

Mill Valley School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 16
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Participants

- Jared Barrilleaux – Mill Valley DPW
- Dominic Blurton – Parent
- Nick Bockh - TMAC
- Urban Carmel – Mill Valley City Council, TAM Board
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Gail Gordon – Tam Valley
- Al Grumet – Mill Valley Traffic Mobility Advisory Committee (TMAC), Sustainable Mill Valley
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- Langston Hazen – Marin County DPW
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Bill Hoppin – TMAC
- Jennifer Imbimbo, Aide to Dist. 3 Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters
- Alexandra Jenkins – Tam High parent liaison Katherine Jones – Mill Valley City Council
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Dave Kollerer – Mill Valley Police Department
- Jill Macri – Park School SR2S volunteer
- Sarah McDonald – Strawberry Point parent, TMAC
- Bob Mittlestaedt – E-Bike Access
- Steve Moazed – TMAC, MVMS
- Mike Mooney – SR2S volunteer, TMAC
- Katie Parson – Park School PTA
- Lisa Rao-Wojcik – Tam Junction/Almonte PTA coordinator
- John Selix – TMAC
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Talia Smith – County of Marin Office of the County Executive
- Emily Spady – Safe Routes Tam Valley parent rep, PTA
- Sharanya Varma – SR2S/Parametrix

Review Overlay Maps (Sharanya Varma)

Sharanya presented the newly created overlay maps, an internal tool combining existing data with task force-identified issues for each school. The maps include data on existing and proposed bikeways, high collision network locations, crossing guard locations, student populations, and suggested walking and biking routes. The tool is intended to help prioritize schools for safety improvement plans and guide long-term planning for improvements. By the next task force meetings, Parametrix will complete the issue prioritization and will provide next steps for the timing of the plan development.

Grants Received (Jared Barrilleaux, Langston Hazen)

City of Mill Valley

Jared announced that one large project and three small projects in Mill Valley received Safe Pathways funding from TAM. The projects will construct safety improvements at



Hamilton Drive/Shelter Bay Avenue (large project); improve pedestrian crossings at Nelson/Matilda and Kipling/Roque Moraes; fill a sidewalk gap on Elm Avenue.

County of Marin

Langston announced Safe Pathways funding for several projects. A large project on Ricardo Lane in Strawberry will construct a permanent sidewalk where a quickbuild currently exists. Additionally, two small projects countywide, including several schools in Mill Valley, were approved for a pilot program to reduce school speed limits from 25 MPH to 15 MPH. This will be done on Bell Lane and possibly near Edna Maguire in the future.

E-Bike Ordinance (Talia Smith)

Talia discussed the increasing number of bicycle crashes involving school-aged youth in Marin County, particularly those related to e-bikes. She highlighted a significant spike in accidents from 2019 to 2023, with a 110% increase among school-aged youth. Talia also mentioned that the crash rate for 10 to 15-year-olds using e-bikes was five times higher than any other age group.

In response to these findings, Assembly Member Damon Connolly introduced a bill in December 2023 to classify Class 2 (throttle) e-bikes in the same category as Class 3 e-bikes, requiring riders to be over 16. The bill was passed as a Marin County-only pilot in March 2025, allowing municipalities to pass ordinances limiting throttle e-bikes to riders over 16. Implementation is planned in the summer to ensure coordinated implementation and messaging from all jurisdictions. The County is also in conversation with various police agencies for coordinated enforcement. Enforcement will be limited to those incidents where students are caught breaking other laws.

Talia also mentioned the formation of a special committee on youth e-bike safety and a countywide safety campaign to improve youth safety on e-bikes. Materials are currently under development.

This topic is on the agenda for Mill Valley's upcoming City Council meeting on April 21.

County Updates (Langston Hazen)

Rosemont Signal

Langston gave an update on the Rosemont signal, stating that the county is working to secure a vendor to get vehicle count data at surrounding intersections. This data will be used to model and assess different options for the intersection to ensure that they do not adversely impact the whole system and that they accommodate additional demand from nearby developments.

Lisa asked how the neighborhood can better advocate for pedestrian protection on Almonte in addition to the traffic signal. Students and other pedestrians must currently walk in the road. [sample footage](#). Jennifer noted that Supervisor Moulton-Peters is convening a subcommittee to advocate for improvements in Tam Valley. A contract is



being finalized with a contractor this week, and next steps will be shared with stakeholders in the next few weeks. Lisa can also reach out to Langston at Langston.hazen@marincounty.gov.

Marin Ave

Langston announced that the County has developed a plan for sharrows along the length of Marin Avenue that will be implemented this summer when the street is resealed.

City Traffic Calming Plan (Jared Barrilleaux)

Jared provided an overview of the City's [traffic calming guide](#). Jared explained that the guide, developed in 2012, focuses on traffic calming in residential areas and provides residents with tools and a process to address traffic issues. He also mentioned that the guide does not replace the ability of residents to report concerns related to speeding or street maintenance. Jared further discussed the process of requesting action, education, enforcement, and the implementation of level one and level two engineering measures.

Jared and Urban mentioned that there have been improvements in some areas, such as Wainwright and Nelson. Jared acknowledged that the thorough engagement process can make the process lengthy, but that it is important to ensure that any improvements are welcomed and accepted by the majority of those who will be impacted. Any changes to the process would need to be vetted by the TMAC.

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Student Tally Dashboard

Gwen highlighted the new [Student Tally Dashboard](#), which allows people to see the results of the bi-annual student tally surveys assessing travel modes at each school. Currently only Fall 2024 data is available on the dashboard, but more data will be added in the future. The student tally surveys are typically carried out in September and May.

Past Events

Lucas Valley Elementary School won a virtual visit by Ruby Bridges on March 28. Ruby Bridges is a popular event held at more than 30 Marin County schools each year to honor Ruby Bridges' courageous walk to school at just six years old, when she faced hostile crowds daily as the first African American child to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South.

Upcoming Encouragement Events

The Spring Adventure Challenge is a monthlong event beginning today and ending on National Bike to School Day. Students who walk, roll, carpool or ride the bus will receive stickers at the welcome tables to mark on their challenge cards. At the end of the challenge, students will have the chance to win raffle prizes. National Bike to School



Day will be celebrated with bike trains, welcome tables, and other events on May 7.

Nominations for the Bike Hero Award are now open. Parents, administrators, teachers and friends are invited to nominate a student Bike Hero, any student who gets up early to ride regularly, inspires others to bike, and obeys all rules of the road. Two Marin County elementary and middle school students are selected to win a \$50.00 gift card to a store of choice. Last year 150 nominations were received from around the County.

Next Steps

- Parametrix will finalize overlay maps and issue prioritization and will report back with a timeline and direction for safety plans

Next Meeting Date

- September 3 at 9:30 AM

