

West Marin

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Participants

- Peggy Day – Pt Reyes Village Association
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Breeze Kinsey – Lagunitas parent, school board member
- Rhonda Kutter – Pt. Reyes Station resident,
- Ken Levin – Pt. Reyes Station Village Association,
- John Neville – Marin County DPW
- Morgan Patton – Aide to Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, Lagunitas parent
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Talia Smith – County of Marin
- Georgia Woods – Bolinas Community Public Utility District

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, will be teen-focused, and will incorporate local mascots and landmarks. More information can be found here:

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

Overlay Maps (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 the issue prioritization and will provide next steps for the timing of the plan development.

The Bolinas Elementary School does not yet have a suggested route map. The school's primary bike route from the Mesa is currently closed due to issues with a large eucalyptus grove owned by BPUD. Wendi will coordinate with Georgia to make contact with the school.

The recent paving of Shoreline north of West Marin Elementary School was discussed, where the formerly planted shoulders have been paved over. Caltrans is expected to restripe the 11-foot vehicle lanes.

Lagunitas Route Map (Wendi Kallins)

The suggested route map was updated based on previous comments and presented to the group. Breeze offered to share the map with the parent community for input.

San Geronimo Valley Road was discussed, particularly in light of the recent crash. The western part of the road has a speed limit of 35 MPH, while the eastern part has a speed limit of 40 MPH. The need to update curve warning signs to the new speed limit was brought up, and John said that he will look into this issue. CHP will complete its investigation of the crash, then evaluation of the entire roadway will be done. Supervisor Rodoni's office is asking for the evaluation to be very public and transparent.

West Marin School Path (John Neville)

Caltrans has finished paving the asphalt path and is doing cleanup now. The open ditch was not in the project work plan, but maintenance will circle back and re-establish the flow line. The roadway will maintain its 11' lanes.

In some places, the path is now lower than the road. Electrical boxes take up drainage area, eliminating more drainage and forcing more water into the school building and could lead to flooding. The Village Association might be willing to work with property owners to keep their culverts clear, as Caltrans will maintain them if they are cleared. Rhonda to strategize with Ken about this.

Peggy noted that some of the culverts are broken and need to be replaced. There is talk about having a community-led program to do this

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Gwen presented updates on the Safe Routes to School website, highlighting a new



dashboard featuring student travel surveys for participating schools. She discussed the Ruby Bridges Day event and announced the ongoing Bike Hero Award contest, encouraging nominations for student cyclists.

Next Steps

- Parametrix will finalize overlay maps and issue prioritization and will report back with a timeline and direction for safety plans.
- Wendi will send maps to Breeze for parent input.
- Wendi will follow up with Georgia on Bolinas contacts.
- John will look into updating curve warning signs on San Geronimo Valley Road.
- Rhonda and the Village Association will follow up on the drainage issue along the West Marin School path.

Next Meeting Date: September 16, 5 PM