

# Mill Valley School District

## Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 9  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

### Participants

- Jared Barrilleaux – Mill Valley DPW
- Nick Bockh – Mill Valley Traffic Mobility Advisory Committee Chair
- Urban Carmel – Mill Valley Mayor
- Kimberly Clissold – Tam HS Principal
- Dominic Burton – Tam HS parent
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Al Grumet – Mill Valley Traffic Mobility Advisory Committee
- Matthew Hartzell, WTB-TAM/Active Mill Valley
- Langston Hazen – Marin County traffic engineer
- Kelly Hyde – Marin County Parks
- Jennifer Imbimbo, Aide to Dist. 3 Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
- Farid Javandel – Marin County DPW
- Alexandra Jenkins, Tam High parent liaison
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Ian Kenny – Tam Valley resident
- Sarah McDonald – Strawberry Point parent/PTA parent
- Rick Navarro - Mill Valley Police Department
- John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Mira Schwirtz - MCBC
- Emily Spady – Safe Routes Tam Valley volunteer
- Craig Tackabery – Mill Valley DPW

### Back-to-School Presentations (Gwen Froh, SR2S/MCBC)

#### *Back-to-School Communications*

See the attached presentation on back-to-school notifications. SR2S will send a back-to-school notice districtwide with information promoting walking and rolling and spreading awareness of SR2S programming. SR2S typically goes through every principal. Emily mentioned that schools prefer to get safety information directly from SR2S as opposed to from volunteers.

The group discussed setting quantitative goals for the schools to measure progress towards achieving mode shift. Wendi suggested that SR2S could work with the new Traffic & Mobility Advisory Committee to develop goals. The first advisory committee meeting is at 5:30 PM on May 21 at city hall, and meetings will be open to the public. An important consideration in effecting change is that safety is subjective, and some people will never feel safe enough to walk or bike with their families to school. The Parent



survey would help identify individual issues to help guide strategic planning.

### *E-Bike Presentation*

#### Presentation on E-Bikes

Gwen discussed the use of e-bikes in Marin County. E-bikes offer an opportunity to increase active transportation use, but they carry risks and considerations for both students and parents. She stressed the importance of assessing the suitability of the device based on individual abilities and understanding of the laws. Gwen also clarified the different types of e-bikes and their speed limits, emphasizing the need for compliance and caution. She clarified that out-of-class devices – any device that can go over 20 MPH on throttle power alone – are not legal for students or adults without a motorcycle license. She reiterated SR2S's role in educating parents and students about the laws and supporting schools to ensure safety.

Upcoming legislation was discussed, including a Utah law that would require manufacturers to label and advertise e-devices legally and truthfully. An assembly bill in California would create a pilot in Marin County allowing Marin County jurisdictions to pass ordinances prohibiting children under 16 years of age from riding Class 2 e-bikes; this would vary by jurisdiction.

Chief Navarro mentioned a partnership with other police departments and the Mill Valley superintendent focusing on education, as well as an e-bike registration program in schools. There will be an increase in enforcement starting next week in partnership with a neighboring jurisdiction.

The Health Department has created a dashboard tracking bicycle and e-bike 911 calls. The dashboard tracks whether crashes are involved with traffic; however, EMTs don't have time to record classifications. SR2S has done counts of all devices at campuses that includes classifications and brands and noted that a lot of illegal devices are being ridden by students.

### **Report Back**

#### *Almonte (Langston Hazen, County DPW)*

The County is considering improvements for several areas of concern: Shoreline Highway, Almonte, the Shoreline/Almonte intersection, and the Almonte/Rosemont intersection. These areas have high vehicle speed, incomplete sidewalks, and other challenges for people walking and biking. Improvements would include opportunities to resolve issues in conjunction with the Mill Valley-Sausalito path realignment as well as installing a signalized intersection at the Almonte and Rosemont intersection. automobile traffic, and the need for safe crossing infrastructure for children biking to school. The potential increase in travel time due to the signals was acknowledged; the county emphasized the need to balance safety and coordination to avoid compounding congestion and diverting traffic into neighborhoods.

Data collection is complete and community outreach is in progress. Construction is



estimated for 2026. People can reach out to Langston at [Langston.hazen@marincounty.org](mailto:Langston.hazen@marincounty.org) with questions.

A participant noted that the existing flex posts on Almonte are down. The County will address this issue.

#### *Active Transportation Program Application (Craig Tackaberry, Mill Valley DPW)*

The City had applied for an [Active Transportation Program](#) grant during the last cycle with support through TAM and Parisi Transportation Consulting. The project, which would have closed sidewalk gaps, was not selected for either state or regional funding.

The City is reworking the previous project and plans to apply for the current round of funding. The updated project will incorporate improvements between Camino Alto and Highway 101, adding a project on Kipling. In addition to being focused on Safe Routes, it will now also address safe routes for seniors through infrastructure improvements as well as more balance classes for seniors through the Mill Valley Community Center.

#### PROJECT LOCATIONS

1. Camino Alto Sidewalk Improvements - 290' Gap
2. Kipling Drive - Sidewalk improvements; Class III bike facility with north/south bicycle detection at the E. Blithedale intersection
3. Mill Valley Community Center/Hauke and Bayfront Parks - Bike Racks
4. Gomez Way Sidewalk - 420' Gap
5. Lomita Drive Eastside Sidewalk - 290' Gap
6. Roque Moraes to Park Connector - 1400' Sidewalk Gap; Class III bike facility

People can contact Craig at [ctackabery@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:ctackabery@cityofmillvalley.org) with feedback on the project scope.

#### **Safe Pathways Call for Projects (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)**

TAM's call for Safe Pathways proposals will come out in early fall.

The County plans to pursue funding for a new sidewalk on Ricardo Lane by the Strawberry Point School. Design considerations include whether to enhance existing sidewalk or create new on other side of road as well as how to connect the sidewalk at the intersection with Richardson. The County is considering the potential to do quickbuild project over the summer in the meantime. This will be discussed at next week's PTA meeting along with count and speed data.

The City is interested in pursuing Safe Pathways funding for intersection improvements at Nelson and Matilda, which is a nonstandard crossing near Mill Valley Middle School.

#### **Next Steps**



- SR2S will share back-to-school information with the schools.
- Rick and Ian will connect about e-bikes.
- SR2S will attend Traffic & Mobility Advisory Committee meetings when feasible.
- The County will hold community meetings about the Rosemont/Almonte intersection.

**Next Meeting Date**

- September 4 at 9:30 AM

