



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force  
Agenda  
Wednesday, March 11  
Tiburon Town Hall Council Chambers**

**1. Introductions** Wendi Kallins Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Kathy McLeod- Parent Del Mar School, Alice Fredericks Town of Tiburon Mayor, Steve Herzog- Superintendent, Ashely Tam- Parisi- Associates, Matina Seremetis- Parent Bel Aire School,

**2. Discuss infrastructure issues around and along routes to Reed Schools**

What are the issues along Tiburon Blvd and other area near the schools. The group was asked what they have observed.

Observation: The last stretch up to Bel Aire School, students are weaving in and out of the cars parked in the Cove Plaza. When they exit the shopping center they do not look left for on coming vehicles.

Recommendation-

- a. No parking from 7:00am to 9:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm outside the shopping center so students will not feel the need to pass through the parking lot.
- b. Mark the bike route with similar markings as Fairfax has for the bike spine.  
Kathy will draw up a map and submit it to the DPW for review. The Safe Routes program could also be a resource to generate a map. The Mill Valley Middle School conducted a mapping project/survey to collect information from students on routes to school.

Observation:

Del Mar now has an unofficial “bike team” and the bike racks are full. Students are cutting across and entering Tiburon Blvd unsafely. The school will be installing a new fence to prevent students from abruptly entering Tiburon Blvd from the dirt path. The fence will direct them down the street to the cross walk.

Parents are still having issues meeting with the Bel Aire Principal; they are not getting any response to emails.

Recommendation:

There are now 3 assistant principals. Suggest Wendi ask the office admin to schedule a meeting with Patty. Request the Del Mar students work on the mapping project. (Note: meeting took place with Patti Purcell on April 2nd)

Observation:

Greenwood Beach Road, the bike path needs sharrows for the multi-use path. The current project is funded but the project only goes a short way as it is part of the Bay Trail too. There are challenges with the constricted parking and the narrowness of the trail. The homeowners had the road widened to provide street parking a long time ago.

Recommendation: If the trail cannot be improved then they should consider the Dutch design of “slow streets”.

Additional Observations:

- Jefferson- blind right turn off Tiburon Blvd onto Jefferson where children are cutting over to the path to get to the crossing guard at Trestle Glenn. Students are not clear on where to position themselves on the road
- Trestle Glen at Tiburon Blvd- students are cycling up Mercury Ave on the wrong side of the road when coming from the path that leads to Jefferson.
- Mercury Street- Recommend directional arrow and a bike lane going across the intersection indicating to vehicle drivers that cyclists are coming off the cross walk.

- Reed Ranch Road- students want to cross over Tiburon Blvd at one of the highest travel times of the day. Where Reed Road meets Tiburon there is a median. The median forces the students out into the road to go around it. Recommendation to put a “cut” in the median and a curb cut at the sidewalk
- Bikes lanes on Tiburon Blvd needed all the way for the faster cyclists. This will encourage the fast cyclists to stay off the path and ride the bike lane on the road. The Mill Valley path is experiencing the same challenges with fast riders. The County Parks which is conducting an education program on the Mill Valley path would like to encourage many jurisdictions to use the same language for consistence though-out the county.
- Paradise Drive- Many students are using this road now, if there are more homes in the future, road use will increase. Recommendation: the Martha Property development be required to designate bike lanes in the future. There are many “steps and pathways” that are in good condition. The route maps are being developed
- Strawberry and Green Wood Beach Road. There is a culvert; basically an open ditch that cyclists use to cut across the church parking lot at the Presbyterian Church. Cyclists use this to avoid riding in the road to the traffic light. Recommend making a two lane path linking the Bay Trail.

### **3. Update on volunteer bike trains**

The train participation was slow during the winter months. Getting the word out in the school is still a challenge. If there was more support from the school, more parents would support the bike train. If parents do not see the school supporting a program; parents tend not to support it as well. It will be helpful to encourage riders when they give out helmets. The Bike Train stickers will be mailed to Kathy to hand out too.

Recommendations: Schedule a Family Biking after school next year. Obtain the support of the PTA to help with promoting the workshop. (WheelEscape is hosting free family biking clinics starting and ending at Blackies Pasture on Monday afternoons through October while school is in session.)

Plan for “walking school buses” for Reed School

#### **4. Report on Yellow Bus Progress**

School parents putting together a fantastic promotional program and developing a web site. The site has all the information and a link for families to sign up students. The committee is working out the bus timing which is a big challenge. 142 families have students at both schools; the challenge is getting between the schools without students waiting too long. On April 5th there will be a meeting to vote on the program outline. The program must be used to be successful. They are considering options for ticket holders too. Tickets for the next school year are scheduled to go on sale April 27th- The web site is [www.buschallenge.org](http://www.buschallenge.org)

Bike Lockers are available for donation but they could be gone soon. If a locker location has been identified this could be a great opportunity. Matina said she would try to make time for this project.

#### **5. Set next meeting and agenda**

Recommended a Doodle Poll be sent out for an early June meeting.