

Miller Creek School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, January 26, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 91 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

Participants

- Will Anderson – Lucas Valles ES Assistant Principal
- Danielle Borenstein – Lucas Valley parent
- Carla Echevarria – Mont Marin parent
- Sayed Fakhry – San Rafael Public Works
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- Dan Hernandez – SR2S/MCBC
- Brad Honsberger – School Board Trustee Member
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Kate Powers – Former BPAC member, resident
- Julia Reinhard – Aide to Supervisor Mary Sackett
- Becky Ruden – Miller Creek & Lucas Valley parent (Mont Marin)
- Caitlin Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- JD Schramm – Vallecito parent
- Sahar Shirazi – Marin County Public Works
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Mary Stevens – Mont Marin parent
- Warren Wells - MCBC
- Carrie Wurlitzer – Vallecito & Middle Creek MS parent, TAM crossing guard
- Rachel Zwilling – Vallecito & Miller Creek MS parent

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 Corridor Projects (Wendi Kallins)

The task force discussed prioritization criteria for infrastructure projects, including walk audits and concept plans. Two Miller Creek corridors rose to the top based on the Safe Routes prioritization methodology: Montecillo from Freitas to Trellis, including the Trellis/Arias intersection; and the Lucas Valley Road/Las Gallinas intersection. A walk audit and some



concept plans have already been completed for Montecillo, although they would need to be refreshed. No walk audit has yet been conducted at Lucas Valley/Las Gallinas.

Will raised a new safety concern at the intersection of Las Gallinas and Las Colindas Road near the Marin County Office of Education, where fast-moving traffic poses risks to both bikers and drivers, particularly since school bus service has been discontinued. The task force agreed to evaluate this new issue alongside other projects, noting that the previously prioritized Lucas Valley intersection has existing traffic signals and stop signs and that the discontinuation of bus service opened up new issues. Wendi will research which issues are already on the issues list and will also determine if Lucas Valley and Mary Silveira were part of the evaluation process.

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 county is currently awaiting confirmation from the selected schools, and Sahar will provide information on specific schools at the next task force meeting.

Sahar also mentioned plans to address speed limits through AB43 legislation.

Vision Zero Action Plan

Sahar shared details about the county's Vision Zero Action Plan, which will develop a prioritized list of safety projects 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. Additionally, a community meeting will be held on February 23. The plan will help inform the future county bike/ped master plan.

Bay Trail Gap Closure Study

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. More information can be found on the project's website: <https://sfdrakebaytrailgapclosure.com/>

Education and Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Encouragement

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. The popular Bike Hero Award will also once again be held in May.

Education

Education classes at Miller Creek schools are ongoing. Vallecito had its classes in October 2025, Lucas Valley's are being done now, and Miller Creek Middle is scheduled for March. Safe Routes is still trying to get a response from Mary Silveira in order to schedule classes. Gwen and Will will connect about this.

Las Gallinas Bike Lanes (Warren Wells)



Warren presented issues and opportunities for bicycle infrastructure improvements at several locations on Nova Albion Road, and its intersections. He highlighted a challenging left-turn conflict at Las Galinas and a left-hook collision near Miss Nikki's preschool and suggested improvements such as hardened turns and raised bikeway edges. Warren also noted an opportunity to improve the short segment of Nova Albion at Golden Hind, which currently only has sharrows but is very popular with cyclists. Wendi recommended taking the feedback to the BPAC meeting for potential inclusion in the bike plan.

Crossing Lucas Valley Road from Canyon Oaks (Becky Ruden)

Becky and other Mont Marin neighborhood residents raised concerns about the safety of children walking or biking to school from the neighborhood. She highlighted issues on Canyon Oak Road, which has no shoulder or sidewalk and fast-moving vehicles. Additionally, crossing Lucas Valley Road at either Canyon Oak Road or Old Lucas Valley Road is extremely difficult given a lack of traffic controls and no crosswalks. These issues have become more problematic since the school bus service was discontinued.

The group discussed solutions like traffic calming measures, speed feedback signs, and a potential connecting walkway to Miller Creek Road. Wendi explained that while the routes are on their maps, they need to review the overlay maps and prioritize these safety issues based on the factors used in the prioritization process. Julia noted that the County is aware of the issues, but neighbors should pin the locations on the Visio Zero [webmap](#) to give them higher visibility.

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
- Safe Routes will revisit the Miller Creek priority projects and issues list to make sure that the issues raised at today's meeting are included.
- The County will finalize its list of schools for 15 MPH speed zones.
- Will will help Gwen follow up with Mary Silvera School to re-establish the Safe Routes education program.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 27 at 4 PM

