



## Mill Valley SR2S Task Force Meeting

May 25, 2023

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- Participants
  - Wendi Kallins – SR2S
  - Gwen Froh – SR2S
  - Molly Graham – TAM
  - Dan Cherrier - TAM
  - David Hoffman – Parametrix
  - Jen Shriber – Parametrix
  - Dominic Blurton – Tam Junction resident and parent
  - Jennifer Imbimbo – Aide to Stephanie Moulton-Peters
  - Urban Carmel – Mill Valley City Council, TAM Board member
  - Alexandra Jenkins – TAM High SR2S parent liaison
  - Zoe Reckas – MCBC e-bike program
  - Bria Larson – Park School
  - Rob LaPorte – Golden Gate Parks Conservancy
  - Kevin – SR2S alum
  - Cyd Amaral – Mill Valley School District
  - Christina Mueller – Edna Maguire ES
  - Julio Arroyo – Mill Valley School District Director of Safety Operations
  - Lisa Rao – Almonte resident
  - Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
  - Elizabeth Crockett – Park School PTA
  - Jennifer Durkee – Park PTA
  - John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Education and encouragement
  - All elementary and middle schools had education programming this year.
  - National Bike to School Day was hosted recently to end the JEDI challenge – 3 elementary schools participated.
  - TAM High School participated in National Bike to School Day. A teacher and his students are using a new app (Ride Commutes) for students to track their green trips; this event was an opportunity to recruit more students for the program.

- The Bike Hero Award will end May 31. This is the final event of the year. Students who are good “roll models” can be nominated through the month of May. Two elementary students and two middle school students will be recognized at the end of the month. Visit the SR2S website to nominate a student.
- E-bikes
  - MCBC taught its first after school e-bike safety class, developed and taught by SR2S instructors. SR2S is in partnership with law enforcement. A new ordinance will give tickets to students who disobey the law and send them to the after-school class as a diversion program.
  - The e-bike ordinance regulates the usage of e-bikes for children 18 and under. The purpose is to educate about proper behaviors. Police will cite students who will need to enroll in the class, and parents will also be compelled to attend a safety session. Before issuing citations, police are giving out warnings. The primary goal is education rather than punishment
  - Need to work with teens to do their own outreach.
  - In Ross, the e-bike video was developed by middle school students. Students who break rules will get an ‘oops’ card that can be traded up for a green card that enters them into a drawing. The program also awards good behavior and partners with businesses on prizes.
- [Crossing guards](#)
  - Crossing guard of the year is Alice Yan at Throckmorton and Old Mill
  - Sites are re-evaluated every four years to ensure that crossing guards are present where the most need is. The latest evaluation was postponed to 2023 due to the pandemic and the updated list was just approved.
  - Criteria for crossing guard location evaluation are based on the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards and include vehicular volumes, school-aged pedestrian volumes, stopping sight distance at intersections, etc. Crosswalks are scored individually, and the site score is the highest crosswalk score.
  - Changes to sites have resulted from declining school enrollment, completed capital projects, signal timing, no right on red, and school closure/consolidation.
  - TAM will fund 96 locations; 103 will be funded through the end of 2023.
  - Mill Valley results
    - New location: Almonte & Rosemont
    - Sites to be discontinued: East Blithedale & Elm, East Blithedale & Buena Vista, Ricardo & East Strawberry
    - All other sites remain the same
  - Notice of the upcoming changes will be distributed through task forces, PTAs, on-site, etc. prior to the changes being implemented in August.
  - Sites can be reevaluated in the future if there are changes at the sites. PTAs/school districts can self-fund a crossing guard through the TAM program. A volunteer program also exists, but the district would be required to furnish a guard for the entire year or be charged up to the full cost of a crossing guard. The town could also choose to fund a guard.
- Street Smarts
  - The spring Street Smarts Eyes Up campaign is ongoing through the end of May

- Visit <https://www.tam.ca.gov/streetsmarts/> to download social media graphics or request a yard sign.
- Park map
  - New additions since the last draft:
    - Map has been updated to show passable steps, lanes, and paths
    - Park and walk locations have been added
    - Called out preference to cross with crossing guard at Evergreen and Miller
    - Suggested drop-off/pick-up driving route around the school added
  - All Mill Valley maps will be updated to include crossing guard changes
  - The map now needs to be approved by the City and the County and will then be posted on the Safe Routes [website](#)
- Almonte to Tam Junction ([Evolving Shoreline Project at Bothin Marsh](#))
  - Proposing to reroute current pathway to the perimeter of the wetlands and elevate it to prevent future funding. This would create a new connection to Almonte at Rosemont and a new connection at Tam Junction. The pathway would parallel Almonte but would be approximately 43 feet away from and 8 feet lower than the roadway to maintain separation. Proposing an 18-foot-wide trail to include a shoulder, two 4-foot bike lanes, a 2-foot buffer, and a 6-foot pedestrian path
  - The project would formalize existing parking at Tam Junction with amenities and create a new ramp to the multi-use path. It would also formalize parallel parking along Almonte and add a sidewalk potentially up to the bus stop at Rosemont. The realignment would require a new bridge over Coyote Creek. The trail would connect to the existing McGlashan Trail
  - Upcoming community engagement includes a coffee hour and site tour on June 30 and attendance at other community events.
  - Currently wrapping up 30% design and continuing to seek funding. Hoping to move into 65% design in 2024/2025 and environmental review in 2026.
  - Contacts: Rob LaPorte (rlaporte@parksconservancy.org) and Veronica Pearson (vpearson@marincounty.org).
  - Short-term improvements: bollards have been added along Almonte. They were placed with approximately 6-inch separation from the shoulder line to accommodate trailers that would otherwise knock them down on the road curve. There was concern that this could cause a bicyclist to crash into the bollard and could result in a lawsuit.
- City Updates
  - The downtown project should be finished this week. Phase 3 (Depot Plaza) will be next year.
  - East Blithedale will be completed by the end of the month and will include active transportation improvements
- Next meeting
  - September 21 at 9:30 AM