



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Reed District Safe Routes to School Task Force
Meeting Notes
April 25, 2018**

Attendance: James Campbell- City of Belvedere, Carlos Estrella- Reed School District, David Hoffman- Parisi & Associates, Dmitriy Lashkevich- DPW-Town of Tiburon, Angela McInerney- Team Leader Bel Aire School, Kathy McLeod-Parent, Matina Seremetis- Parent, Tricia Seyler- Belvedere Police Chief, Christine Svallin-Parent Del Mar School, Bill Brinkman- President, Del Mar Neighborhood Assoc., Nichole Barnowski-Del Mar Resident, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools

Announcement

Safe Routes to School & Task Force members presented a note and flowers to Angela McInerney for her many years and hours of service as a Team Leader. She will continue with the Task Force; however she will no longer be a SR2S Team Leader.

Mapping ([map file attached](#))

David reported the Del Mar map has been finalized. The Town of Tiburon and community members have all submitted feedback. The final version is now available. This is a “working” document that can be updated in time to reflect changes within the school zones. It will be posted on the school district website and Safe Routes to Schools site.

The multi use path along the lagoon is now labeled and the private cut through path near Trestle Glen has been removed. Local residents did not want the route identified on the map; however they are OK with students using the pathway.

The current locations of crossing guards and bus stops will be updated. The back side of the map will include “safety tips” similar to the Bel Aire map. Kathy reported a guard may be assigned to Steward and the one at Trestle Glen may be relocated. If updates are needed each new version will have the revision # and date posted.

The next step is to share the map with the local paper and include a hard copy in the “back to school” packets, including Walk to School Day in the fall.

David thanked everyone for their collaborative efforts and time to finish this map project.

Future Maps for Reed School District

Safe Routes to Schools will be evaluating the needs of other School Districts and then determining what mapping projects can be scheduled once the new SR2S County contract has been approved. An increase for the mapping budget was requested in the new contract. A map for Reed School may not be very involved; therefore not require a good deal of staff time.

Crossing Guard Report

Wendi provided an overview on the update from the recent TAM meeting. TAM will not be cutting any guard positions throughout the county this coming school year. TAM is reporting that the current funding will increase from 4.5 to 7% with the voter approval of the renewal of the Transportation Sales Tax on the November 2018 ballot.

TAM will be funding 21 guards over and above the 58 in the last report until December 2018. As many as 91 guards could be funded after the Transportation Tax is approved. If the state gas tax was repealed, then local funding priorities would need to re-evaluated.

Tiburon Blvd at Blackfield crossing guard will not be funded in the future. The improved facilities at this intersection have increased user safety. Now less students are actually using the crosswalk as they are cycling through the intersection; this results in less need of a guard. Currently the map does indicate a crossing guard.

Wendi explained the controlled intersection does increase safety vs. an intersection with no light and no stop sign. If the school community wants to support a crossing guard this is the time to get creative on funding options. TAM cost per guard is \$18,000. One possible options is to hire school staff and have them trained and not hold TAM responsible for funding all crossing guards.

The criteria for the evaluation process that TAM uses is on their website. A few of the 15 factors are : sight lines, speed, intersection design, pedestrian and bicycle volume, driveways. TAM does make use video assist with evaluations in some locations along with state and federal guidelines. TAM does have the ability to make adjustments if circumstances dictate where elementary students travel. The safety issue would need to be very extreme to change a determination.

Kathy believes students are still using the crosswalk to get over to the bike lane (Tiburon Blvd); therefore a guard is still needed. David reported TAM did record use of the intersection; it was determined less students were using the crosswalk.

Carlos acknowledged the crossing guards are a needed resources. The school district currently funds one guard position. The district must make decisions for student education and safety. School funding influences the resources available to each school. The school district is now evaluating how to increase safety on each campus. If teachers and aides are scheduled and paid to assist with crossing guard duties this will affect the budget. The school community will need to decide on the priorities

<u>List of guards for Reed District</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
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Tiburon Blvd and Lyford Drive	11
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Tiburon Blvd. and San Rafael Ave.	27
Tiburon Blvd and Avenida Mireflores	32
Karen Way (in front of school)	40
Tiburon Blvd. and Mar West St.	49
Tiburon Blvd and Steward Dr.	53
Tiburon Blvd & Trestle Glen Blvd	55
Tiburon Blvd. and Kleinart Way/Neds Way	62

Not funded

Blackfield Dr. & Cecilia Way	68
Avenida Miraflores at School	87
Tiburon Blvd. & Blackfield Dr.	99
Blackfield Dr. and Karen Way	117
Avenida Mireflores & Hilary Dr.	124

Bike to School Day

Bike to School Day was a success. There were welcome tables at the schools and a bike train to Reed School from the yacht club. The community was notified of the upcoming event and all the support was welcomed. School District members attended including Carlos.

Dept of Public Work Update

Dmitriy reported the city master plan has several projects that will be addressed.

Street signs and road marking have not been funded yet. Once the council reviews the recommendations from the DPW the council will make the final decision on what is approved. It is unclear if this will be approved for the July 2018 budget.

Bob from the County DPW and Pat Barnes have been discussing which street marking are appropriate. The SR2S Task Force would like the road marking and street signs to increase awareness for the safety of students walk and riding to school.

POST Education Program

Dimitry report the bicycle, pedestrian and driver education program report was submitted to the town council. After review of the report from the DPW it was determined that many of the recommendations have been implemented. The website does have safety education available along with a monthly safety feature. Other projects recommend in the report will be reviewed such as a “bike substation” at Blackies Pasture, speed radar feedback signs.

Other action items for the report:

- AARP has reached out to assist with education in town.
- Safe Routes to School requested to host a Family Biking workshop.
- Driver awareness for students. In April the CHP hosted an event providing awareness and education for all road users.

Kathy commended the town for all the events planned and suggested a back to school event to increase awareness and distribute the SR2S maps that have been developed. The town now has a budget for ongoing education; funds be used for a “bike repair” station and radar signs. It was suggested that a list of resources be developed for each year’s new budget.

The **Street Smarts** program is also a resource to the city’s POST. There will be new banners with new messages and images. This program could also be used to train neighborhood leaders. Once they have the resources leaders could host local events. These would be low cost events that directly reach the community. It would be important to recruit volunteers from each community.

Del Mar Neighborhood Presentation/Report (report document attached)

The Del Mar Neighborhood Association developed a report addressing 5 safety issues. They identified specific concerns, developed recommendation and a action plan.

1. Avenida/Hilary – No safe crossing
2. Hilary/Rowley – No safe crossing
3. Hilary btw Rowley/Howard – speeding/limited visibility curve
4. Howard/Rowley – blind curve and blind corner
5. Rowley – blind hill

Comments Provided During the Meeting:

Dmitriy reported unofficially if an engineering study was conducted to measure the speed of vehicles it could increase the posted speed not decrease with the [THE 85TH PERCENTILE SPEED](#) rule. There is new legislation in Sacramento to modify the rule.

The crosswalk may have been removed as it created an unsafe sense of security for pedestrians including students headed to/from school.

The town engineers and Parisi Associates are reviewing options to possibly place the crosswalk in a location that has better sight lines for drivers and pedestrians. In addition to new road facilities that would slow traffic speed.

Residents are requesting the police increase enforcement for speeding drivers. Students are afraid to walk to school because of the safety risk they would have to take on a daily basis to cross the street. Residents want the city to develop an action plan to address these safety issues including a possible physical road barrier.

Del Mar School needs a “drop off plan” and drivers need education.

Walk Audit

Safe Routes to Schools next step is to schedule a 'walk audit' with association members, parents, school administration, police, traffic engineers and city council members before school is out for the summer.

The audit will provide observation and recommendations. If the costly recommendations cannot be approved until the next city budget it may be best to address education and police enforcement as soon as possible. Wendi will look into any audits that have been conducted in the past by Parisi Associates.

The police offered to increase enforcement in the Del Mar School area.

Carlos reported the school district is considering one point of entry for the school due to the proliferation of school shootings. If this was approved it would greatly influence how and where students were dropped off. The school district and the police department are researching options. None of these changes would happen in the next school year. It also would be extremely expensive.

Wendi thanked the association for taking the time to develop this report. It will be extremely helpful to assess the safety challenges. it will help the DPW and engineers consider possible solutions.

Team Leader Recruitment for Reed

Angela is working on it.

Next Meetings

- Walk Audit- occurred May 23rd
- Task Force meeting- Wednesday, Sept 26 at 8:30 AM