

Larkspur-Corte Madera School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 12

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Recording available on request wkallins@igc.org

Next meeting dates

- February 8 at 5 PM
- May 9 at 5 PM

Participants

- Demetre Copeland – Corte Madera DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Melanie Harris – Neil Cummins and Hall VP
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB/TAM
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- David Parisi – SR2S/Parametrix
- Jean Severinghouse - Resident
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur DPW
- RJ Suokko – Corte Madera DPW
- Saum Zargar – Redwood HS

Safe Routes presentation (Jen Shriber, SR2S/Parametrix & Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

[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 Larkspur/Corte Madera, comparing the percentage of students walking and biking to the percentage of students that live within walking and biking distance. In all Larkspur-Corte Madera schools, a higher percentage of students walk and bike to school compared to the percentage that lives within one half mile of their school. At Hall Middle School, 60% of students use active transportation, while only 4% live within one half mile and 52% live within a mile. At Neil Cummins, 50% use active modes while only 20% live within one half mile of school. At Cove 40% take active trips while 71% live within a mile. When the school opened, there was over 50% active trips. Steps may be taken to ensure that more students living within one half and one mile of school walk and bike. At Hall and Redwood, meanwhile, the percentages of students using active mode already equal or surpass the percentage of students who



live within a mile of school.

Discussion (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)

Cove

A number of students live on the west side of the freeway. Some families ask to attend Cove instead of Neil Cummins, but student school assignments are more due to school boundaries. The freeway is a significant barrier to these students walking and biking to school.

E-bikes

Hall is partnering with law enforcement to promote safe behavior on e-bikes. The school has also been sending weekly communication to parents since before the school year started, to publicize expected behaviors for e-bike users. Above all, the school is using education to teach safe behaviors.

At Redwood High School, communications were sent to parents about expectations around e-bikes and providing a link to SR2S guidance about purchasing e-bikes. School staff monitor during commute periods to ensure helmet use, single riders, and no speeding. The main concern is student behavior off-campus. The school also purchased more back racks for students using e-bikes and e-scooters. Theft has become a concern on campus. The school's e-bike policy can be found here: <https://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/13191>.

Updates

Street Smarts (Jen Shriber, SR2S/Parametrix)

The next Street Smarts rollout is 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.

Corte Madera Updates (Demetre Copeland, Corte Madera DPW)

Several projects are upcoming in Corte Madera:

- Echo Connector Pathway – Spring 2024, dependent on Department of Fish & Game
- Casa Buena Complete Streets Project – Summer 2024
- Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure Project (including Wornum Class I path) – Summer 2024



- Hart Street Pathway – Potential for 2024 construction

Caltrans is still conducting some analysis related to transit needs for the Tamalpais Drive Interchange project. A reevaluation of the CEQA document may happen before final design.

The Fifer & Lucky intersection lacks a crosswalk to get across Lucky north of Fifer to go to the freeway. There is an issue for cyclists going north on Lucky 'left' when all the cars turn right onto Fifer. Safe Routes has received correspondence from Redwood High school students relating their difficulties riding to school from Kentfield.

Larkspur Updates (Julian Skinner, Larkspur DPW)

Old Redwood Highway is currently out to bid. This project will connect the North-South Greenway to the Highway 101 pedestrian overcrossing Industrial. The contractor, once selected, may wait to begin work until spring 2024.

Improvements are planned for several crosswalks. The next phase will focus on lighting at crosswalks.

There is one final street to pave as part of the city's paving program. The City will then move on to storm drain projects and other projects such as a roundabout at the Redwood High School entrance.

Next steps

- Look into more secure bike parking for e-bikes at Redwood and Hall
- E-Bike Safety
- Promote more active transportation at Cove
- Have Redwood students map their route to school and identify areas of concern
- Explore ways to increase shared transportation and park and walk opportunities
- Revisit Fifer/Lucky intersection

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