

# San Rafael School District

## Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 21

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

[VIEW RECORDING - 59 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

### Participants

- Kelly Abey – San Rafael DPW
- Phil Chapman – Laurel Del parent
- Sayed Fakhery – San Rafael DPW
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Bob Marcucci – Deputy Superintendent, San Rafael Schools
- Mo de Nieva-Marsh – San Rafael City Schools Board, CA School Board Assoc.
- Cathy Minovy – San Rafael Meadows resident
- Craig Murray – Merrydale Road resident
- Julia Reinhard – Aide to Supervisor Mary Sackett
- David Rhoads – Walk Bike San Rafael, TAM Community Oversight Committee
- Caitlin Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- Jean Severinghouse – Neighbor and advocate
- Sahar Shirazi – County of Marin
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix

### 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.

### Corridor Priority Projects (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi identified the three San Rafael corridors that had risen to the top through the SR2S countywide issues prioritization process:

- Mission/Grand, Mission/Irwin intersections
- Woodland Avenue between B Street and Anderson Drive



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street cycle track to Davidson

Wendi noted that the prioritization had considered where students live in relation to the corridor and so factored in that students may not walk or bike in some areas due to a lack of infrastructure. She acknowledged that school bus stops hadn't been considered in previous discussions but agreed to add them to their radar. Sahar mentioned ongoing work to study safe access to transit for bikes and pedestrians, though funding wasn't currently available. Cathy and Craig raised concerns about missing sidewalks in the Rafael Meadows neighborhood, which Wendi agreed to consider for future planning. Jean inquired about a previous study on school bus stops in San Rafael, which Wendi said she would follow up on with Robert Betts, now head of the Marin Transit.

## County Updates (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 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. Additionally, a community meeting will be held on February 23. While the plan is specifically for the County, they will encourage other jurisdictions to join and coordinate efforts.

### *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. All San Rafael elementary schools will participate in spring encouragement events.



### Education

Education classes have already been provided at Davidson and Sun Valley. Classes are planned for Bahia Vista in January/February, Venetia Valley in January, and Laurel Dell in March. Safe Routes is doing outreach to Coleman to schedule their classes.

### Point San Pedro Road (Wendi Kallins)

The group discussed the recent pedestrian fatality at Point San Pedro Road and Summit Avenue. There is an existing crosswalk at this intersection, and the County is in the process of having a HAWK signal installed there. The City is working with the County on a plan to resurface the road, which would consider installation of additional rectangular rapid flashing beacons at three crosswalks, is working with the county to resolving parking conflicts and possibly add bike lanes, and would potentially reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH along the entire corridor.

### City Updates (Sayed Fakhry)

Sayed reported that the pathway under the freeway got funding, and the City is in the process of hiring consultants. The City's bicycle and pedestrian plan update is also ongoing. He also noted that the City is identifying areas outside downtown to reduce speeds in accordance with AB 43, including Point San Pedro Road and D Street. The City has already used AB 43 to reduce speed limits downtown.

Craig provided an update on the SMART pathway project, confirming that Adil Sake would be the City project manager and that TAM had collaborated with the City to fund the design phase.

Cathy noted that three crosswalks on Merrydale near the Chevron station need lighting. In the dark it is very difficult to see people walking to and from the bus pads there.

Sayed suggested that Cathy can use SeeClickFix to bring to City's attention:

<https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/seeclickfix/>.

### 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.
- Safe Routes will consider paths to bus stops when evaluating issues.
- Wendi will add the lack of sidewalks in Rafael Meadows to the issues list
- Wendi will contact Robert Betts about bus stop study

### Next Meeting Date

- April 22 at 5 PM

