

Sausalito-Marin City School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 31

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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Next meeting dates

- January 18 at 5 PM
- April 25 at 5 PM

Participants

- Jake Beyer – Sausalito PBAC
- Kieran Culligan – Sausalito PBAC
- Andrew Davidson – City of Sausalito DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Doreen Gounard – Aide to Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Vicki Nichols – Sausalito AARP Walking Academy Fellow
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix

Safe Routes presentation

[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 Sausalito-Marin City, comparing the percentage of students walking and biking to the percentage of students that live within walking and biking distance. In both schools there is opportunity to encourage students living near school to walk and bike. At the Nevada Campus, 41% of students live within one mile but only 7% walk or bike to school. Since this is a younger population (K-4), one mile may be too far for the much younger children. At the Phillips campus, 57% live within one mile and 37% of students walk or bike to school. Overall the Nevada Campus has 35% green trips and the Phillips campus has 55% green trips.



Discussion

Strategies to maintain and/or increase green trips

Infrastructure and topography were the biggest challenges to active transportation cited by meeting participants. Walking and biking can feel unsafe on key roads such as Bridgeway and Phillips where active transportation infrastructure is lacking. Hills can also pose a challenge to active transportation. E-bikes are a solution, but some parents with e-bikes are still intimidated by the lack of infrastructure in Sausalito and Marin City. Phillips campus students can avoid Bridgeway by going through Marinship, so biking are more viable. Schools also need secure bike parking.

Bike trains could be used to get more students to bike to school. However, it may be difficult for parents to consistently incorporate this into their morning routines. They could start by organizing bike trains once each week or once per month to align with SR2S events like Walk and Roll Wednesdays.

Park and Walk is an option to encourage green trips, but locations need to be identified. A challenge is that viable locations may be located on the other side of Bridgeway from the Nevada campus.

Carpooling has potential. Kieran is creating a contact directory for the Nevada campus to facilitate connections. A convenience factor needs to be discovered to make this routine. Parents tend to only carpool with people they know; and children like to be with other children their own age. At Edna Maguire, a mixer was held to facilitate carpool formation.

Bus and transit options are limited. The school bus is free; however, it only comes from Marin City. There is a GGT bus that comes up Bridgeway from San Francisco and stops near Nevada Street, but it is infrequent and unreliable.

Goal setting

- Phillips campus – goal of 57% green trips
- Nevada campus – goal of 50% green trips

Updates

Street Smarts

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.



[Walk audit request evaluation process](#)

Safe Routes gets a lot of requests for walk audits. However, funding is only available for five walk audits per year for the whole county. The program has developed criteria to ensure that resources will go to the areas with the highest need. Task forces should submit walk audit requests, which will be scored and prioritized based on seven criteria. Walk audits will be carried out in the winter and spring.

[Bridgeway Safety Improvements](#)

Bridgeway from Princess to Richardson generally has two vehicle lanes with a concrete median. Existing bike facilities are class III in both directions, with sidewalks on both sides and crosswalks at Princess and Second/Main (4/10 of a mile between crossings). The PBAC had developed a plan to add dedicated bike lanes on both sides and move the vehicle lanes towards the center of the road, eliminating the median. There's also interest in additional crosswalks at 2nd/Richardson and perhaps a midblock crossing at some point. New crosswalks would include curb ramps.

The city received a planning grant from ABAG for a study of the proposed improvements. The initial concept included Class IV bike lanes on the east side and Class II bike lanes on west side. ABAG will fund the development of concepts that meet Bay Trail criteria. However, City Council wants alternatives studied; this wasn't part of the initial grant, so an amendment is needed. If City Council agrees with the amendment, a SOW will be signed with Parametrix to start the study. There is no scheduled council date to approve amendment.

Once the study is authorized, the study would last about six months. The street has a lot of users who would need to be considered in a new design. Community outreach will be key. Design and bidding would follow the study. OBAG funding has been secured for construction, but a contractor needs to be hired by 2026.

Beyond the study area to get to the school, the roadway transitions into a bike lane along Bridgeway, but then the bike lane disappears. Around Johnson and it goes back to a Class 3 until Napa St and then you have Class 1 going north.

Next steps

- Consider potential park and walk locations
- Look into Parametrix providing design guidance on new school building
- Look into secure bike parking: what is available vs. needed
- Consider suggested bike route/guidance for interim Nevada campus
- Continue to assess infrastructure needs
- Get more participation for future meetings (walkers, Sausalito police, CHP)
- Request a walk audit for Bridgeway



- Consider organizing a bike train for International Walk & Bike to School Day (10/4) and/or a walking school bus for Ruby Bridges Day (11/15)
- Reach out to new superintendent about involvement with SR2S

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