

West Marin

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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Participants

- Peggy Day – West Marin and Bolinas school representative
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Dan Hernandez – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Breeze Kinsey – San Geronimo parent
- Rhonda Kutter – Pt. Reyes Station resident, SR2S volunteer
- John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix

Overlay mapping process (Jen Shriber)

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.

Issues list review (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi led a discussion on new issues to add to the list. People can also email her (wkallins@iqc.org) by the end of February with additions. The following issues were mentioned during the meeting:

- On San Geronimo Valley Drive coming from Woodacre to Nicasio Valley Drive and the new pathway location, there are a limited shoulder and speeding vehicles.
- West Marin issues depend on the results of the ongoing Caltrans project. Currently there are a lot of choke points in the drainage affecting passage and maintenance of informal and formal paths.
- Access from Main Street to the Dance Palace is challenging. Students usually go down to the pharmacy, cross the street, and take Fifth Street. Sometimes they come down Sixth Street and cross the path near the green barn. It may be possible to get an agreement from the green barn owner to get an official path there.



- The area in front of Brick Maiden has lost its walkability in some places.
- The intersection at Main and Fourth is challenging but would likely not meet warrant criteria for a four-way stop sign. People come down the hill and turn quickly. Pedestrian visibility is low because people park close to the intersection.
- People leaving gas station are not sure which lane to get in, creating challenging conditions for all road users.
- People tend to stop on Highway 1 at Wells Fargo. It feels like it has a stop sign, although there is not actually one, and people get confused about who has right-of-way.

SR2S activities (Gwen Froh)

Encouragement

Gwen introduced a new February contest called the "Have a Heart Challenge." The contest encourages students to track their trips to school, including walking, rolling, carpooling, or parking and walking partway. The top classroom in each school will win either a popsicle part or a scooter raffle. The contest is designed to give parent volunteers a respite as students' travel modes will be self-reported. It will run from February 3-14. These are the same dates as the Carpool for Coffee event, where parents who carpool will get Peets coupons.

The rest of the year's program will be rolled out at the volunteer meeting on February 13. This includes Walk and Roll Wednesdays starting March 5, the Make It an Adventure Challenge April 15-May 7 (ending on National Bike to School Day), and the Bike Hero Award in May.

Education

Lagunitas will have its education classes on February 28, while Tomales and West Marin are scheduled for May. Bolinas has yet to be scheduled.

Gwen introduced the new SR2S Lead Instructor, dan Hernandez. He has over 15 years of Lead Instructor experience and is fluent in Spanish.

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.



Lagunitas mapping (Wendi Kallins)

Breeze had provided notes on the suggested route to school map, and the SR2S team is addressing them.

It was suggested that Meadow Way could be a suggested route to meet Sir Francis Drake Boulevard at an intersection with a crossing guard. It was also suggested to leave Nicasio Valley Road off the map, since this is a challenging route for bicyclists.

SR2S needs more detail on pathways within the communities, since there are a lot of paths that students can take. Some are now closed off with gates but pedestrians are still permitted.

Next Steps

- Wendi to share issues list. Task force members should review it and email any comments to Wendi (wkallins@igc.org). They should also share the list with the appropriate groups and organizations for feedback.

Next Meeting Date

- May 13 at 5 PM