

Safe Routes to Schools

Reed School District Task Force Meeting Notes

September 11, 2017

Attendees: Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to School, Peggy Clark - Safe Routes to Schools, Carlos Estrella-Reed School District, Jim Fraser- Tiburon Town Council, David Hoffman- Parisi & Assoc., Dmitriy Lashkevich-Tiburon Engineer, Kathy McLeod- Wheel Escapes, Angela McInerney- Team Leader Bel Aire, Reed and Del Mar Schools, Christine Svallin- Parent Del Mar, Connie Maddox-Parent Reed and Del Mar, Anette Bratteberg (sp?)- Parent Reed and Bel Aire, Shelby and Jeff Tsai- Parents Reed and Bel Aire

SR2S:

Class Schedule

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) classes will be scheduled in the spring for Del Mar and Bel Aire. Reed's classes are to be determined.

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Angela has been very focused on providing education and encouragement for the new route map. She is also working on keeping the bike trains going. A parent volunteer is needed to help with the bike trains. Gary Fisher has offered to assist and she will be asking the PTA for support.

The DPW has been requested to post the electronic road sign announcing Oct 4 to the community. A limited amount of healthy snack bars will be donated to hand out; funds are needed to purchase more. Bike pins and stickers will also be distributed. The mayor has been invited along with the police to celebrate and encourage student participants. She is hopeful the PTA will add an SR2S line item to the budget this year and the School District could offer support too. A minimum budget of \$500.00 per year is needed.

The DPW has a project scheduled to start at Trestle Glen on Oct 4. Wendi requested they delay the project one day as a safety measure for the increased number of students traveling green to school on Oct 4.

Park- Walk locations

Safe Routes would like to identify Blackies Pasture as a remote drop off. The school district office is challenged to promote remote drop off locations. The school is accountable for students actions on school campus only, the remote locations are under

the jurisdictions of the county and city. The school district does want to participate in the education programs.

Wendi reminded the task force that not one lawsuit has come up for the National Safe Routes program since its inception 17 years ago. There have been injuries; however from a risk management point view promoting remote drop off locations is not dangerous.

Mapping

Del Mar School could use a similar map. Once the suggested best routes are identified engineers can analyze the facilities to determine what projects/improvements are needed. The large “pink map” that was used for Bel Aire would be used for a Del Mar map too. The foundation for a school specific map has already been started.

Review walk/bike map Bel Aire attach suggested route map

The route maps were distributed at the start of this school year. Angela spearheaded this project and paid for the printing of the maps for the three schools. The maps were printed and paid for by Angela this past spring.

The map includes AM and PM directional route inserts on the bottom left of the map along with a legend. They indicate the suggested safe routes for students to take. The back side of the map includes safety tips.

A request was made to the school district to add the Bel Aire map to the homepage of the website. It would be ideal on the side bar, for quick access and easy to find.

Angela and her daughter have been displaying signs to vehicle drivers on the suggested route to take as they approach the school. The students AM commute route is going well; the PM route continues to be a challenge. Many students (parents too) still cut through the Cove Shopping plaza parking lot. It has been a challenge encouraging them to take the “suggested” safe route as indicated on the map.

Paradise Drive Collisions

Jim provided information on the crash where two students were seriously injured when their car went off the cliff while negotiating a turn at high speed. Kate Sears office is taking information regarding the recent injuries. More information will be announced to the community. On Oct. 4 the city’s pedestrian and safety commission will be presenting details on elements of the pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle education project. Wendi encouraged the City of Tiburon to take a proactive position on facility improvements; this can influence the support from the County to address their portion of the roads.

TAM will be presented with a program on updating Street Smarts which could include updated signage and a pilot outreach program. The program will be directed toward adult education. TAM must provide approval.

Paradise Cay Yellow Bus

Many issues have been reported regarding vehicle drivers in the Paradise Cay area driving unlawfully and dangerously when school buses are present. Jim is aware of the problem and understands the city needs to provide education to drivers. Jack Ryan has also been contacted and a meeting is scheduled this month to discuss messaging safe driving.

Kathy commented on the dangerous road condition on Trestle Glen and Paradise Kay. Vehicle and bus drivers go too fast. The unsafe speeds along this short stretch of road need to be addressed by Kate Sears office. Soon there will be more construction vehicles on these roads when students are cycling to and from school. Wendi recommend a representative from Kate's office attend the next tasks force meeting.

Bike Box evaluation results

David reported the "bike box" has been in place for six months at Blackfield Drive and Greenwood Cove Drive. This has been an experimental study period phase. The data that is being collected has been very favorable. The good news is no collisions have been reported in the bike box. Students and adults are using the facility correctly 80% of the time. This information will be provided to the state in a formal report and hopefully will encourage them to recommended these improvements in the future as part of the approved facilities..

Bikelane for Bel Aire

Wendi reported "sharrows" are needed on Karen, Cecilia and Leland identifying them as routes to schools. They help students understand were to ride and for drivers to be aware of all road users. The green sharrows are best for school areas, similar to the ones on Sycamore Ave in Mill Valley. These are identified in the Bike Ped Plan for Greenwood Beach Road but they are not in the budget. For them to get funded they must be on the Capital Improvements Plan projects list, a cost estimate determined and then presented to the City Council.

Angela is starting a lunch program with students to help them understand proper safety behavior. She will be using the tips on the back side of the map. Students need help understanding the difference between cycling on the road vs a sidewalk including the rules of the road for vehicles and cyclists. Students are encouraged to get off and walk their bikes at Karen Way

The school has a TV program that is broadcasted in all the classrooms. This is a potential resource to develop a video and messaging on the Safe Routes Safety Tips.

New issues- Del Mar

Avenida Miraflores and Hillary Drive is a four way intersection with three stop signs and a curved road.. Vehicles drivers tend not to come to a full stop(s) and make unsafe maneuvers when students are present. There is a good deal of traffic on these two roads. A number of improvements including new signs, possibly adding crosswalk markings (Rowley had a painted crosswalk in the past), moving the current crossing guard up the road to this intersection and possibly moving a stop sign up the hill for improved visibility.

Parents from the area commented that it would be a very challenging intersecion for only one crossing guard. They would like the DPW to observe the intersection during commute hours for adults and students.

Crossing guards are assigned based on the evaluation process from TAM. To relocate a crossing guard the town must make a formal request.

Dmitriy agreed drivers do speed in this intersection given the conditions. The DPW is not confident adding crosswalk(s) is the safest solution, bulb outs could be an option.. He recommended an engineering study be requested in the next budget. He will also speak with Pat and Greg in the DPW.

Next meeting- Tuesday-January 23, 2017