



**Safe Routes to Schools
Ross Valley Task Force Meeting
April 15, 2022 Meeting Notes**

Attendance: Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools- Program Coordinator, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Christopher Whitlock- Marin Transit Operations Analyst, Nancy Vernon - Aide to District 2 Supervisor Katie Rice, Marci Trahan- District Superintendent, Scott Schneider- San Anselmo Asst DPW Director, Jennifer Schriber - Parisi Transportation Planner, Des McKissock - RVSD Director of Maintenance & Operations, Brian Colbert- San Anselmo Council Member, Rachel Litwack- School Board Trustee

Safe Routes Education and Encouragement Spring 2022

[Safe Routes to Schools](#) has launched its new website (the web link has not changed). The improvements include; better navigation, Spanish translation option; archived pages have been removed, improved access to Task Force group information, newsletter publications, ongoing encouragement activities and education resources.

[J.E.D.I. Challenge April 13, 20, 27, May 4](#)

The J.E.D.I Challenge is a four-week contest to help reinforce the habit of walking and rolling to school. Participating school's valued parent volunteers will host welcome tables. To learn more please contact monica@marinbike.org or cooper@marinbike.org

[Bike to School Day- May 4th](#)

This national annual event supports walking, biking, skating, scooting and strolling to school! Participating schools will have welcome tables and handing out (donated) JAMBARs to our walkers and rollers! Mark your

calendars! Community representatives are welcome to visit their local school on May 4 to celebrate. To learn more please contact monica@marinbike.org or cooper@marinbike.org or lou@marinbike.org for middle and high school details.

[Bridge the Bay Event for High Schools April 23](#)

The Bridge the Bay event is to support and inspire high school students' climate activism, and educate about the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on our neighboring communities. The focus is on carbon-free active transportation and equitable rights to clean air.

A professional street painter will lead a community mural, [The Bike Mobile](#) will provide free bike tune-ups and there will be games, food and more. [Advance registration](#) for teens is required for the bike ride over the Richmond San Rafael Bridge.

Annual Bike Hero AWARD- – Coming This May

(Check the [Safe Routes to Schools](#) website to learn more soon)

Seeking Bike Heroes – students who are stellar “roll” models by biking to school frequently while following the rules of the road. In May, parents, neighbors, friends, teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a Bike Hero from their school worthy of receiving this county-wide award.

Safe Routes to Schools - [Spring Newsletter](#)

The current newsletter was emailed the week of April 11th. If you did not receive it or would like to, please email peggy@marinbike.org. Please check your Spam folder too.

Crossing guards

The crossing guard program is managed and funded by the Transportation Authority of Marin. The program is up for renewal this year. The scoring process used to evaluate where funded guards will be stationed is under review and adjustments are planned.

The evaluation will be conducted at the start of the next school year (fall 2022). A report will be developed and presented in the spring of 2022 and the updated crossing guard locations list will be implemented in the fall of 2023. The three changes to the framework will include:

- Safety will be weighed at 10 vs 5.
- The definition of T-K will be redefined to include this age group.
- The definition of speed limit by a school will be updated. The actual speed of drivers will be evaluated to understand the safety needs at a crosswalk.

The program is highly valued and supported throughout the County of Marin. Crossing guard positions are available. To learn more, please contact Dan Cherrier at dcherrier@tam.ca.gov .

Town issues and updates

Fairfax

All representatives were attending a professional development retreat and were not able to attend.

San Anselmo

- Brookside and Broadmore-
A resident contacted Safe Routes to School's asking that the town remove some parking on Broadmoor, north of Brookside Drive. It is a very narrow road with parking on both sides; causing drivers to pass in a very narrow space.

The town's engineer assessment is that the parking is a traffic calming feature and keeps speeds down. The town doesn't want to encourage drivers to make it a shortcut. They don't want to make it a faster, more desirable road to use.

- Bike Spine Update

The Bike Spine construction is scheduled to start the week of April 18, 2022 Over 80 “green back” sharrows and 80 directional signage will be installed.

The Bike Spine goes from the San Anselmo /Ross border to Shady Lane and Bolinas Avenue through town past Wade Thomas School up past the high school. Then up to Brookside Schools towards the north end of town at the county line.

Stop signs have also been enlarged from 24” to 30’ which is the new standard. Many crosswalks’ striping will be repainted in the next few weeks.

- **Brookside Sidewalk Gap Closure Project**
Project was recently completed along Sir Francis Drake near Butterfield. The original project was for Butterfield to Brookside elementary; however, there was not enough funding to complete all segments. The town will be applying for a future grant to complete the project.
- Butterfield slurry seal will be completed this summer. The town will be narrowing the travel lanes to reduce drivers speed and widen the bike lanes where space allows.
- **Green Pavement Locations**
Residents and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition requested that in locations where a bike lane crosses an intersection green paint be installed. This would provide drivers a notice to look for cyclists.
- **TAM funded-Sidewalk Gap Closures**
TAM funding was awarded to complete more infills in addition to the ones completed last year.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Will be starting up again with a meeting scheduled for April 27th. They will discuss the next steps for the HAWK proposed for Saunders and Sir Frances Drake.

- **Wade Thomas Issues**

The DPW and school principal met and discussed issues regarding AM and PM drop-off and pick-up. A request was made to modify the kindergarten drop on Woodland Avenue. Parents are parking in a red zone often for an extended period of time. They would like to direct parents/drivers to the Ross Avenue side of the school. This would create a more efficient drop off area and improve circulation around school.

The Superintendent will contact the principal with the district's Director of Maintenance and Operations as this is a school issue not for Safe Routes to Schools which doesn't address car drop off situations unless it affects pedestrians and bicyclists.

Yellow Bus Service Update

Marin Transit (MT) conducted a parent survey earlier in the year to get an idea of the current modes of transportation, if they have changed over the years, especially from before the Pandemic and to collect data for future service planning. The data collected each year helps with planning as modes and people can change annually.

About 50% of the respondents were yellow bus pass holders. There were no big surprises from the feedback. Most users use the bus in the AM and other modes after school. The yellow bus pass lottery will be announced in the last week of April.

The public bus is heavily used. The overcrowding issues at the bus stops addressed at the last meeting have not been coming up of late to MT.

Butterfield Road - Safe Street Subcommittee Report

The Committee now has quite a few members of the HOA Board, Scott represents the town of San Anselmo, John Neville from the County DPW, a variety of community members, school representatives and Wendi from Safe Routes.

The group is focused on three projects:

- Butterfield slurry and potential bike lane widening- focused on safety for all users
- Develop a crossing at the new community center where the clubhouse was. There are more activities and people walking and biking on the corridor. It is a challenging area because there is no natural location for the crosswalk. A design would include a curb, gutter and ADA requirements.
- They are advocating for the shoulders in the unincorporated area to be actual bike lanes. Now they are permitted to park on the pavement. This change would prevent residents and service vehicles from parking on the shoulder.

The group is advocating for this because when a vehicle is parked on the shoulder pedestrians and cyclists must go into the road to get around the vehicles causing very unsafe conditions for students.

A survey was conducted with over 1000 responses. There was overwhelming support for these issues. MCBC has been a good partner too. The committee is very focused and committed to making Butterfield a safer corridor for over 8 years.

Butterfield Safety Survey [Community meeting](#) (overview and how to attend). The date is April 21, 2022. The committee will present the results of the survey. A full report is also in the [Safe Routes to Schools - Spring Newsletter](#).

Travel Plan Update

A generic "[Safe Routes to Schools Travel plan goals and objectives](#)" document has been developed. Task Force members are encouraged to review and provide comments to Wendi as soon as possible.

Travel plans include data collected each year by the Student Travel survey. This is conducted each year in all schools, county wide. The Spring 2022 survey will be conducted in classrooms the week of May 9th or 16th.

A parent survey will be conducted in some schools this spring. This will be conducted in May also. District administrators and specific principals will be provided an overview, instructions and a link to the online survey. Safe Routes would like it to be sent out via the school enews this spring.

Safe Routes would like the School District to review and approve the updated Travel Plan. It was last updated 10 years ago. This is a good document to add purpose to the relationship between the school district and the work Safe Routes to Schools is supporting; encouragement, addressing infrastructure issues, and education.

Ross Valley District did adopt a Board Policy in 2012 for Safe Routes to Schools.

Next Zoom Meeting

Friday, August 26th at 10;00am