



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Sausalito Task Force  
Meeting Notes  
May 16, 2019

**Attendees:**

Wendi Kallins and Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Tara Seekins- Principal Bayside/MLK School, Marijke Smit-Willow Creek Academy (WCA) Board Member, Aaron Roller- Willow Creek Team Leader, Regan Fulton -WCA parent, David Parisi- Parisi Associates

**Report back from Walk Audit Notes Attached**

Issues included in the Sausalito and Marin City Walk Audit were reviewed. A few of the issues identified included:

- Willow Creek campus driveway poses several safety issues for students- barrier cones are not preventing drivers from entering the campus.
- Crosswalk is needed to the public stairs at Nevada and Tamales.
- A crosswalk and clearly designated route is needed for students traveling to the new pathway at Coloma to the old MLK campus. An estimated 100 students are crossing the streets randomly.

MLK- The red zones on Phillips road are not enforced. The private road is in very poor condition and funding for repairs is not available. Sidewalks are not complete, forcing students to walk in the street. School Zone signs are not posted.

**Crosswalk at Coloma and MLK new pathway**

Parsi Associates has provided scaled plans including sketched out recommendations to the DPW. The plans include short term and long-term recommendations. Facilities must meet minimum design standards; a [cycle track](#) is under consideration. This would help with the speeding issues on Nevada Street.

Once the plans are presented to the city and a project is approved, the city can apply for Safe Pathway funding. MLK is located on a private street owned by the CSD so the county has no jurisdiction.

The safety issues on Coloma Street are priorities. This is a wide road; drivers tend to speed, and students tend to cycle fast when approaching the roadway. A railing was suggested to guide students to slow down. There is a section of the road that is gravel.

An enhanced crosswalk is under consideration. An example of a crosswalk is on Shoreline in Tam Valley. Pedestrian held flags are not recommended as a safety resource. They are not a replacement for an approved traffic device. Cyclists cannot use the flags effectively. Safe Routes to Schools would like to see a suggested safe route be identified and approved by the city.

In 2017 Sausalito committed to a Complete Streets project to include street facilities for all road users. In time it may be helpful to check back in with the city on the status of the project.

Parisi Associates will investigate expediting the process for Coloma and Nevada Streets when they meet with the city. There will be a call for projects in June 2019. Parisi Associates will be ready to submit plans to the City; funded projects would not be completed by the start of the next school year.

### **Park and Walk at Willow Creek**

The program was marginally successful. The program requires an adult to supervise WIFI and sensors near the schools; these all require funds to cover the costs. The sensor stations could be solar powered. The program needs to be less expensive and have the support of a Safe Routes to Schools Team Leader to be successful.

The school's goal is zero vehicles on campus. Texting students' families is very effective when pushing out messaging. With the lessons learned and the identified successes it should be easier to promote it at the start of the next school year.

Parents were surveyed about safety on campus a year and a half ago, many families did not feel safe walking to the campus because of driver behavior. Since last January, there has been some positive feedback. Safe Routes to Schools goal is to make it safer and easier for students to get to school.

### **Crossing Guard**

TAM conducted a student count after a request was made for crossing guards. There are four crosswalks that may qualify. Wateree Street may qualify. The data collected will help support the recommendations to place guards. Currently Sausalito and Marin City do not have crossing guards. The school has provided a stipend for a few staff to assist as crossing guards, TAM's crossing guard training program is an involved process. It does provide coverage for the guards.

### **School improvements in Bond measure**

The safety of the drop off area could be presented as a Bond measure. The safety of students is a high priority on campus. The drop off circle needs to meet the needs of a school bus turning and emergency vehicles. An improved design would limit drivers from speeding when on the school campus. The school campus is on a slope which influences design options.

### **New Bike giveaway**

Shinning Stars will be contacted to learn if a "bike give-away" could be offered again.

### **Next Meeting**

The date will be announced once the DPW can confirm they can attend and possibly host the meeting.