

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

Thursday, May 15th, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 60 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- David Hoffman – Parametrix.
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Jean Severinghouse – Greenbrae resident
- Chris Good – Corte Madera, Senior Civil Engineer
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur DPW
- Talia Smith – County of Marin, Legislative Affairs
- Fred Casissa – Corte Madera Town Council, Southern Marin Police Authority Council, TAM Board
- Pat Ravasio – Corte Madera Town Council
- Sarah Marguiles – Larkspur City Councilmember

E-Bike Ordinance – Talia Smith

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 ebikes, 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; San Rafael will consider the ordinance in July.

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 and will be provided to schools shortly. Miller Creek students participated in a focus group to help guide the education campaign.

More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Overlay Maps Update and Review (David Hoffman & Wendi Kallins)

David reviewed the changes to the overlay maps since the last meeting. This is an internal tool to be used by local municipalities, the Task Force, SR2S, Parametrix, and for grant writing purposes. These are not designed to be public-facing documents. This work represents years of data collection that is now visible in one document and will help prioritize the most pressing projects.

Larkspur-Corte Madera has done a good job over the years addressing the safety and access barriers around school. There are only 5 identified issues per school, and that is a lot lower than most schools in the county.

Parametrix will continue to refine the project ranking methodology over the summer and come back to the Task Force with recommendations on next steps in the fall.

Town Updates and Grants Received

Larkspur (Julian Skinner)

Safe Pathways Projects

- Magnolia MUP gap closure at Post Street; will close current gap in the MUP with approximate 200ft pathway setback. – 2nd workshop June 3rd
- Doherty Drive Bike Lane Buffer Enhancements – will add physical barriers to the buffers soon

Studies

- Magnolia Avenue Corridor Study - ongoing
- Radar feedback signs on pathways.

Corte Madera (Chris Good)

- Lucky Drive cycle track between Fifer and Doherty. 400K grant from TAM. Design starts next year (Safe Pathways grant)
- Hart Street Connector Project: ADA path connects pathway to Hart St. Construction in 4-6 weeks.
- Madera Gardens Complete Streets Project: variety of facilities for peds, curb ramps, traffic circle at Keside and Mohawk, RRFB, striping improvements, floating island
- Paradise Drive Complete Streets: new Class I path from Westward Drive to Robin Drive. Currently in environmental with construction next year

Education and Encouragement - SR2S activities (Gwen Froh)

- Gwen presented the new SR2S dashboard; Hall has a huge number of cyclists going to school (49%)
- Bike Hero Award nominations are open through the end of May
- E-Bike campaign, planning E-Bike classes starting this summer to be timed with the start of the coming school year.
- In-person E-Bike classes are being planned for August with a capacity of approximately 20 students

New Issues (Task Force)

Crosswalks at the intersection of Tamal Vista and Fifer

Jean Severinghaus brought up concerns at this intersection. Specifically:

- Request for exclusive pedestrian signal phase at Pfeiffer/Tamalpais Vista
- Suggestion to add no-turn arrows like at Wornum Drive intersections
- Town indicated that they would evaluate but notes it's a very busy intersection

Fred Cassisa had to leave the meeting slightly early, but provided these thoughts in the chat:

"With respect to Fifer/Tamal Vista - that project was approved by the CM Town Council last night. Consists of 99 units family affordable housing, 163 parking spaces. It does provide for onsite bike parking. The only driveway will be on Tamal Vista. CMFD has signed off on the access, et... Corte Madera did several traffic studies (can contact Amy Lyle - CM Community Development Director for more information). I did bring up that there should be a coordinated effort with Corte Madera/Larkspur/Caltans to take a more holistic look at traffic in that area. Please feel free to reach out and I can provide more info. Thanks. One other item - CM has been working with Caltans re: the over crossing, which is a major project. CM did request and got Caltans to add a multi-use path on the north side of the over crossing. Not sure if that project will start in 267. Thanks again."

Next Steps

- Jean to follow up with Fred, Chris, David re: intersection suggestion
- Parametrix will finalize overlay maps and issue prioritization and will report back with a timeline and direction for safety plans.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, Sept. 25 at 4 PM

