



Reed School District SR2S Task Force Meeting
Friday January 28, 2022
Zoom Meeting Notes

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Travel Plans Update

[SR2S Task Force Travel Plans Presentation - Reed School District](#)

The following notes are based on the comments made during this PowerPoint presentation.

Safe Routes to School developed travel plans ten years ago for schools throughout Marin. Most of these plans have been implemented. Now it is time to develop new plans for the next decade. The new travel plans will be developed for school districts vs just individual schools. This will be a more comprehensive method; ensuring all schools are included in the planning process with identified objectives. Input from Task force members will be

needed on a number of tasks. In some instances, approval either from the city and from the school district may be required.

The goal of the program is to increase the number of students using green transportation modes to get to school, to instill healthy habits with children, reduce congestion around schools and create a safer and cleaner environment for all. These goals and objectives will be updated this year; task force members will be asked to submit suggestions for updating the goals and objectives if that is decided upon.

SR2S does have a goal to maintain at least 50% of green trips for the schools. This task force will determine if this is an attainable goal; what's the average Reed District wants to maintain for every year. Reed School District is averaging 70% for green modes of transportation. That is very good. Increasing "active transportation modes" is the healthiest for students traveling for school. Del Mars active trips are 48%.

The Reed School District does not currently have A Safe Routes to School Policy in place. This will be addressed this year.

Dot Maps will be generated (slide #7) they provide an idea of how many students actually live within walking and biking distances of a school. The location of the schools and the location of students' homes gives a good resource when setting goals and objectives: realistically, how many kids can walk and bike to school and take the bus.

The Safe Routes to School Suggested Route Maps (slide # 8) offer the best options for students traveling to/from the school. These routes are never guaranteed safe. They are not called Safe Routes to School maps. These maps are developed to assist students and families to determine the route best for them.

The suggested maps for Bel Aire and Del Mar have been completed. When the travel plans are completed, one will be developed for Reed School. SR2S is budgeted to complete five maps annually county wide.

Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Issues List Update

[Reed SR2S Issues List](#)

[Issues list Google Map](#)

The issues list has a Google Map that identifies each issue location and provides a better resource especially during remote meetings. It is a very useful tool.

This list details many of the obstacles that keep the students from being able to safely walk and bike to school. The prioritization is: a number one issue is categorized by the volume of students and major obstacles. Number two issues are categorized by either high volume of students or major obstacles. Number three is an issue that has a low volume of students and minor obstacles. These are subjective; task force member input is very important. They are all important and will be addressed in time.

Once issues are prioritized Walk Audits are conducted during drop-off/pick-up school times to observe traffic conditions in real time. Many task force members have participated in these audits.

Safe Routes engineers work together with the local jurisdiction and CalTrans to develop conceptual plans. SR2S works with the district to seek funding. TAM is a very important funding source every three to four years. Once funded they are built. SR2S has a very good success rate once this stage of the process is achieved. This process can take time (sometimes years). Slide #13 is an example; existing conditions and recommendations.

SR2S Student Travel Surveys (slide #15) are conducted in the fall and spring annually. The green active trips for Bel Aire and Del Mar are very high. The bus service does support green trips.

The Safe Routes to School education program provides the skills that the children need in order to enable them to be able to walk and bike safely to school. This creates a full package within the travel plans for each district.

Safe Routes Education and Encouragement

If parent volunteers were not able to make the meeting, please use this link to let us know who you would like to participate.

[Parent Volunteer link](#) to register your school for spring encouragement events.

Education Update

Safe Routes to Schools is on track for providing pedestrian and bicycle safety education to over 10,000 by June 2022; currently 5,000 students have had instruction. School administration and teachers are dealing with illnesses related to COVID this month and this will impact the program for a short time.

Bel Aire classes are scheduled in January and April, Del Mar 6th grade Bicycle Ed is usually scheduled each spring. Reed School will hopefully be scheduled this spring also.

The events listed below provide an outline of what our program is providing for parents, students and schools throughout the county.

Walk and Roll Events

Schools are encouraged to participate in these monthly events. Please contact cooper@marinbike.org for all information and event supplies.

[English Poster](#) [Spanish Poster](#)

Wednesday, February 2, I love to Walk and Roll Day

Wednesday, March 2, Happy Pi(e) Walk and Roll Day

National Bike to School Day is on May 4th-Spring Challenge 2022

JEDI Poster

An exciting spring challenge will be announced soon. This year's theme to continue with encouragement has the acronym "J-E-D-I" and "May the

fourth be with you". It's a four-week contest, kids will have their cards stamped and enter into a raffle on National Bike to School Day on May 4. Safe Route received an in-kind donation from [JAMBAR](#). They are donating 5000 bars to be distributed at our participating schools.

Our annual Bike Hero nominations will be announced soon. This has been a very popular event for students to nominate other student(s) that demonstrates safe and positive cycling behavior with good humor of course! Please contact cooper@marinbike.org to learn more.

Parent BIKE Education Night!

In March, Mill Valley School District is hosting Marin's first ever Parent Bike Ed. Night. The district requested Safe Routes to Schools schedule this presentation to provide information on what their children are taught. Parents are students' best role models when demonstrating good cycling behavior. Not all parents know correct cycling behavior; the content in this presentation will cover what is taught to students annually. Parent Ed. Nights can be scheduled at other schools. Please contact Peggy@marinbike.org.

Family Bike Education

The next virtual class is on March 2nd. Advance [registration is required](#). In the spring/ summer they will resume in person with locations throughout the county. These classes provide a fun and interactive learning opportunity for parents and students to learn the "best practices" for cycling on streets.

Caltrans update

[Safe Routes to Schools Reed Issues List](#)

[Safe Routes to Schools Issues Map](#)

The following notes are based on the comments made during the meeting. This list, map and images were viewed. By selecting the R# the issue and location will display.

Tiburon has a wonderful multi-use pathway that runs most of the peninsula, that is heavenly used by students that need to cross (from the pathway) Tiburon Blvd. to get to school. A number of the safety issues are listed here and have been shared with Caltrans and the local DPW.

CalTrans reported there is a pavement repair project planned for the Tiburon Blvd (State Route 131 (SR 131); bike lanes will be stripped from Hwy 101 all to Blackies Pasture; after Blacky's the roadway is not wide enough for stripped bike lanes. An Environmental approval is expected in the fall of 2022. A request was made to Caltrans that the lanes have a stripped buffer; the roadway space is a factor.

Another request was made to Caltrans to install "speed feedback" signs to address drivers that are speeding when students are present. Caltrans has installed some; they will look into adding more to the SR 131 project. Caltrans requests more information on the specific location(s).

- a. Tiburon Blvd, in bound (towards downtown) at Blacky's Pasture the roadway is very narrow and the curves. The posted speed limit does not lower until Avenida Miraflores.
- b. Caltrans can make a request to the CHP to increase enforcement. There is a partnership with the CHP and local police departments.

The local DPW will reach out and invite an officer to future task force meetings. Officers are aware of these concerns and citations are issued.

The issues that were addressed below are #1 priorities.

R4-Reed Ranch Rd & Tiburon Blvd is not a controlled intersection. The median juts into Tiburon Blvd, making it challenging for cyclists to cross. Students tend to pick-up their bikes, adding to a challenging crossing.

The general comments made during the meeting is that it is difficult at a number of locations for students to get safely across Tiburon Blvd. The DPW requested some type of crossing of Reed Ranch Rd (East/West) to

provide a safe crossing through the median to the walkway as they head toward Trestle Glen. The high speed of drivers taking the turn onto Reed Ranch causes very unsafe conditions for all road users.

Caltrans offered to investigate an option to add striping through the intersection (a bike clean extension). It would be dashed striping, which could guide student cyclists through the intersection. They will also meet with their traffic safety engineers to address several locations needing safer crossing of Tiburon Blvd.

R5- the crosswalk is faded and drivers do not stop/slow for flashing beacons. Caltrans reported the project is underway; it includes repainting and adding a pedestal hybrid beacon. The DPW recently learned the contractor was having issues at a retaining wall for the signal; this will delay the project.

R6- this is a long crossing distance with low visibility across Tiburon Blvd; students crowd when waiting to cross and spill out into the street. This is an entrance to Del Mar Middle School. At 8:10am and right after school are the best times to observe these unsafe conditions for students. The pathway asphalt is falling apart and the grassy area has turned into a muddy area in season.

Caltrans will take this issue back to the design team; nothing is programmed at this time.

Safe Pathways funding has been awarded in West Marin for Caltrans projects in the past. This should be a funding consideration for Tiburon Blvd too.

R10- Mar West & Tiburon Blvd (by the library) is a confusing intersection; cyclists transition from off-road path to the road and there is no flashing light for pedestrians crossing Tiburon Blvd. This crossing of Tib Blvd will only get busier once the library renovation is completed.

- a. Drivers cannot see pedestrians crossing due to the curve on Tib Blvd where it goes from pathway to sidewalk.
- b. Cyclists traveling from the bay want to cross Tib Blvd to get to the pathway; it is a wide and dangerous crossing. Drivers are not aware of cyclists making this maneuver.

Safe Routes is requesting a rapid flashing beacon for students crossing Tiburon Blvd. Caltrans will investigate this crossing too.

Caltrans offered to return to future meetings to address the #2 and 3 issues in the future. They do want to support the efforts for Safe Routes to Schools.

Town updates

The Safe Routes project for Del Mar that includes the bulb-outs, striping and crosswalk will be presented to the Town Council on Feb 16, 2022. Upon approval it will go out to bid. The DPW is planning for the project to be under construction in May 2022. The town will monitor the project to ensure traffic control plans are in place during school hours.

The POST Committee is working with the DPW to identify the “steps, lanes and paths” and develop a priority list of repairs. These improvements will improve pedestrian travel throughout the town. These will be great resources for students traveling for school.

Paradise Kay Issue

There are a number of families that live in this area that walk and ride bikes. It is too dangerous for them to ride on Paradis Drive. There could be a pathway that connects Paradise Kay at Old Landing Rd, that goes to Trestle Glen by the fire station that would require easements to use. This path would serve students traveling to Del Mar and Bel Aire schools.

It was recommended Jessica go to the Tiburon Planning Dept. because Old Landing Rd is a private road (not owned by the town). If there is neighborhood collaboration there could be support by the town to allow

users to cross the private road. It was also suggested that all the HOA's be contacted to learn how they feel about it and if they would be in support or not. There are three private properties that would need to give permission too. This could be a long-term project; getting support from families with young children could be very helpful for future planning.

Next Zoom Meeting

Friday April, 29, 2022 at 10:00am