## **Reed School District**

# Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 2 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

## Participants

- David Eshoo Tiburon Engineering
- Alice Fredericks Tiburon mayor, TAM representative
- Gwen Froh SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell WTB/TAM
- Chuck Hornbrook Parks Open Space & Trails Commission, Del Mar SR2S Rep
- Jennifer Imbimbo Aide to Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
- Wendi Kallins SR2S
- Angela McInerney POST
- Kathy McLeod Crossing Guard Supervisor
- Cindy Neill Tiburon Police Department
- Jessa Reus Bel Aire parent, PTA
- Carolyn Shadan Resident
- Jen Shriber SR2S/Parametrix
- Michael Song Del Mar Assistant Principal, RUSD representative
- Warren Wells MCBC
- Jason Wu Belvedere Police Department

## Safe Routes Presentations (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)

#### Back-to-School Communications

See the attached presentation on <u>back-to-school</u> notifications. SR2S will send a backto-school notice districtwide with information promoting walking and rolling and spreading awareness of SR2S programming. SR2S will provide back-to-school packets and future districtwide communications to Michael, who will make sure the information is conveyed to each school site office manager. Each school does its own back-to-school packet, and school newsletters are alternated with the superintendent's update, so materials should be sent as far in advance as possible to ensure they're publicized in a timely manner. Once a Newsletter calendar has been established, Michael will get it to Safe Routes.

#### E-Bikes

#### Presentation on E-Bikes

Wendi discussed the organization's efforts to promote safe cycling practices among students, particularly through the use of e-bikes. She highlighted that while e-bike crashes requiring paramedic intervention were low, the 10 to 16 age group represented





the highest percentage of the population involved, underscoring the importance of proper visibility and adherence to laws. Wendi mentioned upcoming legislation on ebikes, which would initiate a pilot allowing Marin County jurisdictions to pass ordinances prohibiting class II e-bikes for children under 16 years old and/or mandating that all ebike users wear helmets. This may result in a patchwork as jurisdictions enact different ordinances. The group discussed the importance of enforcement, and Cindy mentioned the Tiburon Police Department's efforts to educate children. The Town could consider education through community events partnering with the Health Department or local bike shops.

#### Report Back – Bike Train Program (Wendi Kallins, SR2S & Kathy McLeod)

Wendi and Kathy discussed a formalized bike train during the 2013/2014 school year that received \$7100 in funding from the Belvedere Community Foundation through the town of Tiburon. League-certified conductors were contracted through MCBC to lead morning bike trains. They also trained volunteers who led rides in the afternoon and kept the bike trains going once funding had ended. The program was successful and increased the number of students biking to school during non-event days and included some students who would not have been allowed to bike to school otherwise. Many volunteers also continued bike trains once the funding was unavailable, and some older students formed their own bike trains. Wendi asked task force participants to consider whether more funding should be pursued to restart this initiative.

A discussion followed on the intersection of Blackfield and Cecelia. Many parents still bike their students on Cecelia as they feel it is safer, but cars go through the intersection very fast, especially when turning on Cecelia. A four-way stop has been requested but the town has found that it is not warranted. Other options were discussed. Recommended increased enforcement. Warren Wells of the MCBC suggested recommend that the town look to what Larkspur did at the intersection of Magnolia and Baltimore. There is a very effective (and cheap) quick built treatment at a similar two-way stop controlled intersection that has substantially increased yield rates

## Tiburon Boulevard Caltrans Update (David Eshoo, Tiburon DPW)

A meeting was convened for elected officials from Caltrans, the jurisdictions, and the county to discuss the SHOPP project on Tiburon Boulevard. Caltrans is still moving forward with class IV and class II bike facilities in the way they had previously proposed. The design is just getting underway and should be complete at the end of 2025. Construction would start in 2026 and finish in 2027. Caltrans did not conduct a study since the project does not include a change in the number of vehicle lanes or land uses.

The Town's comprehensive traffic study report should help complement and inform Caltrans and their proposal. A consultant will be selected next week and the study will likely be completed late 2024 or early 2025.





## Safe Pathways Call for Projects (Wendi Kallins, SR2)

Tiburon is working with Parametrix on a scoping project and pre-design. The Town will apply for Safe Pathways funding for the Ned's Way improvements.

#### Next Steps

- Explore if the town/district wants to pursue funds for a formalized bike train
- Explore traffic calming treatments for Cecilia/Blackfield
- Tiburon will conduct a traffic study with a focus on Tiburon Boulevard
- Michael and Safe Routes will develop protocols and calendars for communication

#### Next Meeting Date

• September 12, 10 AM



