

Sausalito-Marin City School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, May 5, 2025
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 41 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Brenden Berry – MCSO
- Sybil Boutilier – Age Friendly Sausalito
- Gwen Froh – SR2S /MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- Dan Hernandez – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Kevin McGowan – Sausalito DPW
- Isabelle Rajewski-Samko – SR2S/SEI
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Ricardo Tijero – Marin County Sherriff's Office

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. So far Tiburon, Belvedere, and Mill Valley have adopted ordinances, and the item is on the calendar for all other 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. More information can be found here:

<https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/executive/special-committee-youth-e-bike->



[safety](#).

Overlay Mapping (Jen Shriber & Wendi Kallins)

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 meeting, Parametrix will update the map, complete the issue prioritization, and will provide next steps for the timing of the plan development.

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh & Isabelle Rajewski-Samko)

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 going on now and ending on National Bike to School Day (May 7). Students who walk, roll, carpool or ride the bus 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.

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.

Youth Leading Active Communities (YLAC)

Isabelle gave an update on the YLAC program's activities in Sausalito. The program works in schools to help students become Safe Routes champions; tailor programming to fit school and community needs; and identify and develop site-specific resources. At Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, YLAC coordinated with the third-grade team to give classroom presentations at the end of April, which were very well received by students. YLAC will collaborate with the third grade again and with the fifth grade Student Council in the fall.



Grants Received (Kevin McGowan)

Sausalito received TAM Safe Pathways funding for two projects. A large project on Coloma Street and Ebbtide Avenue will add a sidewalk connecting to MLK Academy, including mid-block crossing with rapid flashing beacon. A small project will implement active transportation improvements on Tomales Street.

Bridgeway Update (Kevin McGowan)

Kevin gave an update on several projects occurring along Bridgeway. One project will include crosswalk improvements and refuge islands between Napa and Johnson. This project will go out to bid in the next several weeks. A retaining wall project near Nevada Street will result in a temporary pedestrian detour during construction. City Council decided not to move ahead with removal of the center lane and addition of bike lanes from Princess to Second. However, they were in favor of additional crossing improvements and changes to truck loading, which will be analyzed in the next year.

Next Steps

- Parametrix will finalize overlay maps and issue prioritization and will report back with a timeline and direction for safety plans.
- Kevin will coordinate with Talia for an AB-1778 presentation to Sausalito City Council.
- Kevin will follow up with Jen for future SR2S newsletter articles about Sausalito infrastructure projects.

Next Meeting: September 15 at 5 PM (tentative)