campus vs a student being killed by a vehicle driver. David Sawyer reported back that the plan would be to close off the entrances during school but not during school commute.

Speed monitoring signs

Dimitry reported the town's current speed monitoring signs are not very sophisticated. The signs can be placed randomly in town; if they are in one place too long they are no longer effective.

The speed limits on Tiburon Blvd are a challenge. Tiburon Blvd is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans. To have speed monitoring signs placed an encroachment would have to be obtained that could require a study first. If the signs on Tiburon

Blvd were to be updated a permit must also be obtained from Caltrans. On the Caltrans website individuals can report bad road conditions including signs.

Wendi suggested Caltrans be invited to the next Task Force meeting to discuss these challenges.

Next meeting issues

- Inquire about Trestle Glen Striping after the Slurry seal.
- Repaint stripes down center of Old Rail Trail- especially in area impacted by the McKinney Green restoration.
- Ask Tiburon/ Belvedere & RUSD/ ST.H to do a bus safety reminder - People are still not understanding when to stop for bus stops.
- Install signage to make Bel Aire bicycle routes “bicycle boulevards”

Dates:

Nov. 13, 2018 at 8:30 am- Prioritize issues list

Feb 13, 2018 at 8:30 am - Winter Task Force meeting