



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force

Meeting Notes

February 13, 2019

Attendance: Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Alice Fredericks-Town of Tiburon, Angela McInerney- Del Mar Parent Volunteer, Christine Svallin-Del Mar Parent, Afsaneh Zolfaghari- RUSD Board Trustee, Kathy McLeod- Resident-Crossing Guard supervisor

Report back from Issues sub-committee

The committee has selected the top 3 issues for the towns to focus on.

#1 Avenida Mira Flores – top priority – by Del Mar school

This is a very confusing intersection with a number of safety issues. Walk Audits have been conducted to identify the specific issues; engineers are working on solutions. TAM call for projects will be announced in the spring. SR2S is requesting the town move this project up the priority list to receive capital improvements funds and be eligible for grant funding.

It will be very important for residents to attend the town meeting when they are considering move this project up the priority list. Alice will update SR2S when the meetings are scheduled.

2 Trestle Glen

A bike lane has been identified as needed for students. The Bay Trail has designated this road as part of its larger project so it may be an option for future regional funding along with MTC state and regional funding sources.

3 Greenwood Beach/Cove Road

The City Council had recommended safety improvements on the last meeting agenda on this issue and only recommended speed signs for bicyclists and not the school route signs Safe Routes had requested. No representatives from the schools or Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) attended the meeting. Residents did attend the meeting. They are concerned the signs will direct recreation cyclists to use the road more frequently and they do not want to increase bike traffic.

SR2S is requesting signs be posted messaging vehicle drivers to “slow down for bicyclists”. Students are crossing the road randomly and causing unsafe road conditions for themselves and other road users. SR2S is asking the city to reconsider the ruling from the last meeting and reconsidering improving the signs for the safety of students traveling to and from school on this road: A green school route sign.

The next step is to inform the residents on exactly what message SR2S is requesting of the city and county and to get their support. In the past the DPW has not wanted to add too many signs and the County does not usually support pavement markings.

Propose Safe Routes policy for Reed

Reed School District does not have a Safe Routes to School District Policy. The policy includes district strategies to improve student safety along routes to school and to promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport to school by students. A request was made for this to be addressed at the next district meeting. A sample of other Marin County schools district will be provided as an example for Reed SD.

Tiburon Blvd Issue – conversation with Caltrans

Sergio Ruiz -Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator / Branch Chief-Caltrans District 4 was not able to attend the meeting as he planned. Below are comments he provided via email.

“Since questions came up about speed feedback signs at the last meeting, I wanted to pass along info on that. The Town wouldn’t need Caltrans to do a speed survey

or study for changeable message signs to reduce speeds, just an encroachment permit. A study would be needed to install new or replaced speed limit signs.

I understand there may be questions related to this. I can do my best to answer them as a follow up or at the next meeting.”

Task Force members developed the following list of issues along Tiburon Blvd. It will be submitted to Caltrans for review and feedback.

Issues:

There were no representatives at this meeting from Strawberry School to add to this list. Some students do travel along Tiburon Blvd to elementary and middle schools

- > ** Flashing speed limit signs are the highest priority. The schools have different bell schedules; vehicle drivers are not aware when students are present
- > Greenwood Cove Drive – bike lane needed
- > Road markings have faded and there are many potholes near Trestle Glen
- > Reed Ranch Road- students cross Tiburon Blvd; there is no formal way to cross the road, they must travel down to Trestle Glen to cross
- > Reed Ranch Road- the median pokes out into Tiburon Blvd; cyclists cannot cut through the median- a bike lane is needed in both directions. Students tend to pick-up their bikes adding to a dangerous crossing
- >The speed limit approaching Avenida Miraflores goes from 25 to 45 back to 45.
- > Avenida Miraflores needs a bulb out at Tiburon Blvd.
- > Gilman- vehicle drivers making a right turn are challenged to see pedestrian and cyclists. The vegetation is overgrown and the sidewalk is very narrow making it dangerous for students to collect while waiting to cross Tiburon Blvd.
- > San Rafael Ave approaching Tiburon Blvd; the gravel and dirt pose unsafe conditions for students- no place to stand to cross
- >Tiburon Blvd (inbound/bayside of road) at Trestle Glen- students are cycling on the wrong side of the road. Years ago Caltrans removed a wooden bridge that was used by the students.
- > Neds Way floods causing cyclists and pedestrians to go into the road way to avoid the flooding- very dangerous for students crossing to the school.

> Marwest- there is a good amount of traffic at this intersection, causing confusion for student crossing

New Issue:

Vehicle drivers have been observed turning when the bus lights/signs have been activated where there is a turn lane. It is assumed the turn lane is a “second lane” making it a 4 lane road and they do not need to yield to the yellow bus.

Education is suggested for 2 lane vs 4 lane and rules for roads with medians. The Marin Transit website has information for Yellow Bus rules.

Mapping

Reed School District will be moving forward with fencing each school. The primary entrance/exits will not be fenced off during school hours. The budget was just approved; work may begin this summer. Most of Reed School is already fenced. SR2S is requesting that entrances/exits that are identified as walking or rolling to the school not be gated.

The school district was requested to use the SR2S suggested route maps to identify the routes for all schools.

Crossing Guards

The guard at Karen Way is funded by the school. The guards for Bel Aire School funded by TAM are:

- Tiburon Blvd. and Black Field Drive
- Celia Way and Black Field

Update on Del Mar map – map attached

The latest draft of the map was discussed. The multi-use path and the walking routes are the same colors on the map. Recommend make walk/biking blue to be constant. Add the length of time for walking and biking accurately (At Blackies it takes 5 minutes to bike and 10 to walk).

Set next meeting and agenda

May 22, 2019 at 8:30am- location to be confirmed.

Agenda request:

Invite Belvedere and Tiburon police to the meeting. Discuss when and where officers support is most needed during the AM/PM hours.