

**Larkspur-Corte Madera School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes**

Thursday, February 12, 2026

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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Participants

- Demetre Copeland –Corte Madera Department of Public Works
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Peter Lechowick – Parent Marin Primary and Middle School
- Morgan Patton – Aide to Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
- Pat Ravasio – Corte Madera Town Council
- Jean Severinghouse – Greenbrae resident
- Sahar Shirazi – Marin County Planning
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur Department of Public Works

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

Jen presented an update on the Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan, which aims to develop data-driven recommendations for improving road user safety around schools. The project has completed a county-wide safety analysis focusing on crashes involving active transportation users under 18 at nearby schools. Key findings included high injury rates among youth active transportation crashes and unsafe speed being a major cause of crashing involving youth active transportation users. The team has identified a draft high-injury network and school travel priority locations, which will be finalized and discussed further in the spring. Next steps include scheduling safety audits at priority locations and publicizing opportunities for community involvement.

Corridor Priority Update (Wendi Kallins)

The group discussed priority locations for walk audits and corridor plans based on the Safe Routes issue prioritization process. Lucky Drive rose to the top and is already funded.

The spur off the Sandra Marker Trail going towards Neil Cummins was also high on the list. Safe Routes may have enough information and prior recommendations to come up with a corridor plan without a walk audit, although a new walk audit could include the neighbors. There have been previous efforts to pave the trail near High Canal Bridge and the Neil Cummins stretch, but this met with resistance from neighbors who don't want asphalt. Wendi suggested other treatments are available that would preserve the look and feel of a pathway. The Town has previously cut bushes back to restore the path to its proper width, but bushes still need to be trimmed at the blind corner.

Town Updates



Corte Madera (Demetre Copeland)

Demetre provided an update on several Corte Madera projects. The Paradise Drive Complete Streets project has had construction postponed until 2027 owing to a lengthy NEPA process. The Paradise Drive Gap Closure Project was selected for a \$1.27 million grant from TAM. The Town plans to start design next year with potential construction in late 2027 or 2028. The Town just started advertising for bids for the Madera Gardens Complete Streets Project. Construction is expected towards the end of March through summer. This project will include a traffic circle with a four-way yield at the intersection of Lakeside and Mohawk.

Larkspur (Julian Skinner)

Julian gave an update on ongoing Larkspur projects. The City received two Safe Pathways grants from TAM: one to complete the pathway on Magnolia between Doherty and Central Pathway behind the shopping center and another to enhance bike buffers on Doherty Drive. More outreach is needed on the latter project to address transit concerns and the street's function as an emergency route. The City did not get the SS4A grant for the Magnolia Corridor Study and will evaluate whether they should progress it as a lower-cost interim project or complete the Plans, Specs, and Estimate phase to get it shovel-ready for future funding opportunities.

There have been issues on Doherty Drive with cars queuing in front of school and blocking the bike lane. The City added no parking signs about a year ago, but people don't pay attention to them. Police started putting cones in the bike lane to deter parking, although Julian is not sure how successful this has been.

New Issue: Branch Street (Peter Lechowick)

Peter brought up a concern about the connection between Branch Avenue and the Larkspur Path. The street slopes downhill to the path, and there is no formal connection for Marin Primary and Middle School students. Additionally, the area floods when it rains. This is located across the path from the Hart Street connection, which was recently completed by Corte Madera. Peter has already informed Julian of this issue and will send information and photos to Wendi and Pat. Pat agreed to meet with him.

Education and Encouragement (Gwen Froh)

Encouragement

Gwen described upcoming Safe Routes encouragement events. The parent volunteer meeting was held today and had a high turnout. There are seven events, including two optional events, planned for the spring semester. The official Safe Routes programming will start on March 4 with a Walk and Roll Wednesday. The spring contest will kick off on April 15 and will include one event per week, ending with National Bike to School Day on May 6. The theme will focus on Jane Goodall's work. An optional Earth Day event will be held on April 1, and Bike Hero Award nominations will be open through the month of May.



Education

Hall, Neil Cummins, and Marin Primary received their education classes in fall 2025. Safe Routes is in communication with Cove staff to schedule classes there in the spring.

Vision Zero (Sahar Shirazi)

Sahar explained that the county's Vision Zero Action Plan is a next step from the countywide Local Road Safety Plan and will identify specific countermeasures for prioritized locations in unincorporated Marin based on data analysis. The [project website](#) includes more information and a map-based survey where respondents can identify safety issues and areas of concern. While the plan is just for unincorporated Marin, Sahar noted that the County will share all information with local jurisdictions. A community meeting will be held in the next few months.

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 follow up on the pathway from High Canal Bridge.
- Peter will send Wendi and Pat information, and Safe Routes will follow up on the Branch Avenue inquiry.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 14 at 4 PM