

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 68 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Demetre Copeland –Corte Madera DPW
- Lou Goodwin – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Susannah Mrazek – Aide to Supervisor Colbert
- Pat Ravasio – Corte Madera Town Council & Mayor
- Christina Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- Jean Severinghouse – Greenbrae resident
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur DPW
- Jessica Swanson – Co-PTA President, Cove School
- Sharanya Varma – SR2S/Parametrix

Overlay Map Update (Sharanya Varma)

Sharanya presented the Safe Routes to School prioritization process. She explained how Safe Routes gathered and analyzed issues across 50 schools countywide through walk audits, task force meetings, and community feedback. She detailed the scoring system that considers factors like equity, safety, and impact, with a total of 236 issues mapped and scored. For Larkspur-Corte Madera, 12 issues across three schools were identified. The group discussed the prioritized list to help guide where Safe Routes will conduct walk audits and ultimately create concept plans for improvements.

The group reviewed the top four priority projects in Corte Madera and Larkspur, noting that the highest ranked project recently received some Safe Pathways funding. Pat provided context about coordination needs, particularly regarding a 99-unit affordable housing development near the corner of Fifer. Julian noted that the City has concept plans for traffic circles at both of the main Redwood parking lot entrances and that the three jurisdictions have been making improvements along the corridor as funding is available.

Pat noted that the bike path along the creek has not been paved because the community does not want it paved. The group discussed that this project could be a matter of upgrades to and better maintenance of the decomposed granite.

Jean highlighted a successful walk audit that identified key issues, and Pat noted that while some community members prefer decomposed granite over asphalt for certain paths, maintenance during rainy season remains a concern

The project from Paradise Drive to the Town limits project has been postponed due to Audubon Society concerns about the effects on birds.

Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan (Jen Shriber)

Jen introduced the Marin County School Access Safety Plan, a new TAM project funded by a federal grant to develop safety improvement plans focused on students traveling to school. The project will focus on analyzing crash trends near schools, identifying priority areas, conducting safety audits at up to 10 locations, and developing safety toolkits and improvement plans.

Safe Routes Activities (Wendi Kallins & Lou Goodwin)

E-Bikes

Wendi discussed the new laws regarding e-bikes, particularly the prohibition of Class 2 e-bikes for riders under 16. Wendi and Caitlin explained the challenges in enforcing these laws, noting that parents need to be educated about the dangers of e-bikes for young riders. Jean suggested implementing road safety training similar to what's required for driver's licenses, while Lou shared that MCBC has offered e-bike classes but had low attendance. More information on e-bike safety can be found at the County's [E-Bikers Club](#) website.

Education & Encouragement

Lou provided an update on Safe Routes education and encouragement events. In-class and blacktop education classes will be held at Hall in October and Neil Cummins in November. Lou noted that Safe Routes is having trouble getting into Cove for education, and Pat and Jessica offered to help.

Fall events include International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 9 and Ruby Bridges Day on November 14. The group discussed the challenge of getting parent volunteers for events; Caitlin and Jessica will connect about this.

Town Updates (Julian Skinner & Demetre Copeland)

Larkspur

Julian reported on a new project to enhance bike path safety with stop signs and stop bars at street crossings. The City has put in an application with TAM for funding.

Corte Madera

Demetre shared updates on the TAM Safe Pathways grant, from which the Town received \$450,000 for construction starting in spring 2026. He mentioned that the Hart Street connector path was recently completed and noted that the Madera Gardens Complete Streets project has been postponed to spring 2026 due to an extended design period.

Pat provided an update on the Caltrans overpass project, noting a delay due to PG&E's gas infrastructure work, and mentioned a meeting with an engineer from Delft, Netherlands to discuss an alternative pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting two shopping malls.

Street Smarts (Jen Shriber)

Jen provided details on the upcoming Street Smarts education campaign, which will run from September 29 to November 14, featuring banner rollouts, school and yard signs, and social media messaging about road user safety. Wendi and Jen discussed the program's components, including the distribution of materials and templates for newsletters and social media posts. Yard signs can be picked up at the Corte Madera Corp Yard or Larkspur Public Works office. See the Street Smarts website for more information: <http://streetsmartsmarin.org/>.

Next Steps

- SR2S will review the top prioritized issues to identify which have already received funding, gotten walk audits, or had plans developed.
- Wendi will coordinate with Nick Cartagena (ncartagena@cortemadera.gov) about presenting the prioritization process to the Corte Madera BPAC.
- Jessica will add Cove education to the next superintendent meeting agenda. Pat will also look into education at Cove.
- Catilin and Jessica will connect about encouragement at Cove.

Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2026 at 4 PM