

Ross School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, September 18

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Recording available upon request wkallins@igc.org

Next meeting dates

January 22nd, and April 22 2024

Participants

- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- David Hoffman – Parametrix
- David Parisi – Parametrix
- Julie McMillan – Ross Town Council
- Christa Johnson – Ross Town Manager
- Raffaello Pata – Ross Police
- Maria Lubarmersky – Ross Middle School Principal
- Mira Schwartz – SR2S Volunteer Coordinator

Safe Routes presentation (David Parisi, SR2S/Parametrix & Wendi Kallins, SR2S)

[See the attached presentation.](#)

The presentation included excerpts from the 2023 evaluation report showing progress countywide in maintaining and increasing active and shared trips to school. It then showed results from Ross, comparing the percentage of students walking and biking to the percentage of students that live within walking and biking distance. 57% of Ross take green trips to school. 48% live within a ½ miles of the schools and 78% within a mile.

Discussion (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)

Following the presentation, ideas were discussed to help increase the number of green trips. They included:

- Separating the surveys between the ES and MS classes.
- There is interest in private fundraising to improve the pathway near Laurel Grove.
- The E-Bike program is gaining traction, and E-Bikes may be a good way for kids who live up in the hills to get to and from school. Encouragement to be made for families to purchase a Type 1 E-Bike (pedal assist without the throttle).
- SR2S has created a flyer on E-Bikes available on the [SR2S website](#).
- Look to the parent volunteers to begin mobilizing students who are further out



from the school for activities such as Park and Walk locations.

Updates

Street Smarts (David Parisi, Parametrix)

The next Street Smarts rollout will be from October 2 through November and will feature educational messaging on banners, signs, and social media to promote safe driving, walking, and cycling behaviors. Visit www.streetsmartsmarin.org to download materials or learn where to get a yard sign.

New Issues

Crossing Guards (Wendi Kallins, SR2S/David Parisi, Parametrix)

Questions came up about the funding of crossing guards. TAM funds most of the crossing guards, but Ross does pay for one and Branson pays for its own crossing guards. There was concern that Ross may lose some of the crossing guards. During the current funding cycle, this isn't the case; there appears to be an issue with one crossing guard not showing up which caused consternation among some parents.

Crossing guard evaluations come up about every three years to determine if the location continues to qualify for a crossing guard under TAM's guidelines.

Ross wants to know the future dates for crossing guard location evaluations.

Next steps

- Identify Park and Walk locations and put them on the draft Suggested Routes Map
 - Potentially at the beginning of the new pathway?
- Determine difference between active trips to and from school-
 - Are students engaged with after-school activities with that data not being included with the data collected?
- Two different dot maps – one for ES, and one for MS-
- Separate out MS from ES in student surveys and compare info at the next meeting-
- Use map(s) developed for additional grant opportunities-
- Confirm approximate date of next surveys (Crossing Guard surveys)

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- January 22nd, and April 22 2024. Additional agenda and details to follow closer to the meeting date.

