

January 30, 2025

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

Thursday, January 30, 2025
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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Participants

- James Andrews – Corte Madera Town Council
- Fred Casissa – Corte Madera Town Council, Southern Marin Police Authority Council, TAM Board
- Demetre Copeland – Corte Madera DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Bon Mittelstaedt – SR2S volunteer
- Mira Schwirtz – SR2S/MCBC
- Jean Severinghouse – Greenbrae neighbor
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur DPW
- Saum Zargar – Redwood HS Assistant Principal

Overlay mapping process (Jen Shriber & Wendi Kallins)

Jen introduced a new tool being developed to help prioritize improvement areas for each school. The tool, an internal overlay map, combines various data layers to better understand issues at schools. The maps will be created for each school and will show suggested routes to schools, student density, high crash rate intersections and segments, and issues identified by the task force, among other things.

Wendi led a discussion on new issues to add to the list. People can also email her (wkallins@igc.org) by the end of February with additions or let her know about completed items.

Jean and Julian mentioned a study to improve the path and levee behind Trader Joe's. TAM had submitted a grant for the study to improve the path and levee, and the jurisdictions submitted letters of support.

Town updates

Larkspur (Julian Skinner)

On February 12 at 6:30 there will be an initial workshop at City Hall on a project to improve the northern segment of Magnolia (Doherty to the City limits). There will be a follow-up meeting in early summer to share improvement opportunities. You can also share your thoughts and ideas [here](#)

Larkspur is developing a formal traffic calming policy for residential streets based on the policies enacted by San Anselmo and Mill Valley. The City will solicit public feedback on February 19.



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Larkspur is talking with the Central Marin Police Authority about e-bikes and will install speed feedback signs that can collect data in three locations. These will be “stealth boxes” that are inconspicuous to road users.

Corte Madera (Demetre Copeland)

The 2025 Madera Gardens Complete Streets project will get underway this summer following an undergrounding project. It will include traffic calming and pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along the primary corridors of Lakeside, Hickory, and Mohawk. This will include ADA curb ramps, striping, and signage; bulb-outs and traffic circles are also being considered.

Ordinance 1042 to reduce speed limits on nine road segments has been approved and will go into effect in summer 2025. The police will do their best to enforce the new speed limits but face staffing shortages.

The Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure project construction is complete, and the Echo connector path is mostly complete. Hart Street Connector construction will begin in summer 2025. The town also applied for a grant for Lucky Drive multimodal improvements.

SR2S activities (Gwen Froh)

E-bikes

Gwen discussed the countywide youth e-bike safety taskforce, which includes representatives from the police, public health, city officials, bike shops, and Safe Routes. The task force put out a request for proposals for a marketing firm to do a countywide education campaign on topics related to e-bike safety. A firm will be selected by March 1.

The ordinance for AB 1778 will go to jurisdictions. If passed, Class II e-bikes will be limited to riders 16 years and older, and all users will need to wear helmets. The goal is to have all Marin County jurisdictions implement the ordinance to have a standardized policy.

Gwen also reported on the progress of e-bike registration and the efforts to eliminate e-motorcycles from school campuses. She highlighted the success at Hall Middle School and the challenges at Redwood High School. Bob Mittelstaedt discussed the need for Central Marin Police Authority to address the issue of e-bikes parking off campus. Saum expressed concerns about the lack of data on e-bike usage and the need for clarity from the district office.

Education

Education classes were taught at Hall in the last few weeks, and Neil Cummins will have its education in the spring. Cove was completed last fall.

New business (Task Force)



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Solar canopies will be installed over the bike parking area at Redwood High School. As a result, the area may be closed into the fall semester for construction. The school will create two temporary bike parking lots for students on campus: one behind the gym and one near the baseball field.

The Central Marin Police went through a new marketing company last year and are having better success with recruitment. Onboarding new police officers takes time, so the police are still currently understaffed.

A developer applied to build 99 units of affordable family housing with over 100 parking spaces at Hunt Plaza on Tamal Vista. The application is still moving through the planning process and has not yet been approved but would have implications on Redwood High School if completed.

Next Steps

- Wendi will share [issues list](#) and will work with the jurisdictions to update it.
- Task force members should review the issues list and contact Wendi (wkallins@igc.org) with any updates.
- Bob and Fred will connect about e-bike data.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, May 15 at 5 PM