



**San Rafael Task Force notes
2/2/2023 5pm**

Intros:

Wendi Kallins SR2S, Tyler Randazzo SR2S Lead Instructor, Michael Stachon Principal Davidson, Gwen Froh Sr2S, Jan Zanetto resident N. San Rafael, Tim Bussiek Resident, Susannah Mrazek parent liaison Coleman, Bob Marcucci SR school district, David Parisi Sr2S engineer, Cooper Miley Sr2S volunteer coordinator, Maclean Grosel, Parisi engineer, Carrie Wurlitzer, parent coordinator Vallecito, David Thalman Marinwood resident, Scott Ingels SRPD, Jean Severinghaus community volunteer, Ian Fein, SRTS volunteer Lucas Valley and board member community services district, Julia Reinhard, aid to Mary Sackett, Geoff Rubendall, Sun valley parent, John Neville, County Public Works, Tamara Rich, parent volunteer at Sun Valley and parent at Davidson

Meeting Notes:

- Marinwood: David Thalman:

- Stated Issue: Upper Lucas Valley, connector between two developments, connects Idylberry and Bridgegate. Fire road connector with large swinging gate for pass thru - Kid traffic due to commutes to Lucas Valley, Waldorf and Miller Creek nearby. Kids get going too fast, turn quickly to avoid gate, congestion with people riding uphill. Neighbors have seen many bike accidents.
- Suggestions: Curb cut extension to avoid jump over curb, removal of fence post on right of gate, or: take out gates and replace with removable bollards for fire truck access (Wendi notes district has rejected this idea, due to extra time required for critical response, would increase speed of bikes).
- Ian agrees that situation not ideal, worthy of task force consideration. Worth coming up with fix on the Bridgegate side as well for wheelchair access.
- Irv Schwartz, who could not attend the meeting, has recommended alternative that provides middle ground:
He suggested "that the wooden bollard and a short section of rail adjacent to the existing opening could be removed to provide even more accessibility for

pedestrians and bicyclists. To further improve the accessibility at this location, a short section of six-inch curb could be removed and the driveway approach across the front to the gate extended southerly to allow for a smoother transition from the emergency access connection to the Idylberry Road pavement. It should be noted however, that at the westerly end of this emergency access connection, where it meets Bridgegate Drive, there is a continuous six-inch curb. To be consistent with the suggested work at the end of Idylberry Road, an access ramp would need to be constructed at this connection which is within the County Maintained right-of-way of Bridgegate Drive”.

John Neville: this access is maintained by the county fire department. He will reach out to fire dept and make recommendation if task force can come to middle ground. Without fire present at meeting, can't give an answer, but will circle back with them and see about solutions. David agrees that Irv's suggestions would address safety concern.

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Safe Routes Updates:

- Gwen Froh:
 - Parent volunteer meeting in January.
 - Wednesday Feb 1st had walk and roll Wednesday event (Vallecito doing walk and roll next Wednesday). Ian (Mary Silveira) reports good turnout
 - Jedi Challenge in Spring - The event will be spread over two months, March and April. Kids will receive cards that they have stamped at the end of the challenge. They return their Jedi card to enter in for a raffle drawing. And new this year, we're thrilled to announce that Cleary has donated a bike for every elementary school throughout the county to be raffled off. Mike's Bikes has also generously donated helmets to go along with that lucky winner who wins the bike.
 - National Bike to School Day (elementary, middle, high) May 3
 - Bike Hero Award - Bike Hero is a student who is a good role model. Someone who obeys the rules of the road and someone who bikes frequently and encourages other students to bike. We had 150 nominated students last year.
 - Education classes overview - completed or completing classes that we typically teach in San Rafael

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| Bahia Vista | Spring |
| Coleman | Done |
| Glenwood | Done |
| Laurel Del | Spring |
| San Pedro | N/A |
| Sun Valley | Done |
| Venetia Valley | Done |
| Davidson MS (not since 2015) | Done |
| San Rafael High | Upon Request |
| Terra Linda High | Upon Request |

- **Street Smarts Feedback**

- Positive feedback from Group. Wendi prioritizing social media (no one has seen it on social media sites)

Updates:

- David Parisi:
 - **Vallecito** Path: update on pathway between Vallecito elementary and Mark Day School. Project is pretty far in development, in district review, needs funding, cost assessment. It includes rerouting the path through at the city of San Rafael Park, including the tunnel underneath the roadway. A pathway to be totally separate from the driveway that I showed you in a photo, possibly with a boardwalk over an irrigation area. And then finally with a paved path to Vallecito Elementary School. Almost all of this would be within school district property. It's under City and School District Review at this stage. \$. Parisi said TAM's Safe Pathway funding might be a good funding source since it can be used for projects on school property.
 - Carrie appreciates updates to plan based on feedback from last meeting (extending path to school). Wondering about families sponsoring pickets. Asking about grant funding (Parisi says they are waiting for call for funding). Carrie offers to provide data points for grant proposal.
 - **SMART Path for Venetia Valley:** Civic center to Merrydale Road to replace informal dirt path students taking under highway which is a very skinny kind of goat trail. To make this work and get some width we would

need to put a retaining wall about three to five feet in height against the highway. And then we tie this into a Civic Center Drive. This is a plan that's also under review by the city and SMART, the train agency, at this point in time. It's a fantastic project that I think could also highly qualify for funding.

- **Recent Grants:** Obtained funds for pedestrian and bicycle and safe routes to school improvements throughout Marin. I think you may have seen the headline in the IJ just the other day, about \$10 million of projects, and there's different pots and pockets that we are going to be attacking after these plans have been further vetted with the different jurisdictions
- **Sun Valley:** completed walk audit with parent - issues identified along 5th avenue. Saw lots of cyclists, including cargo bikes. Many issues: road very thin, parking on both sides, difficult to put in bikeway. Would like to improve side street visibility. making some of the intersections a little tighter to reduce the speed of turning movements, to reduce the length of crosswalks and to improve sight lines. Parisi thinks a vision for 5th could be a bike boulevard style that calms traffic and makes cyclists more comfortable to ride, including kids. School district has bond and will be exploring drop off and pick up changes at the school. Will start coordinating with the City and with San Rafael City Schools as well.. Next meeting: short- and long-term ideas will be presented.
 - Tamara: Asked about bike boulevard. Parisi: intent would be to calm street, improve sightlines, provide balance with cyclists and roads, create awareness around shared streets. Potential for bulb outs with colorized pavement and vertical bollards (as a "quick build" measure), traffic circles. Tamara also asked about Mission and 5th improvements. Parisi still looking into it, there may be other options if stop sign not possible.

Coleman

- Several ideas have been proposed. SR School district wants to do improvements on frontage with bonds. City of SR submitted safety grant application for improvements along Lincoln. City short staffed but Parisi pushing for projects to move forward. Susannah asks about dangerous driving on Rafael Drive, wondering if there are any more discussions about making Rafael one way. Parisi will check back in with the city. School has traffic guards and parent volunteers, SRPD directing traffic off of Grand and Bell. There are still people driving very dangerously and concerns about serious crashes happening.

- **Parent Issues from Spring Survey**
 - Overall – driver behavior!
Bahia Vista
 - Sidewalks not wide enough for both walkers and bikers
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- Grand and Belle
- Grand and Jewell
- Underpass from Lincoln
- Lack of continuous sidewalks

Glenwood

- Speeding cars on San Pedro Road
- Uneven sidewalks (don't say where)
- Happy with the crossing guard at Knight and Castlewood
- Campus opening early helps diffuse the flow of traffic
- Really wanted the bike lane on San Pedro Road
- Hard to cross San Pedro Road especially at Knight

Laurel Del

- Drop off and pick up drivers stop everywhere even in the crosswalk
- Picnic and Eva – no crosswalk or curb cut
- Sidewalk conditions on Woodland

Sun Valley

- 5th and California
- Safe crossing of 5th St
- Need bike lane from California to Happy Lane
- Bus Terminal area between Mission and 2nd (for Davidson)
- Traveling through downtown – need alternatives
- Elizabeth and Forbes – no crosswalk, stop sign or sidewalk
- Canal St at Fairfax and Novato (kids taking the bus)
- Need discounted bus service
- Pavement conditions on Humboldt and Center

Venetia Valley

- N. San Pedro and Civic Center Dr.
- Freeway entrance
- No direct route from Lincoln
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Michael requested parent surveys from Middle School. Gwen sending parent survey from Davidson to Wendi and Michael.

- **Other City Updates**

- Canal area just funded for improvements. New ped/bike crossing from Canal to 3rd street (big for kids getting to SR high). Funding to improve West End (will turn into a T intersection). Next Wednesday Feb 8th, SR BPAC will discuss the 4 projects discussed today as well as west end.

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Next meeting is set for May 11 at 5pm.

