

West Marin

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 10

5:00 PM – 630 PM

Recording available on request wkallins@igc.org

Next meeting date

- February 6 at 5 PM
- May 7 at 5 PM

Participants

- Dan Dawson – Marin County DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Mac Grosel – Parametrix
- Langston Hazen – Marin County DPW
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Breeze Kinsey – Lagunitas parent
- Monica Leifer – SR2S Bilingual Coordinator
- David Parisi – SR2S/Parametrix
- Morgan Patton – Aide to Supervisor Rodoni, Lagunitas parent
- Christina Salcedo – Tomales & Bodega Bay Family Advocate
- Eddy Scafani – Lagunitas parent
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Charlotte Troy – Lagunitas parent

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 West Marin, comparing the percentage of students walking and biking to the percentage of students that live within walking and biking distance. There is opportunity to encourage students living near school to walk and bike. At West Marin, 25% of students live within a mile of school but only 13% use active modes; none of them reported biking to school. At Lagunitas, meanwhile, 22% of students live within a mile of school and 26% use active modes to travel there. That increased to 35% active travel roughly based upon the fall data that was just collected last week. Only 8% of Bolinas-Stinson students use active modes to get to school but 60% take the bus (student distance from school data was unavailable for this school). Two schools have joined SR2S in 2023 – Tomales and Bodega Bay – and there is also room to encourage active modes at these schools.



Discussion (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)

Strategies to maintain and/or increase green trips

Lagunitas

Barriers to walking and biking to Lagunitas include distance, vehicle speeds, and the convenience of driving. While the golf course offers a long-term solution for an off-road path, in the short-term better signage around the school zone would be helpful. This could include speed feedback signs. In the past there were bike trains and walking school buses from the Lagunitas Store and from the post offices on Walk and Roll Days. These could be re-established.

Tomales

A lot of students take the bus to school, although rates have declined since the pandemic. Most students don't live in Tomales and have long commutes, making active transportation difficult. A walking school bus has seen some success, though.

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. Signs are available at the San Geronimo Community Center, Stinson Beach Fires Department, and at West Marin Senior Services

Woodacre connection to the Commons pathways (Mac Grosel, Parametrix)

A pathway from San Geronimo Valley Drive to the existing path at the Commons would provide direct access for people walking and biking to the Commons. A proposed path would cross the creek over a bridge with retaining walls. Parametrix is currently working with PG&E and AT&T for easements to use their property for the pathway. They will also work with the Supervisor's office and Department of Public Works to advance this. The concept plan will be developed further once there has been additional confirmation from AT&T on project viability.

Next steps include identifying stakeholders and permitting agencies. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will also need to be involved given the bridge, as well as other agencies dealing with fish and wildlife.

Some expressed concern about the creek crossing and wondered if the existing access through MMWD was feasible. SR2S has met with MMWD and staff were reluctant to allow access or move the fence. It's possible that this could be revisited with new information.



New Issues

[Access improvements to Inverness School](#) (Langston Hazen, Marin County DPW)

Parents drop students off across the street from Inverness School, but this area lacks crosswalks. The Department of Public Works is looking at creating a crossing either at Bay View or Park Ave as well as creating a formal drop-off zone on the north side of Forrest Way. This would include a sidewalk, ADA compliance, and other improvements. It would require removing some parking in front of residences on Forrest Way and potential ADA modifications to the school entrance. The next steps are to conduct community outreach to hear peoples' concerns and present potential ideas.

Next steps

Follow up with Tomales to complete the student survey for fall 2023.

Develop a suggested route map for Lagunitas.

Organize walking school buses and bike trains for Lagunitas.

Explore grant opportunities for signage and flashing beacons at Lagunitas (e.g. through Safe Pathways).

Work with Breeze to approach MMWD again about the Woodacre path.

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