

Ross School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, April 21, 2025
10:00 – 11:00 AM

[VIEW RECORDING - 48 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Todd Bickel – Branson School
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Misty Gibbs – Ross School parent & PTO member
- Laura Dewar – Task Force Parent and Future Task Force Lead
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Mathew Salter – Ross Town Council Liaison to Safe Routes Task Force
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Richard Simonitch – Ross DPW
- Bob Mittelstaedt -

Overlay Mapping Process (Sharanya Varma & Wendi Kallins)

Sharanya presented the new Overlay Map. It consists of multiple layers from several data sources, including suggested walking routes, suggested biking routes, student population (for Ross K-8), High-Collision Network, and Issues identified by the SR2S Task Force. The map is for internal use only and to be used as a funding tool. Not for public distribution.

Update on Traffic Issues / Grants (Richard Simonitch)

Richard indicated that TAM awarded Ross four \$100K Safe Pathways grants through Measure AA. Two projects will likely be built this year, and the remaining two to be built starting 2027 (current estimate). The projects are:

- Shady Lane pathway repairs, including sharrows on Shady Lane (this year)
- Allen Avenue pedestrian pathway (this year)
- Laurel Grove Safe Pathway (Laurel Grove to Skyland Way) (2027)
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Additionally, Sir Francis Drake Blvd will be repaved during the summer from approximately 200' before Bolinas to approximately 100' past El Camino Bueno. There will be a solar-powered speed feedback sign included in this project.

Questions were asked about the feasibility of placing a stop light near the intersection of Winship. The Town of Ross will continue to look for ways to calm traffic in this area.

SR2S Activities (Gwen Froh & Misty Gibbs)

Ross K-8



Misty gave an update on the following four initiatives:

- WheelKids bike camp for 3rd/4th graders; classes teach safety skills and feature group rides
- Earth Week for 5 days of walk/roll activities (such as carbon offset calculations) and raffles.
- Kindergarten beautification planting events with community partners
- Also considering activities for National Bike to School Day on May 7th

Misty also indicated that Laura Dewar would be taking over Ross Task Force activities in the next school year.

Education & encouragement

Gwen showed the new Dashboard on the SR2S website. New data shows that Ross has 54% active trips versus the county's 30% average. Gwen also reviewed some upcoming events such as:

- Student surveys will start in May
- Bike Hero nomination is open through May
- Ruby Bridges virtual school visit available

Gwen then covered E-Bike updates:

- New countywide ordinance banning Class 2 (throttle) E-Bikes for kids under 16
- Enforcement will be focused on other infractions, not solely age/bike type
- SR2S continues to develop education campaigns for the schools
- Todd spoke about how Branson was focusing on new drivers that are typically minted in the springtime, but that E-Bikes were still an important part of the travel choices that students made; Branson would continue to stay on top of E-Bike developments.

Next Steps

- Wendi will share overlay maps with Matt and Rich
- Parametrix will continue to work with the SR2S project team with next steps/opportunities with the new overlay map

Next Meeting

- September 8, 2025 at 10 AM

