



Ross SR2S Task Force Meeting Notes

February 13, 2023

Next meeting: Wednesday May 15 at 10 AM.

- Participants
 - Wendi Kallins – SR2S
 - Gwen Froh – SR2S
 - Rich Simonitch – Ross Public Works
 - Maria Lubamersky – Ross Middle School Principal
 - Raffaello Pata – Town of Ross Police
 - Julie McMillan – Ross Town Council
 - Nancy Vernon – Aide to Supervisor Katie Rice
 - Todd Bickel – Branson School
 - Jen Shriber – Parisi Transportation
- Education & Encouragement
 - Return of the JEDI Challenge – March, April, May includes Cleary bike and Mike's Bike helmet giveaway. Right now there is no one to run the contest. Maria suggested maybe using the parent Green Team or possibly working with middle school students
 - Scheduling classes in progress, including bike rodeo
 - May 3 Bike to School Day
 - Bike Hero award in May. Anyone can, nominate kids that are good role models. Those are kids that follow the rules of the road. They are also inspiring to other cyclists because they bike frequently.
 - E-Bike education in development. A class was rolled out at White Hill Middle School, mandatory for students riding e-bikes. Changing some ways of teaching existing classes to accommodate e-bikes. Planning a blacktop class for e-bikes. Marin County Bicycle Coalition is also developing what's called eBikes Smart Marin and we're going to be piloting a class, hopefully, in Mill Valley to teach the students actual skills for riding the bike.
 - Reaching/involving parents is key.
 - Newsom signed into law that AB 1946, which requires the California Highway Patrol to develop e-bike safety standards by September of this year.

- Mill Valley's diversion program sending students from their diversion program into our classes so that we can give them the tangible education, showing them exactly how challenging it is to ride one of these e-bikes.
 - Raffaello needs direction on how and when to enforce.
 - Julie asked about possible liability for parents
 - Raffaello suggested they initiate a campaign in May; starting with education and warning students about impending enforcement during education classes/campaign
- Dot/Route Map
 - Ross
 - Most students live within walking/biking distance from school not counting for other obstacles such as steep narrow roads
 - To create a route map, we could do workshop for students to map their routes to school. Maria agreed to help arrange it. Perhaps do it as a class exercise and then put it out as a lunch activity.
 - Branson
 - Mapping exercise can be done at Branson. Around 45 students bike to school
- Infrastructure Needs
 - Unincorporated areas
 - Unincorporated Kentfield funnels into where Safe Routes pathways project is planned which funnels into Laurel Grove. Phase II will be built this year, but will only go to Canyon Road. Preliminary study of final phase would go to Macon Grade. Hoping for more grant funding for this. we're doing other traffic calming measures such as skinning up the lanes on low growth to just 10 feet, which is entirely legal. And it slows people down and we're figuring some of the stop bar locations at Canyon so that everybody can see each other and come in at a point at that intersection where it'll be safer for the pedestrians as well.
 - Parents have been asking for a crossing guard at SFDB/Bolinas. Ross did fund a guard there but haven't seen one for a few months. Suggested Rich contact Dan Cherrier
- Next Steps
 - route maps for both schools - Gwen; Maria; Tod
 - E-bike education programs - Rafello
 - Scheduling the classes - Gwen,
 - working with Maria to get some of these contests introduced in the school while we continue to look for a parent
 - Update on Pathway project and county involvement