

Miller Creek School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, May 19, 2025
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Participants

- Kelly Abey – San Rafael DPW
- Will Anderson – Lucas Valles ES Principal
- Sayed Fakhry – San Rafael DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Wes Howell – Mark Day School
- Heidi Howerton – Miller Creek and Vallecito parent, Nova Albion resident
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Nick Miller – Miller Creek MS Assistant Principal
- John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Julia Reinhard – Aide to Supervisor Mary Sackett
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Talia Smith – County of Marin
- Carrie Wurlitzer – Vallecito parent

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; 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](#).

Review Overlay Map (Jen Shriber)

Jen 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 overlay maps for all schools as well as the issue prioritization and will provide next steps for the timing of the plan development.

Del Ganado and Montecillo were discussed, since these streets are home to relatively high numbers of students. It was noted that these streets are steep and therefore not widely used for biking to school.

It was mentioned that it may be helpful to add the locations of the recently awarded Safe Pathways projects to the maps.

Vallecito Suggested Route Map (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi presented the newly created Vallecito suggested route map. It was noted that the nearby Saint Isabella School causes a lot of traffic that backs up to Freitas Parkway.

Grants Received (Sayed Fakhry)

Sayed reported on several projects that were recently awarded funding through TAM's Safe Pathways program. The Vallecito-Mark Day School Pathway will construct a multi-use path through the Mark Day School campus to Vallecito and will connect with existing bike facilities. Another gap closure project will connect Terra Linda High School along Nova Albion Way. A third project will make improvements along Woodland Avenue.

Education and Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

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.

She also reported on the successful Ruby Bridges Day, which occurred on March 28, and is a popular event held at more than 30 Marin County schools each year. Lucas Valley Elementary School won a virtual visit by Ruby Bridges.

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.

Gwen also showed the group where they can find new e-bike resources on the [Safe Routes website](#).

Update of Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Jen Shriber)

Jen provided an update on San Rafael's Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which is currently being updated and will serve as a roadmap for active transportation improvements over the next 5-10 years. The public can provide input through the project's [website](#) and through upcoming events: representatives will be at the Marin Farmers Market on June 8 and a virtual community meeting will be held on June 17 from 12-1 PM. More information about the project can be found on the website.

Next Steps

- Parametrix will finalize overlay maps and issue prioritization and will report back with a timeline and direction for safety plans.
- Kelly will send the San Rafael Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update information to Will Anderson for distribution to Miller Creek School District.

Next Meeting

- Monday, September 22 at 4 PM

