

## West Marin

### Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 7  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

#### Participants

- Peggy Day
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Rhonda Kutter – Pt. Reyes SR2S volunteer
- Ken Levin, Pt. Reyes Village Association
- John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Laura Shain – Superintendent Principal, Lagunitas School District
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix

#### 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 will send communications to the school administrative secretaries, who can easily forward information through ParentSquare in Lagunitas.

##### *E-Bike Presentation*

##### [Presentation on E-Bikes](#)

Gwen discussed the challenges and potential solutions regarding the enforcement of laws against the sale and use of electronic devices by students. She highlighted that law enforcement was trying to inform parents and that organizations like Marin County Bicycle Coalition were advising on safe purchasing. 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. Wendi added that there is legislation, sponsored by Assemblyman Damon Connelly, for a pilot program allowing Marin County jurisdictions to pass ordinances prohibiting children under 16 years of age from riding Class 2 e-bikes and to wear helmets; this would need to be approved by jurisdiction. Gwen also mentioned that local law enforcement needed to determine their approach to the issue.

#### Report Back – Caltrans Meeting (Ken Levin & Rhonda Kutter)



Community members met with Caltrans to learn more about the repaving and resurfacing project for Highway 1. The project location is from Five Brooks through Pt. Reyes Station to about one mile north of town, as well as through Tomales.

The path to the West Marin Elementary School will be redone; Caltrans will leave the ditch in place, separating the path from the road. There is also a plan to install a HAWK signal (legal red light at the pedestrian crossing) at the school and an RRFB (yellow warning light) at the bottom of the hill by Mesa Road. The community has concerns about the HAWK; however, HAWKs offer a higher degree of protection compared to an RRFB. Once the new path goes in at the school there won't be as much need for students to cross at the new HAWK.

A lot of the work will be done at night in the towns of Pt. Reyes and Tomales. The sidewalks, pathways, and drainage work will be done in spring or early summer. Caltrans hopes to do as much of the repaving and resurfacing as possible this year, and the signs (HAWK and RRFB) would come after that.

Next steps would be to gather more information from Caltrans, including the HAWK warrant, to understand decision-making; a unified voice on behalf of the community could be beneficial.

### **Lagunitas School Road**

The Lagunitas School has been coordinating with the county Department of Public Works on the Lagunitas School Road. The road connects the school's two campuses and starts as a county public road but then transitions to school property. The gate where the San Geronimo Commons begins has become a popular place to park for people accessing the park. However, cars park where the road curves and this creates sight distance issues during school drop-off and pick-up times. A potential solution would be to keep no parking on one side of the road and restrict parking on the other side during drop-off and pick-up times.

### **San Geronimo Commons Pathway**

Safe Routes and Supervisor Rodoni's office are working on a concept to connect San Geronimo Road in Woodacre to the Commons and existing pathway to school. A pathway could be constructed on an easement through the PG&E property, although a bridge over the creek would be needed. Supervisor Rodoni's office is working on this.

### **Lagunitas Mapping Workshop (Wendi Kallins, SR2S)**

SR2S has already created a suggested route map for West Marin Elementary School; this will be updated based on feedback from the task force participants. The next step is to create a map for Lagunitas Elementary and Middle School. A recommendation had been made to set up a map for students during a bike to school day in the fall. The map

with the students' route information could then be taken to a parent meeting for refinement. While parent meetings aren't that well attended, Breeze Kinsey and Aaron Michelson could help with participation. Once a suggested route map is created, this can be overlaid with student address 'dot' map and existing issues data to help create a priority improvement plan.

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

At this point the County has no plan for a West Marin project for which to pursue Safe Pathways funding.

### **Next Steps**

- The Village Association will request HAWK warrant information from Caltrans and will ask them to consider the bank intersection for improvements as part of the repaving project.
- SR2S will set up Lagunitas mapping workshops in the fall.
- SR2S will modify the West Marin suggested route map and will be in touch with the Village Association about this.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- September 17 at 5 PM

