



**Tiburon SR2S Task Force
Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 8, 2022**

Attendance:

Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Jennifer Shriber - Parisi Transportation Engineer, Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools, Kimberly McGrath -Superintendent, Tyler Randazzo- Lead Safe Routes to Schools Instructor, Michael Song- Assistance Principal Del Mar Middle School, David Eshoo- Tiburon DPW Assoc Engineer, Chuck Hornbrook- Parent Volunteer & Parks and Open Space Commission member, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Jack Ryan- Parent and Tiburon Town Council member, Christine Svallin - Del Mar Neighborhood Assoc., Cooper Miley- Safe Routes Volunteer Coordinator, Alice Fredericks -Council Member, TAM rep.

Safe Routes Education and Encouragement Fall 2022

Parent Volunteer- Kick- off meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Aug 20, 2022. Parent volunteers will be presented with a rollout of the program for the school year. This will be the first in-person meeting in three years.

Topics discussed will include: [Walk & Roll Wednesdays](#) and [International Walk and Roll Day](#) (October 12, 2022). There will be monthly encouragement events in September to December. Parent volunteers will distribute buttons to participating students. International Walk and Roll to School Day annually has about 1000 students/families participate county wide.

Currently all elementary schools have a parent volunteer~ Thank You!
Parents interested in volunteering are always encouraged to contact cooper@marinbike.org to support their schools' efforts for these events.

Buddy Up Contest- New Encouragement Event

[BUDDY UP](#) is a new contest to get students to walk (park and walk), bike, carpool or ride the bus together. Now through October 31, sign up your group of two or more students from neighboring families to travel to or from school. [Tell us your success story!](#)

So regardless of whether students are scootering, biking, or carpooling, we would like families to submit their Buddy Up Story. This is similar to the Bike Hero award; prizes will be awarded.

Family Biking

Once again the school district hosted a free Family Biking event in August. Families practiced bike handling skills on the school black-top then took a group ride to Wade Thomas along the wonderful Bike Spine. The Next Family Biking event is Sunday Sept.11, 2022. Future dates are posted at the MCBC Events Calendar.

E-Bike & E-Scooter Safety Information

Safe Routes to School has heard from many people in our communities regarding e-bike safety concerns as students are riding them to school. SRTS includes e-bike safe education in our campus presentations. The school district sent out the flier.

Currently SRTS staff are not aware of any state legislation changing on what types of Ebikes students can and cannot ride and where. SRTS is not encouraging parents purchase Type 3 Ebikes.

In this [flier](#), we clarify the different types of e-bikes and recommend parents research and assess their student's ability to manage the increased speeds and challenging maneuverability of a heavy e-bike before purchasing one. There is information on e-scooters as well. Please read and share this flier with your family and friends. This flier has been shared with principals throughout the county. Local police agencies have also been sending out information on the safety concerns and are providing education.

The average speed of an average adult cyclist is 12 miles per hour (mph), and 9.7 mph for 14-year-olds. Yet e-bikes can travel 20 mph (Type I and II) and 28 mph (Type III). Communities are worried about students e-biking at twice the speed of regular cyclists, many carrying helmet-less passengers, and dodging between and around vehicles, pedestrians and other cyclists. The Type II; throttle E-bike can cause unique issues because it takes away the organic nature of pedaling a bicycle. E-bikes can go up hills with pedal assist only; a throttle is not required.

The popular Type II throttle Ebike offers riders the option to travel up to 20mph without pedaling. Many manufacturers state that “children under the age of 16 may lack the necessary judgment and skill to safely operate the e-bike.” Many will not sell their bikes to individuals under the age of 16 yrs. even though CA law does not have age restriction for Type 1 & 2 Ebikes. Type 3 e-bikes are restricted to 16 yrs. and above; this Ebike can reach a top speed of 28mph.

Task Force members commented that Next Door is posting many comments on the concerns adults are observing of students not following the rules of the road. It seems many may be riding the Type 3 bike that is restricted from anyone under the age of 16yrs.

Information was requested on e-scooters and what is permitted on the trails in this school district. It was requested the towns mention the age restrictions for e-scooters. The Mill Valley police are also addressing this safety challenge too.

Safe Routes to School Fall Student Travel Survey

Marin County schools have been emailed the directions regarding the fall travel study. This survey is conducted in the fall and spring in classrooms. The Travel Survey measures the number of children traveling to and from school by various modes. This survey is required by Safe Routes to Schools funding source and gives them an assessment of the success of the program at your schools throughout the county.

The survey will be conducted Sept 13-14-15; make up week is Sept 20-21-22. Please contact peggy@marinbike.org for all questions.

Annually the survey results are posted on the website: About> [Resources](#)

Safe Routes to Schools District Policy

These district policies confirm schools in the district will participate in SRTS education programs encouragement events and will have a representative at task forces meetings.

Wendi will send a policy template for the Superintendent to comment on; once updated for this district the School Board may be needed to approve.

Street Smarts Campaign

The following notes were made during this [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Street Smarts is a traffic safety program run by the Transportation Authority of Marin. The goal is to provide education to drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists about safety issues. It is designed to make streets safer and friendlier and reduce the number of traffic related collisions.

The prior campaign focused on speeding, stopping drivers from running red lights and stop signs, addressing distracted driving, crosswalk safety and bicycle violations. The signs and banners aged out and needed to be replaced.

The new campaign has engaged more community partners. New data is available that identifies roadway hotspots where collisions occur and the most common types of collisions. This data will help engineers develop roadway designs to help prevent collisions.

Moving forward, this is a data driven campaign. There will be new targeted messaging, updated branding, and new media platforms.

Safe Routes to School engineers collected and analyzed data of all collisions in Marin County from 2016 to 2020. The information helped to develop relevant messaging.

During this period there were over 14,000 collisions; about 4% resulted in a fatality or severe injury, and about two thirds for vehicles only, while 5% involved bicycles and 3% involved pedestrians.

Even though the percentage of collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists were low; disproportionately they resulted in injuries or fatalities. Pedestrian: 20% resulted in a fatality or severe injury and for cyclists, 15% of those collisions involved a fatality or severe injury. SRTS wants to target behaviors that would hopefully prevent these collisions.

Collision factors = the main behavior that caused the collision. The trends identified are: speed, improper turning, then driving or cycling under the influence, and pedestrian right of way violations. Distracted driving is unfortunately not recorded in crash reports; however, surveys have found that more than 54% of California drivers say that they had been hit or were nearly hit by a driver who was talking on a cell phone or texting. Ignoring traffic signs and cycling on the wrong side of the road is also an unsafe trend noted.

A Task Force was created with representatives from many cities and towns including TAM, school districts and other community leaders to focus on six target behaviors and help develop the messaging. The campaign “Eyes Up” models what was organized by the Butterfield Road Safety Committee. This new campaign has over 100 partners to help spread the word using their organization resources and social media.

The new banners and yard sign design will be distributed in many cities and towns and the unincorporated counties starting in mid-October to November. It will come back in the spring of 2023 (annually Spring/Fall). Residents can contact their local DPW for lawn signs in English and Spanish. Messaging will be focused on driver behavior and to help people who are walking.

All materials will be available at streetsmartsmarin.org. If you have additional questions please contact jennifer@parisi-associates.com The committee will discuss how the program can be tracked and what the impact is.

Del Mar update

This project is completed, there are a few minor punch list items to be addressed with the contractor. The project did come in under budget, which is always welcomed. The project included: curb ramps, pedestrian median refuge islands and new striping. A few signs still need to be installed. The community has expressed how pleased they are with the improvements. The police department has been observing driver and student behavior with the new facilities

Old Rail Trail Update

The other project involved warranty work on the old rail trail. The town's contractor addressed the issues quickly to avoid impacting school commute hours. The project was completed and the slurry seal should last another 5 years before it needs to be done again.

Caltrans updates

No Caltrans (CT) representatives attended this meeting.

The local DPW reported they had heard from CT and were notified they were going to start on that hybrid beacon project on Stewart in September. The project included

installing changeable message boards. The last report included delays due to the contractor. As of this meeting the work had not begun.

David at the DPW offered to contact Sergio at Caltrans and learn why attendance at these meetings is inconsistent. Their attendance is essential to obtain updates on projects on Tiburon Blvd.

New Issues

1. The crosswalk at Felipe and Avenida MiraFlores has had a guard and now there isn't one. Contact: Dan Cherrier -Transportation Authority of Marin -Crossing Guard Manager dcherrier@tam.ca.gov
2. People are making illegal U Turns on Avenida MiraFlores, up at Hillary and drivers are double parking in the bicycle lane.
3. Drivers are not seeing students when making a left on Blackfield in front of the Cove.
4. Students are still passing through the parking lot to access the trail to/from school; unsafe and dangerous behavior. Drivers are also in a rush to get to work as they leave the shopping center. This has been addressed in the past too.

Safe Routes has addressed this in the past and highly recommended students not use this route. A suggestion was made to ask the school to send out the Safe Routes Suggested Route map to the school community.

[Bel Aire Suggested Route Map](#)

[Del mar Suggested Route Map](#)

These concerns will continue to be included in the Safe Routes to school education classes this school year.

Next Zoom Meeting

January 26, 2023 at 10AM