

Kentfield School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 15, 2026
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Participants

- Lou Goodwin – MCBC/SR2S
- Sandy Guldman, Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed
- Wendy Holmes – Kent MS Assistant Principal
- Erin Kahn – Parent Volunteer, Co-Coordinator Kentfield Task Force
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Andrew Kingsdale – Parent Volunteer, Co-Coordinator Kentfield Task Force
- Susannah Mrazek – Aide to Supervisor Colbert
- Caitlin Russo – MCBC/SR2S
- Sonia Saltzman – Aide to Supervisor Brian Colbert
- Sahar Shirazi – Marin County Planning
- Jen Shriber – Parametrix/SR2S
- Cass Walsh – Basich Assistant Principal

Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan Update (Jen Shriber)

Jen presented an update on the Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan. The project, which began last summer and will continue through the year, involves developing a data-driven safety action plan focused on improving road safety around schools for children walking and biking. Jen highlighted key findings from the county-wide safety analysis, including trends in crashes involving youth active transportation users and the factors contributing to these crashes. She also discussed work to develop the draft high injury network and school travel priority locations, which will be further discussed at the next task force meeting. The project team aims to finalize these items and conduct safety audits in collaboration with the school community and task forces.

Priority Project Update (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi discussed the next steps for the corridor studies. The location that rose to the top for Kentfield is Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between La Cuesta Avenue and Bacich, including the Almenar Path, Wolfe Grade overpass, and Wolfegrade Intersection. The sidewalk between Laurel Grove and Broadway is also a priority for Kentfield. Currently no concept plans exist for these areas.

The group discussed traffic issues at the intersection of Wolfe Grade and Sir Francis Drake, where confusion about left-turn arrow timing and driver behavior was causing safety concerns. Sahar agreed to investigate the issue.

Acacia Road Update (Sahar Shirazi)



Sahar announced that the county is ready to pursue an annual closure starting with the 2026/2027 school year. They need to have a list of volunteers who would be willing to move the barriers on a weekly basis throughout the year. However, to make this permanent they would need a legal entity to commit to signing a memorandum of understanding and moving the barriers. A Macalester Neighborhood Association could be an option, and Meredith is potentially working on this.

If no legal entity can make the commitment, the county would need to seek a temporary closure every year.

County Update (Sahar Shirazi)

School Zones

Sahar provided an update on an initiative to implement 15 MPH speed zones around eligible schools in the unincorporated County. She explained that eligible schools must be within 500 feet of a county-maintained roadway, be residential, and have posted speeds of 30 MPH or less and be a two-lane road. Speed and crash data are also used to prioritize implementations. The schools are currently being selected, and Sahar will provide information on specific schools at the next task force meeting.

Sahar also outlined plans to address speed limits through AB43 legislation, focusing first on safety corridors and later expanding to high-traffic areas for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Vision Zero Action Plan

Sahar shared details about the county's Vision Zero Action Plan, which aims to prioritize and implement safety improvements on high-injury roads as a next step following the County's Local Road Safety Plan. The [project website](#) includes more information and a map-based survey. While the plan is specifically for the County, they will encourage other jurisdictions to join and coordinate efforts.

Other

Sahar mentioned that the County will receive \$200,000 from TAM for three quick build projects. Manor Road was identified as a potential location for improvements, and the County will work with the community to determine what treatments would work best there. The County is also considering implementing a quick build roundabout at the Woodland/Kent/College intersection.

The Bay Trail gap closure study is in progress and will address the segment from Remillard Park to the 580 flyover. A community workshop is scheduled for January 29.

Andrew mentioned their work with the Street Story tool for gathering safety concerns, which Sahar supported as a valuable data collection method for future bike network planning.

Education & Encouragement (Lou Goodwin and Caitlin Russo)

Caitlin noted the upcoming parent volunteer meeting on February 12. She mentioned that supplies for the second semester are being ordered and distributed, with the theme



focused on Jane Goodall's work. Other upcoming events include the first Walk & Roll Wednesday on February 4 and National Walk and Bike to School Day on May 6. Lou noted that the Kent Middle School Eco Action Club is holding a bike donation drive in January. Donated bikes will be fixed by volunteer mechanics and donated to those who need them.

Lou mentioned that all Bacich classes had been completed in the fall. At Kent, e-bike presentations for each grade and a bike presentation were also held last fall. Blacktop drills are scheduled for January.

Erin mentioned a group of parents interested in expanding biking skill education for Bacich students, perhaps through quarterly reminders. This may be an opportunity for the Eco Action Club to create more videos for the younger students.

Other

Susannah raised concerns about congestion at bus stops on College Ave and asked task force members to reach out to her with any feedback.

Cass reported that the sheriff's presence at the beginning of the year had improved parking issues on Acacia, though some parents continued to ignore parking signs. Cass will monitor the situation and coordinate with Susannah if more sheriff presence is needed.

Next Steps

- The Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan team will finalize its High Injury Network and priority areas and will report back in the spring.
- Safe Routes will develop a list of priority walk audits and corridor plans for the county.
- The County will finalize its list of schools for 15 MPH speed zones.
- Wendi will contact Meredith for updates on Acacia volunteers and any progress towards creating a neighborhood association.

Next Meeting Date: April 16 at 9:30 AM