

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

Monday, September 22, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 93 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Kelly Abey – San Rafael DPW
- Will Anderson – Lucas Valles ES Principal
- Lou Goodwin – SR2S/MCBC
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Brad Honsberger – School Board Trustee Member
- Wes Howell – Mark Day School Director of Facilities
- 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
- Sharanya Varma -- SR2S/Parametrix
- Dana Weissman – Fehr & Peers
- Alan Wells – Lucas Valley Parent Volunteer
- Carrie Wurlitzer – Vallecito & Middle Creek MS parent, TAM crossing guard
- Rachel Zwilling – Vallecito & Miller Creek MS parent

Mary Silveira & Lucas Valley Route Maps (David Hoffman)

David presented suggested route maps for Lucas Valley and Mary Silveria. Participants provided feedback on the maps, including suggestions to improve color differentiation between walking and biking routes, to consider the broader school district boundaries when planning routes, and to adjust the crossing guard locations. The group also discussed the need for overlays showing student locations and school district boundaries to better inform route planning.

The group also discussed potential Park and Walk locations near the two schools. Potential Lucas Valley sites include the community center, Big Rock Market and Deli, and the section of Idylberry where it's closed to cars. Potential Mary Silveria sites are around Blackstone and Las Gallinas where many families already park and walk. David noted that while the community center would require permission to be included on the map, street-side parking locations would not need such approval.

Overlay Maps Next Steps (Sharanya Varma)

Sharanya presented the Safe Routes to School prioritization process. She explained how program staff gathered and analyzed issues across 50 countywide schools using objective criteria that considered equity, safety, and impact. 236 issues were mapped and scored across the county, and Sharanya presented the top four priority projects for Miller Creek schools, which were identified from issues brought up through task force meetings and walk audits.



The group noted that the highest ranked issue overlaps with Terra Linda High School in the San Rafael City Schools district. The fourth ranked issue also overlaps with SRCS. A walk audit had previously been conducted at Trellis and Arias several years ago.

Wendi explained that while some projects like the bike path through Mark Day have received funding, other segments remain unfunded, including the park section and the field segment. Carrie raised concerns about the pathway project's progress and emphasized the need for regular updates on school transportation safety. The group also discussed several other challenging intersections and corridors, including Trellis and Monticello, and the Nova Albion stretch between Esmeyer and Monticello, with Rachel highlighting the importance of including these in funding applications for the Northgate housing project.

Marin County School 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.

Wendi and John explained that while Safe Routes provides planning and recommendations, actual funding comes from other sources, and projects can take years to complete due to environmental processes and funding constraints. The discussion clarified that the Safety Action Plan and Safe Routes initiatives complement each other: the former focuses on historical crash data and the latter addresses community concerns about safety, while both aim to identify priority locations for walk audits and improvements.

Safe Routes Activities (Lou Goodwin)

Lou discussed upcoming events, including International Walk to School Day on October 8. She noted the need to coordinate with Mary Silveira and Lucas Valley to restart education classes at those schools. Lou will connect Will and Caitlin Russo, the new SR2S Volunteer Coordinator, about this.

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, which include the distribution of materials and templates for newsletters and social media posts. See the Street Smarts website for more information: <http://streetsmartsmarin.org/>. Nick noted that he can include Street Smarts information in the school newsletter.

Next Steps

- Safe Routes will look into suggested park and walk locations and add them to the map as appropriate. Safe Routes will also consider the school boundaries and dot maps to see where students come from and incorporate this information into suggested routes.
- Safe Routes will consider the best way to share the full list with the task force.
- Lou will connect Will and Caitlin regarding education programming.
- Wendi will add Will to the Street Smarts social media list.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 26 at 4 PM

