

Ross Valley School District

Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Friday, January 9

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Participants

- Kristin Arnold – Fairfax DPW
- Erick Betancourt – Manor parent volunteer, Fairfax BPAC
- Lisel Blash – Fairfax Councilmember, Fairfax BPAC, TAM Board
- Jason Cardillo – White Hill parent volunteer
- Tarrell Cullaway – MCBC, San Anselmo Town Council
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Josh Goldberger – Brookside Parent Volunteer
- Matt Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- Dan Hernandez – SR2S/MCBC
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Scott McDonald – TAM
- Susannah Mrazik – Aide to Supervisor Brian Colbert
- Scott Schneider – San Anselmo DPW
- Sahar Shirazi – County of Marin
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Gina Singleton – Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, Butterfield Safe Streets
- Alex Weiss – Wade Thomas Parent Volunteer
- Warren Wells – MCBC

View the recording [here](#).

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.

Gina offered to share Butterfield Road survey results showing that over 50% of safety events go unreported, with 55% involving children under 18.

Priority Corridor Projects (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi identified the three Ross Valley corridors that had risen to the top through the SR2S countywide issues prioritization process. Given that SR2S aims to complete corridor plans for all districts and has limited resources, there is no guarantee that these corridors will be addressed



right away.

San Anselmo: Woodland Ave between Crescent Ln. and Cedar St.

Alex noted recent near misses on the street due to speeding drivers. A concept plan for the area was developed in 2024 and can be built upon for a corridor plan.

County: Butterfield Road between Green Valley Ct. and Deer Hollow Rd.

Susannah noted a four-year timeline for intersection work at Green Valley Court. Wendi mentioned existing plans for a corner that could be expanded further up Butterfield Road to include various road crossings.

Fairfax: Broadway between Claus Dr. and Pacheco Ave.

Wendi explained that previous recommendations had been made for that stretch, but solutions are complicated. Lisel suggested that the planning staff for BPAC might benefit from participating in Task Force calls, which Wendi supported.

15 MPH Speed Limit & Vision Zero (Sahar Shirazi)

Sahar provided updates on two key safety initiatives: the implementation of 15 MPH speed zones around eligible schools in Unincorporated County areas, and the launch of the County's Vision Zero Action Plan.

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. Speed and crash data are also used to prioritize implementations. Scott Schneider shared San Anselmo's experience with similar speed zones and emphasized that physical changes like speed bumps are often more effective than signage alone in changing driver behavior.

The Vision Zero Action Plan is a next step from the countywide Local Road Safety Plan and is for unincorporated areas in the county. The [project website](#) includes more information and a map-based survey.

Education & Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Education

Gwen reported on winter education classes at Ross Valley schools. Share the Road was taught to all first- and second-year Archie Williams students in December. This class included information on e-bikes and differentiating between legal and illegal devices. Wade Thomas and Brookside also received education classes in December. Manor and Hidden Valley will have their education in March, while White Hill will have classes in April.

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.

Two of the four winners of the Buddy Up contest were from Ross Valley. They included a group from White Hill and a group from Manor. More information can be found on the [Safe Routes website](#).

San Anselmo Update (Scott Schneider)



Scott discussed successful grants obtained for bike and ped projects, including the following:

- Brookside sidewalk gap closure phases 2 and 3
- Sequoia Park safe routes, including relocating part of the road to improve sightlines
- TAM grant received to change the rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Madrone to a HAWK
- TAM grant funding received to do four small sidewalk gap closes at Brookmead Place, Sycamore/Madrone, Santa Cruz Avenue, and Woodland Avenue

Scott highlighted the town's new traffic calming program, which is well subscribed. The program considers factors such as the presence of curbs, sidewalk, and slope and uses 20 MPH as a target speed.

Scott also mentioned a feasibility study for a new crossing across Sir Francis Drake at Sunny Hill, and the start of a Creek Park contraflow bike lane project using Measure B funds.

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.

Next Meeting Date: April 3, 10 AM

