



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Friday, January 11, 2019
Ross Valley School District
Meeting Notes**

Attendance:

Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark - Safe Routes to Schools, Hadar Albo-Parisi Associates, Brian Colbert-San Anselmo Town Council, Renee Goddard-Fairfax Town Council, Bret Joyner- Ross Valley School District, Brian Miller- CHP Officer, Scott Schneider - San Anselmo Public Works, Nancy Vernon-County of Marin Aide, Omar Yahya-CHP Officer, Kelly Zalewski-Marin Transit, Chris Whitlock- Marin Transit, Maribel DeLa Cruz- San Anselmo Public Works, David Wise-San Domenico School, Corbin Howes-Team Leader Hidden Valley School.

Updates and reports:

Town of Fairfax:

The Parkade project is moving forward, focus is now on facilities for ADA requirements, curb ramps and design of safe intersections/flow for pedestrians. The Landsdale street treatments have been completed including reflective paint and bumps. Fairfax Safe Routes to School facilities are near completion except for the downtown corridor.

San Anselmo

The Town Council will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on January 29 at 6:30 pm Town Council Chambers. The Council has received numerous comments regarding bad driving behavior in the neighborhoods and in the school zones. People have expressed their frustrations and fears.

The Department of Public Works is working on two major projects. Butterfield Road sidewalk from Brookside School to Drake Blvd. A consultant is gathering data. A public meeting will be scheduled in the spring to present proposed facility improvements

The second project is the “bike spine” that will be a marked route that travels through town to the county lines. It will connect with the Fairfax “bike spine” as well. It is designed to direct elementary school students off the main roads with heavy traffic using signs, road striping, and Sharrows (green). There are some challenging areas where the routes have yet to be determined

The crosswalk at Oak Knoll and Drake remains under review; it is a challenging layout. A number of comments have been submitted regarding drivers running the red light. A crosswalk at Broadmoor Ave. is being considered. A public meeting will be scheduled in the Spring to address safety issues and proposed improvements.

Last summer the water project on Butterfield Road was completed, now the sewer project on the other side of the street will begin from Brookside to Drake Blvd.

County Updates

Nancy reported Butterfield Road committee members met last fall to address the right turn off Butterfield onto Green Valley Court. There are ADA concerns for the proposed pathway; instead, the existing pathway will be made more feasible; no parking signs were suggested; community residents will be updated on the next steps.

The Hidden Valley committee is looking at how to address the many reports of unsafe driver behavior. A traffic safety campaign is being considered, many in the community recognize they need to be the ones to change behavior for it to be a success. The CHP and County Sheriff have been very helpful; however they cannot be everywhere all the time. The next meeting is scheduled for the spring.

Joint Powers Agreement on Yellow Bus program

The School District, County and Town representatives have agreed to work together to inform residents on the Yellow Bus program. It has become evident that many parents do not understand how the program is funded and how it supports the entire community. Public meeting notices will be sent out well in advance. The first meeting will be in late February.

All stakeholders will be meeting to outline the elements of the program; including how Measure AA funding may support the bus program. Marin Transit has been very supportive and carrying a major portion of the weight for the Yellow Bus program.

Yellow Bus Update

Chris Whitlock was introduced to the task force. He will be supporting the day-to-day operations along with Kelly moving forward.

The program is running well since the start of the school year. They have been working with the Memorial Park contractor to address an alternate bus stop during construction. Securing bus parking locations remains a challenge. The County hopes to have a secure location soon that will have access to Hwy 101 and not negatively impact the local neighborhood with early morning bus movement and noises.

Mapping Update [Linkto 4 SR2S Route Maps](#)

During the last Task Force meeting it was agreed upon not to consolidate the maps. There will be 4 maps for the individual schools. A map for Wade Thomas will be developed once the bike spine is completed.

Comments provided on the maps:

- The bus routes should be identified on a separate map along with tips on riding the bus and links to the Yellow and Transit web sites.
- AM/PM routes should be identified
- Street names need to be added
- Highlight areas of concern on the White Hill map, provided step by step route directions.
- The maps will be distributed to SR2S Team Leader for additional Comments
- The Fairfax school's map should identify the best way for students to travel from one side of town to the other. The best way for elementary students is via Dominga Ave., the middle and high school students tend to use Broadway. Mono Lane is an options but it has issues and it is currently one way. The goal is to identify and promote a route that will take the students away from heavy traffic. It may take them extra travel time.
- Renee will meet with John in the next 2 weeks and provide additional feedback.

Once the final maps are approved by the towns and updated with the safety tips, they will be posted on each town's web site, each school site and the school district site. Sleepy Hollow will also post the maps. A digital media packet was requested for

the Town of San Anselmo. Currently there is no budget for printing the maps.

Safe Routes Updates

SR2S Team Leader meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Park and Walk to School

SR2S staff are working with a few select school on the Park and Walk pilot program. They are working with the Air District with additional funding and staff assistance. The pilot program will have provided feedback on what works and doesn't for future school participation and provide different options given a school's unique community.

SR2S Spring Contest

Details will be provided at the Team Leader Meeting.

Hidden Valley School Update

The Active4Me program continues, recently active transportation has dropped down to 20% and they do not fully understand why. There is a feeling from the parents that they just do not feel safe encouraging walking and biking to school.

Last year when Drake High changed the school hours it impacted the flow of traffic. This may have influenced how parents get the younger students to school. If parents do not use active transportation the overall percentage of students walking/biking tends to drop.

Next Meeting

April 26, 2019 at 10:00am