



Ross Valley SR2S Task Force Meeting

April 21, 2023

[VIEW RECORDING - 67 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

- Participants
 - Wendi Kallins – SR2S
 - Gwen Froh – SR2S
 - Molly Graham – TAM
 - Dan Cherrier – TAM
 - Jen Shriber – Parametrix
 - Lisel Blash – Fairfax Town Council
 - Nancy Vernon – Aide to Supervisor Katie Rice, Butterfield Safe Streets Committee
 - Loren Umbertis – Fairfax Public Works
 - Marci Trahan – Ross Valley School District
 - Chris Landles-Cobb – Ross Valley School District Board
 - Chris Whitlock – Marin Transit
 - Terri Rose – Parent Volunteer
 - Adrienne Sterling – Hidden Valley PTO
- Education and Encouragement 2023 details: <https://www.saferoutestoschools.org/>
 - Hosting National Bike to School Day May 3
 - Bike Hero Award during the month of May
 - Every school will receive education programs
 - Some earlier classes have been postponed
 - Ross Valley Charter did not have classes this year
 - A Family Bike Class at Hidden Valley was well attended.

Crossing Guards details: <https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/5-Crossing-Guard-Recertification-2023.pdf>

- Marin County is the only county in California that has a central agency that funds crossing guards throughout the county
- Crossing guard sites are reevaluated every four years, leading to a new list of ranked crossing guard sites. Sites can also be evaluated upon request outside of the regular evaluation cycle.
- Scoring criteria include vehicular volumes, school-aged pedestrian volumes, stopping sight distance, posted speed limit, etc.

- Two new sites in Ross Valley; one existing site did not rank above the cutoff. Communications at each site will alert users of the discontinued location that there will no longer be a crossing guard at the site.
 - New sites: Sir Francis Drake and Butterfield, Sir Francis Drake and San Francisco
 - Discontinued site: Sir Francis Drake and Oak Manor. Only 6 vehicles in potential conflict with the crosswalk during the peak hour. Those are the cars turning right from Oak Manor onto Sir Francis Drake
 - In the discussion, Marci Trahan pointed out that most kids cross at Oak Tree Lane or further down towards Glen Drive. Other participants concurred.
- 97 crossing guards are being funded across the County. Funding has been increasing over time. Schools can also pay for their own crossing guards.
- The new list will be reviewed by TAM Board of Commissioners next week for approval.
- Street Smarts Eyes Up Campaign
 - Campaign is from April 10 through the end of May
 - Visit <https://www.tam.ca.gov/streetsmarts/#lawnsigns> to find contact information to get yard signs. You can also download social media messaging, newsletter content, and other downloads.
- Butterfield Road committee report
 - Committee meets every other week. Combination of people from the HOA, residents, engineers, and representatives from Green Valley Court.
 - The group has gotten buy-in for a bike lane which has been partly completed. They hope to get the lane all the way down to Legend. They're also working with the county to construct a crosswalk at the community center.
 - Next will be assessing congestion impacts on Green Valley Court. A walking meeting was held last week to consider changing the flow of traffic and other potential improvements. About 15 people participated.
 - One options would be to open the barrier to Hidden Valley Lane which would allow traffic to circulate on two roads instead of coming back on Green Valley Court. There are many considerations including the need to drop off students on the passenger side of the car, the left-hand turn from Hidden Valley Lane onto Butterfield, and getting feedback from residents of Hidden Valley Lane. The next step would be to have a community meeting to weigh community buy-in before any studies will take place.
 - The meeting also considered a right turn lane and a path on the approach to Green Valley Court for students walking and biking.
- Town issues and updates
 - Fairfax
 - Councilwoman Lisel Blash went on a riding tour with MCBC. Lisel met with MCBC to discuss e-bikes and the Mill Valley ordinance.
 - Fairfax will make street and road improvements over the next several months, one of which is on the SR25 suggested bike route.
 - Putting together a five-year program with emphasis on areas along the Town's bike spine.
 - Areas to be explored include extending the bike spine down Olema road and looking at the choke points on Broadway between Pacheco and Claus.

- Next meeting Friday September 8th 10 am