

Reed School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 15
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Participants

- David Eshoo – Tiburon Engineering
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB/TAM
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Chuck Hornbrook – Parks Open Space & Trails Commission, Del Mar SR2S Rep
- Jennifer Imbimbo – Aide to Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Argavan Nilforoush – Del Mar SR2S lead
- Johnathan Powers – Reed parent
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julie Stewart – Reed PTA Site Chair
- Michael Song – Del Mar Assistant Principal
- Sherry Wangenheim – RUSD Board of Trustees

Poll

The group was polled on whether they would like to meet online or in person for the spring task force meeting. 80% could go either way, 20% prefer virtual, and 0% wanted to meet in person. Based on the poll the next meeting will remain virtual. There were five survey participants.

Safe Routes Presentation (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

See the attached [presentation](#) on walking and bike buses and park and walk.

Discussion

Tiburon Bike Train

Several years ago, Tiburon was able to pay people to lead bike trains. This continued for a while after the funding stopped and was very successful. Wendi will look into more details about this.

Parent availability is difficult these days. However, more people working from home could be an opportunity.

Safe Routes can provide training to bike train leaders but can't form the groups



themselves due to insurance issues. A local champion is critical for implementation.

Student Tally Surveys

| School | Grades | Baseline | | | Spring 2023 | | Fall 2024 | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | | Year | Green Trips | Active Green Trips | Green Trips | Active Green Trips | Green Trips | Active Green Trips |
| Bel Aire Elementary School | (3-5) | Fall 2002 | 57% | 19% | 53%* | 27%* | 68% | 27% |
| Del Mar Middle School | (6-8) | Fall 2004 | 58% | 22% | 59% | 27% | 64% | 35% |
| Reed Elementary School | (K-2) | 2003 | 36% | 8% | 38% | 11% | 40% | 15% |

*Spring 2022 data are presented

The fall 2024 student tally results were presented and compared to both baseline and spring 2023 levels. Bel Aire’s percentage green trips was down from the baseline in spring 2022 but well surpassed it in fall 2024. Active green trips at the school rose from the baseline but stayed the same between the two most recent surveys. Del Mar and Reed have seen steady increase in both green and active green trips.

The most recent student tally results for each participating school are available for download on the Safe Routes website [Resources page](#).

The district has been able to keep bus service going when many other districts struggle to attract and retain bus drivers. School staff have used clear communication and more active supervision to ensure that students behave on the buses. Additionally, drivers receive sign-on, completion, and good behavior bonuses to ensure retention. The Transportation Coordinator can provide more information on this if necessary.

Targeting Areas Such as Belveron

A trail connects Bel Air to Belveron, where there is a high number of students according to the dot map. A critical issue is finding parents willing to lead bike trains or walking school buses for students who live in the neighborhood. Johnathan volunteered to lead a bike train from Blackie’s Pasture to Reed.

For recent Walk & Roll events parents have parked by Woodlands or Rustic Bakery; however, they tend to drive out of their way to these locations from which they can walk and bike, which is not ideal.



Updates

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh, MCBC/SR2S)

A number of spring activities are planned, and more information can be found on the [Safe Routes website](#). These include Walk and Roll Wednesdays, Rainbow Quest Challenge, National Bike to School Day on May 8, and the Bike Hero contest in May.

Reed will participate in the Rainbow Quest Challenge this year. Bel Aire is not participating and will instead do an additional Walk & Roll Wednesday in April.

The Bike Hero Award is open to elementary and middle school students who are good “roll” models. A nomination link will go live on the Safe Routes website at the end of April.

E-bike safety messaging and guidance can be found on the Safe Routes website. E-bike safety classes have been taught at Del Mar. No class 3 e-bikes have been seen on campus since enforcement began in January. The school has had to address a few e-scooters, but it is unclear whether these belong to students or others who use the athletic fields after hours. The community has been very receptive to the new rules.

Caltrans Update (David Eshoo, Town of Tiburon)

The SHOPP paving project on Tiburon Blvd. is planned and will include Class IV bike lanes. The project stretches from Highway 101 to Blackie’s Pasture. The final environmental impact report is set to be released in February or early March. Caltrans is now starting the 14-month process for design and right-of-way certification. Plans will be submitted to the Town for review and David Eshoo is working with Caltrans to plan a public workshop at around the 65% design stage. The bike connection points at Highway 101 and Blackie’s Pasture haven’t yet been finalized. The project will include improvements at three locations identified as issues by Safe Routes: Reed Ranch Road bike path, Avenida Miraflores/Tiburon, and Mar West/Tiburon.

A request for proposals is out to look at traffic issues and inform Caltrans’ plans. The study area is from Highway 101 to Main Street and includes identification of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian issues. The study will also include two public workshops. A consultant should be in play by May and will be asked to attend the next task force meeting if the timing works out.

Caltrans will replace the in-road rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Ned’s Way with a pedestrian hybrid beacon similar to what is located at Stewart Drive. The work will start next week and will take about five weeks to complete.

Caltrans is planning to restripe crosswalks and redo the curb ramps at Trestle Glen Boulevard over the next six months.



New Issues

Reed Map

David Hoffman will circulate a map for the community to mark up; this will then be used along with pre-COVID information to create a draft suggested route map. The map will include a lot of detail and can include vehicle circulation routes, park and walk locations, and areas to exercise caution. Julie and the PTA can help solicit information from parents.

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New state legislation has gone into effect prohibiting parked cars within 20 feet of the approach to a marked or unmarked crosswalk and within 15 feet of a crosswalk with a curb extension. The law will go into full effect in 2025; in 2024, drivers can be issued a warning for parking too close to a crosswalk. This law would require enforcement even in locations where there is no red curb.

Next Steps

- Wendi will look into details of the previous bike train program
- Julie and Johnathan will connect
- Safe Routes and the Town will look into having the study consultants attend the next task force meeting if they've been hired
- David Hoffman will send mapping information once it's available

Next Meeting Date

- May 2 at 10 AM

