



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Sausalito Task Force
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 24
10 AM

Sausalito Recreation Department, Game Room
420 Litho Street, Sausalito

Attending: David Finanne, Bayside MLK principal; Tara Seekins, Willow Creek Head of School, LT. Stacie Gregory, Sausalito Police Dept.; Joe Burns, Sausalito Vice Mayor; Scott Harrington, Marin County Sheriff, Marin City Watch Comander; Aaron Roller, Willow Creek Team Leader; Regan Fulton, Willow Creek parent; Leslie Alden, Supervisor Sears' Aide; Andrew Davidson, Sausalito Public Works; David Parisi, SR2S; Wendi Kallins, SR2S

Purpose of a Safe Route Task Force

Wendi Kallins and David Parisi gave an overview of the Safe Routes to School program and the role the task force plays.

Projects Currently Underway

Andrew Davidson gave a presentation on current and future projects. In 2014 the city submitted 3 grant proposals and received one grant. The grant received was for Widening Brideway from North Bridge to Ebbtide to the south. There are narrow sidewalks and students are using the bike lane while walking to and from school. At that time the sidewalk was 5 feet, really 4.5 feet. There was also a very long radius curve, and a long pedestrian crossing. The City widened sidewalk to 8 feet and reduced the curve through a bulb out and reduced crosswalk from 60 ft to 40 ft. The work was done summer of 2017, cost \$268,000 paid for with \$204,000 grant. The City had intended to improve the lighting of the undercrossing using the grant, however, this was removed from the City's scope of work and eventually the lighting was improved by the County.

Non funded project is Coloma, Brideway, Ebbtide,. At the old MLK campus the City wanted to extend the sidewalk on Coloma to parking lot at MLK. It also wanted to construct an all weather path from Coloma to Ebbtide. It also wants to move the bus stop at Coloma – relocate to the north to provide for less street crossings. At Ebbtide the sidewalk ends, and the City wants to extend the sidewalk. They did not get the grant so the City has been chipping away at it. It installed curb ramps at Coloma and Brideway and will be constructing an all weather path through field as part of MLK Field Project. Aaron pointed out that the kids are crossing across Coloma as an extension of Tomales.

175 students from Marin City attend Willow Creek. Many take the bus in the morning and then walk home. MLK is an athletic resource afterschool.

David said that grants are competitive statewide. But the local Safe Pathway program has a call for projects every 3 years from TAM. That call for project will be out this spring.

Safe Routes at Willow Creek

Aaron gave a presentation on the activities and needs of Willow Creek. The drop off is particularly stressful and congested. His daughter did a traffic safety survey as a science project. 45% are concerned about safety daily. They also counted cars. Aaron suggested new drop off on Nevada Street. There was concern about speeding. Most of those drivers are parents. However, they tested it and it didn't work.

On the 2017 Bike to School Day they organized bike trains from both sides of the city which was well attended. They improved the roundabout using cones and arrows. Aaron then came up with School Tag program to change behavior. Using a tag students scan in using a phone. They get points and they are on the Leaderboard. Those who walk and bike get the most points. He has established 4 week games. Aaron explained that the contest had to be daily, Walking and biking events once a week is a good introduction but it has to be daily to change behavior. Winners choose from premium prizes to a grab bag. They love the cushy toys.

The students ran the games. It provided an opportunity for conversation about how they get to school. It really helped to get the kids out the door. They were chomping at the bit to get out the door. It became the favorite part of the day. Originally it rewarded them to showing up early. 50% were arriving after the bell. In addition, on Bike to School day they invited in a company that did bike repairs on campus.

More changes were in the works. They established a Buchanan street drop off to create a car free campus. They rerouted school drop off to reduce vehicle congestion. This began October 1. The flow is now better. The bus now gets to come on campus – the only user on the circle.

They have also established a daily bike train. Now, Aaron is pushing for bike lanes on Bridgeway. Coming soon will be the Park and Walk from MLK. He's also developing a School tag station which will have scanners at strategic locations so the kids are automatically scanned in without someone having to be there.

2019 – Gate 6 project – kids coming from Gate 6 will get a controlled light, crosswalk paint and path maintenance. Another wish is for Marinship to Bridgeway to create an ADA path up the stairs.

Safe Routes at MLK

Most of the students are walking to and from school. There was walking school buses for the last several years funded by a grant from the Housing Authority. It paid parents to

walk with kids. It did not continue this year. It was a way to ensure better attendance. The kids who had attendance issues were not participating.

One issue is the speed that people travel on Phillips right in front of the school. Road is operated by the CSD as it is a non county maintained road. Sheriff can't address speeding. Don't have jurisdiction. CSD would have to turn over operations to the county. Costs do go with that. The County can only enforce fire lane safety. CSD could put in traffic calming and it would be less red tape. Curious what it would cost.

On the same side of the street as the school walking towards the sheriff, right before the learning center, the sidewalk ends. There is a power box blocking the road and mud in the winter. Continuous sidewalk to Drake would be ideal.

Discussion of issues and ideas

There are concerns of crossing Brideway at Nevada. Upgrade the light there. It is not friendly to crossing. There should be a no right turns on red.

Drake and Donohue needs a crossing guard. . Buchanan and parking lot needs a crossing guard. There are school employees out there and they could be trained to be crossing guards.

115 bus which loops through Marin City – that is the biggest opportunity to reduce traffic. Kids can be unruly according to bus driver. It is pretty well utilized and makes a loop. Get someone on the bus to keep kids under control.

Nevada St. Cycle Track – Aaron presented a long print out showing bike lanes on Nevada Street and resolving crossing issues. Most parking remains, used as barrier to cycle track

The next meeting is May 16 at 10 am in the game room at the recreation center.