

West Marin

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 65 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Deborah Krupp – Woodacre resident
- Rhonda Kutter – Pt. Reyes Station resident
- Monica Leifer – SR2S/MCBC
- Ken Levin – Pt. Reyes Station Village Association
- Sarah Lewis – San Geronimo Valley Community Center
- Francisco Manriquez – Tomales High School principal
- Kevin McElroy – Bolinas Public Utility District board, Bolinas parent
- Nick Nguyen – Marin County DPW
- Sahar Shirazi – County of Marin Planning
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Iara Valencia – West Marin Community Services Youth Program Manager
- Sharanya Varma – SR2S/Parametrix
- Maria Velarde – Shoreline Unified Preschool Director

Overlay Map 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 4 priority projects for West Marin schools, which were identified from 10 total issues across the district. Data collection is still ongoing for Tomales and Bolinas-Stinson schools so these were not included in the analysis at this time. Wendi explained that funding for the four priority projects is not yet available, but once concept plans are developed, they can be considered for funding in the future.

Rhonda mentioned the importance of evaluating project outcomes and cited the recent Caltrans project as an example. She also noted the need for facilities in Tomales given the school's after-school program at Town Hall. Ken expressed concerns about traffic safety in San Geronimo Valley and requested assistance in addressing specific intersections, particularly the corner near the thrift store. Wendi clarified that while Safe Routes doesn't provide funding, they can help jurisdictions identify what projects to pursue funding for.

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 improvement plans. The final plan will also include a county-wide safety toolkit with low-cost, high-impact strategies for jurisdictions



throughout Marin County.

County Update (Sahar Shirazi and Nick Nguyen)

Sahar and Nick told the group about the County's work to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan for unincorporated Marin County, including West Marin.

They also gave an update on planned improvements for San Geronimo Valley Drive. Representatives from the County met with stakeholders on July 31 about opportunities for the road. Issues brought up included the need to adjust the speed limit and update speed limit signs; blind corners; and visibility at intersections. The County will act now on the "low-hanging fruit" such as updating speed limit signs while other improvements are finalized. The team agreed to consider community input from the San Geronimo Valley Community Center and work with Supervisor Dennis's office to engage the local community in the planning process. They are still waiting for the CHP report on the fatality accident.

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. Residents can pick up free yard signs from several places around West Marin. See the Street Smarts website for more information: <http://streetsmartsmarin.org/>

Safe Routes Activities (Gwen Froh)

Gwen provided updates on the Safe Routes to Schools education and encouragement program, including a recent volunteer luncheon and back-to-school communications to principals. She discussed new laws regarding e-bike classifications, particularly focusing on Class 2 devices, which are prohibited for riders under 16 due to safety concerns. More information can be found on the [County's E-Bikers Club website](#). Gwen gave an overview of fall events including International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 8. She also announced upcoming surveys for students and parents in September.

Next Steps

- Wendi will follow up with Francisco about Tomales mapping
- WK will follow up on Bolinas mapping
- Wendi will coordinate a presentation of the Safe Routes prioritization to the Lagunitas school board
- Safe Routes will give an update on the walk audit schedule at the next task force meeting
- Wendi will follow up with Rhonda and Sarah for Street Smarts communications contacts

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 5 PM

