

Ross School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, January 12, 2026
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Participants

- Laura Dewar – Ross School Parent Volunteer
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Susannah Mrazek – Aide to Supervisor Colbert
- Caitlin Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- Mathew Salter – Ross Town Council
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Rich Simonitch – Ross Department of Public Works

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Announcements (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi announced that this will be the last Ross task force meeting for her and Gwen, who are both retiring at the end of the current school year. Rich also announced that he will retire in August.

Gwen shared the [job posting](#) for her replacement. Susannah and Wendi noted that they would share it through their newsletters.

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

Jen shared an update on the Marin County School Access Safety Action Plan project, including Ross-specific crash analysis results. 107 reported crashes occurred in Ross within a two-mile radius of schools from 2015-2024. This included 8 crashes involving active transportation users, including one youth. Owing to the low number of active transportation user crashes and their spread-out nature, no locations in Ross were identified as part of the countywide High Injury Network. The Safety Action Plan's safety toolkit will provide general safety strategies, engineering treatments, and programmatic tools for the town to use to improve road user safety near schools.

Walk Audit Planning (Wendi Kallins)

The group discussed scheduling for the Ross walk audit, which will cover Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from the Art and Garden center to the Bolinas intersection (shared with San Anselmo).

It was noted that the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard pathway, which runs the length of the street in Ross, is starting to show signs of wear and should be a capital project. Recent sidewalk improvements were done heading south from Bolinas as part of a storm drain project, and traffic calming is planned for the S curve at the bridge.



Town Report on Current Projects (Rich Simonitch)

Rich gave an update on recent and ongoing projects in the town.

The Shady Lane safe pathways project was approved to go to bid in a few weeks. A contract will be awarded at the 4/23 council meeting.

The town is developing a capital improvement program for upcoming budget discussions. The plan includes:

- Allen Avenue Safe Routes: widen the pathway on the west side of Ross School
- Laurel Grove pathway phase 3: complete the pathway from Canyon Avenue to Macon Grade

Both projects have received \$100,000 from TAM for construction costs. They should all be complete by the end of 2027.

The Sir Francis Drake Boulevard repaving project is out to bid now and will start after school ends.

The bridge projects have been delayed by spotted owl nesting surveys. Construction may proceed before July if no nesting pairs are found.

Safe Routes Spring Activities (Gwen Froh)*Education*

Gwen reported that the second grade walking classes, fourth grade indoor bike class, and sixth grade presentation have been done. The outdoor bike rodeo will take place on April 20.

Encouragement

Laura mentioned that Ross School will celebrate Earth Week from April 20-24 by encouraging students to walk and bike to school every day of the week. There will be a raffle at the end of the week to win a classroom popsicle party. National Bike to School Day will be celebrated in May.

Gwen mentioned the upcoming Bike Hero award in May, when students can be nominated for being good "roll" models.

Next Steps

- David and Jen will schedule the next task force meeting.
- Wendi will coordinate a walk audit with Rich and Scott Schneider (San Anselmo).

