

Mill Valley School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 14
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Participants

- Julio Arroyo – Mill Valley School District
- Jared Barrilleaux – Mill Valley DPW
- Dominic Blurton – Almonte parent
- Nick Bockh – TMAC
- Urban Carmel – Mill Valley City Council, TAM Board, SR2S Advisory Committee
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Al Grumet – TMAC
- Bill Hoppin – TMAC
- Dan Hernandez – SR2S/MCBC
- Alexandra Jenkins – former Archie Williams parent
- Katherine Jones – Mill Valley City Council
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Rowan Kelly – SR2S/MCBC
- Dave Kollerer – Mill Valley Police Department
- Rob LaPorte – Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
- Sarah McDonald – Strawberry Point parent
- Tara McIntire – Marin County Parks
- Kaitlin Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- Sahar Shirazi – County Principal Planner
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Emily Spady – Safe Routes Tam Valley parent rep, PTA

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. Jen explained that draft recommendations would be available by fall, with the final safety action plan expected by the end of the year. The plan will include individualized plans for priority locations and a countywide toolkit, with the possibility of presenting the recommendations to organizations like Mill Valley Council and TMAC.

Priority Corridor Project Update (Wendi Kallins)

The group discussed priority projects for Mill Valley and Tam Valley, focusing on corridor plans for school routes. Based on feedback from TMAC and the City, priorities are Lomita between the school and Shell Road (Edna Maguire) and Throckmorton between Miller and Elma (Old Mill). Urban noted that Lomita Drive's bike lane project, funded 6-7 years ago, is a county project. Sahar agreed to research the status of the Lomita Drive project and provide updates.



Priorities in unincorporated Mill Valley are around Tam Valley: Almonte from Helen to Rosemont, Highway 1 from Almonte to Tennessee Valley Road, and internal Tam Valley streets.

Sarah raised concerns about the Strawberry Point intersection, which Wendi explained already has a concept plan, though Caltrans needs to remove the slip lane at Tiburon Blvd in order for the project to be viable. Caltrans has delayed intersection improvements to phase 2 of their repaving project. Wendi advised Sarah to contact Supervisor Moulton Peters office and ask to follow updates on the Tiburon Boulevard project and attend related meetings.

County Updates (Sahar Shirazi)

School Zones Program

Sahar provided updates on the implementation of 15 MPH speed zones around eligible schools in the Unincorporated County areas. 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 on two lanes roads. Speed and crash data are also used to prioritize implementations. This will likely be implemented in the summer, and Sahar will provide more detail on the specific schools at the next task force meeting.

Vision Zero

The Vision Zero Action Plan is a next step from the countywide Local Road Safety Plan and is for unincorporated areas in the county. Sahar explained that the Vision Zero plan will prioritize safety improvements based on crash rates, demographics, and land use, while incorporating input from various projects including Safe Routes to Schools. The [project website](#) includes more information and a map-based survey.

Other County Updates

The East Sir Francis Drake Bay Trail Gap Closure Project was also discussed. Sahar noted that a concept design and environmental review study is underway to create a safe path between Remillard Park and the 580 flyover.

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Gwen 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.

Gwen also presented data from the [Safe Routes dashboard](#) showing that Mill Valley Middle School and Park Elementary are among the top-performing schools in the county for active and green modes of travel.

Eco Counter Program (Bill Hoppin)

Bill gave an update on the Eco Counter at Old Mill Elementary School. Initial data shows that the school has an average of 7-10 bikes and 45 walkers per day at the back gate where the counter is set up. He discussed strategies being implemented to raise awareness and incentivize use of the back gate, so walkers and rollers are counted. He also discussed a community goal to double the average number of people biking and increase the number of



people walking by 50% from February to May. Community incentives and events will be used to help encourage students to meet the goal.

Bothin Road Update (Rob LaPorta)

Rob gave an update on the Evolving Shorelines project at the Bothin Marsh Open Space Preserve. The project will address flooding on the pathway through the marsh and restore tidal wetlands.

The project proposes to remove the trail from the middle of the marsh and reroute it on the wetland's perimeter. The trail would be approximately six feet higher than the existing trail to keep it dry. The new trail will also be wider with better separation between user groups.

The project will be constructed in phases. Phase 1 would build the new trail starting at the crosswalk where Almonte turns into Miller and ending at Tam Junction, including a new trailhead at Tam Junction and a new access point at Rosemont. Phase 2 would complete the trail across Coyote Creek and connect it to the existing McGlashen Trail.

The project is currently in the 30% design review phase and will undergo a 24-30 month CEQA process before construction begins in 2028. The team is exploring funding sources, including restoration dollars, active transportation funds, and potential state climate resilience bond funding.

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 Tam Valley group will provide feedback on its preferences for priority corridors.
- The County will provide an update on the Lomita bike lanes.
- The County will finalize its list of schools for 15 MPH speed zones.
- Bill will provide an update on the Old Mill Eco Counter results at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

- April 15 at 9:30 AM

