

# Larkspur-Corte Madera School District Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 9  
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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### Participants

- Demetre Copeland – Corte Madera DPW
- Chief Mike Norton – Central Marin Police
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Melanie Harris – Neil Cummins and Hall VP
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB/TAM
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Jean Severinghouse - Resident
- RJ Suokko – Corte Madera DPW
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur DPW

### Safe Routes E-Bikes (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

See the attached [presentation](#) on Ebikes.

### Discussion

*E-Bikes in Marin County and Challenges Faced by Poor Regulations/Education Efforts*  
After Gwen presented on the various types of available E-Bikes and the challenges that have arisen due to models available that are really E-Motorcycles that are too powerful and too fast to be classified as E-Bikes, Chief Norton discussed the challenges of education efforts that Central Marin Police has been taking to deal with this growing issue.

- Communication to families about what is currently legal, and what isn't
- Goal of reducing the number of illegal E-Bikes on the road through education and enforcement
- SR2S will continue to collaborate with local police departments in an effort to make sure that policies are as consistent as possible across the various school districts in Marin County
- Efforts are being made by local leaders to create legislation that will help to separate out E-Bikes that are really E-Motorcycles
- This is an ongoing effort; the County of Marin is tracking bike crashes with an emphasis on the surge in E-Bike crashes (primarily) involving students under the age of 16
- Hill Middle School will be introducing a registration process in the fall.

### Updates

[Communications](#) (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

SR2S continues to refine communication plans with school districts. Materials are created and typically it is pushed out to parent volunteers. The Primary Schools take these materials in and do a good job of getting the information out via newsletter and social media. However, in the Middle Schools this participation tends to fall off when compared to the Primary Schools. It's harder to engage and keep parent volunteers in the Middle Schools. SR2S is working on plans to strengthen engagement with the SR2S materials within the Middle Schools; this is an ongoing effort.

#### *Fifer & Lucky Intersection (RJ Suokko, Corte Madera DPW)*

The Fifer/Lucky intersection is challenging for people walking and biking, particularly students. Parisi/Parametrix created some draft plans that would help to close this gap. It consists of a separated Class IV cycle-track and sidewalk on the north side of Lucky Drive between Doherty Drive and Fifer Ave. There is an option to put in a small roundabout at the Lucky/Doherty intersection, although this is out of Corte Madera's jurisdiction and within Larkspur's jurisdiction. Both RJ and Julian Skinner have seen the plans and are interested in further refinements that could result in a grant application for construction in the future.

#### *Grant Opportunities*

Safe Pathways grant applications will be solicited in the Fall. Larkspur received ATP grant for North-South Greenway extension and will apply for next phase connecting to Corte Madera project. They may need letters of support from the schools. Julian noted that a good number of RRFBs have been installed as part of the Safe Pathways program. There is some potential work to be done on South Elisio. There are a number of unfunded projects near schools where there are choke points during school commute times. Additional community outreach needs to be done; there is a possibility that the Doherty/Lucky/Fifer project could make its way in to the grant application requests at some point.

#### **Next Steps**

- Safe Routes will get Melanie a list of the bike types in the Hall MS parking lot
- SR2S will get the schools back to school flyers in late July
- Larkspur and Corte Madera will look at various projects to be funded through the coming call for Safe Pathways projects in the Fall – including possibly the Doherty/Lucky/Fifer project
- Safe Routes will assist in getting letters of support.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- September 26 at 4 PM