

West Marin

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 6
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Participants

- Peggy Day – Point Reyes Station/West Marin Schools
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Mac Grosel – SR2S/Parametrix
- David Hoffman– SR2S/Parametrix
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Rhonda Kutter
- Monica Leifer – SR2S Bilingual Coordinator
- Kevin McElroy – Bolinas
- Christina Salcedo – Tomales & Bodega Bay Family Advocate

Poll

The group was polled on whether they would like to meet online or in person for the spring task force meeting. 0% could go either way, 66% prefer virtual, and 33% wanted to meet in person. Based on the poll the next meeting will remain virtual. There were three responses.

Safe Routes Presentation (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

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

Discussion

West Marin student tally survey results were discussed. Lagunitas showed large increases; West Marin ES shows a lot of variability; Tomales is just getting started (showed in the report as Bodega Bay, Gwen will investigate).

Park and walk could be an option for Inverness, Inverness Park, and Point Reyes Station for areas that may not be served by the bus. Some parents were doing this years ago. B Street may be another option.

A very high percentage of Bolinas students use the school bus. Bolinas recently got a new electric bus through a grant.

Kevin volunteers to help with surveys in Bolinas.

WEST MARIN 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
Lagunitas Elementary School	(K-8)	Fall 2000	40%	16%	32%	18%	46%	35%
West Marin Elementary School	(2-8)	2009	54%	17%	68%	8%	49%	11%
Bodega Bay	(K-8)	2023	29%	9%	-	-	29%	9%

Updates

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

Many spring activities are planned, and more information is 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.

E-bike safety messaging and guidance can be found on the Safe Routes website.

Speed Feedback Signs (David Hoffman, SR2S/Parametrix)

There had been a request for radar speed feedback signs by Lagunitas Elementary School. The speed limit incrementally decreases on the approach to the school, but many drivers still go too fast. Additionally, some drivers speed up when they exit the park. Based on engineering standards it is possible to put a speed feedback sign in those locations. The county will need to receive a request for the signs. Public Works would then assess where they would be located and if they would fit into the way speed is regulated along that part of the road. Wendi will follow up on this with the County.

San Geronimo Valley (Mac Grose, SR2S/Parametrix)

Parametrix is working on concept plans for a pathway from San Geronimo Valley Drive (PG&E substation & AT&T property). This is still in the preliminary concept phase. Parametrix has been in contact with both PG&E and AT&T as well as other stakeholders and is making progress. This is a complicated process: there are three landowners involved, a creek crossing, and environmental considerations. Early in talks to see if it can move forward before we get to engineering. In the meantime, many community members want to try one more time to see if MMWD can accommodate a pathway through its property by moving the fence to create room for a pathway on the



other side.

New Issues

Pathway to Mesa

Mesa Park is a popular afterschool park. There are some paths that permit you to access the school and not take the road. Existing road pathways are inadequate. There is movement to remove some of the existing eucalyptus trees to make a safer bike/ped path to get students off the road and old pathways. Another option is to create a pathway down the hill through private property. Some property owners are on board with these ideas; it looks promising, but more needs to be done. There will need to be some liability protection if students go through private property. There are plans to improve the bike/ped path near the road using existing grant funding. Kevin is on the BPUD. Paving bike path will take place on Mesa Road and will connect Mesa Park with the gridded neighborhood. The intersection at Mesa may then need improvement. This is a potential location for a walk audit.

Point Reyes Gas Station

There are current plans to add a mini mart and apartments to the gas station. There are concerns in the community about the mini mart. Safe Routes concern is the frontage to the gas station where there is no sidewalk and cars pulling in and out pose a hazard. A teacher was struck by a car in that location. A condition of permit included crosswalks across County Road. The County has committed to crosswalks; a connector in front of the gas station is needed now. A good pathway along the roadway could be a condition of approval for this project as well.

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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:

- Explore easements through private property in Bolinas
- Kevin and BPUD to explore pathway options
- Cristina and Gwen look into student tallies that don't add up and see if they were



for Bodega or Tomales

- Kevin and Cristina will assist in getting Bolinas tallies in the spring
- Request speed feedback sign in front of Lagunitas School
- Villate Assoc – request condition for approval; pathway improvements in front of gas station

Next Meeting Date

- May 7 at 5 PM

