

Kentfield School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 16, 2026
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Participants

- Meredith Brewer – McAllister/Berens Neighborhood Captain
- Gwen Froh – MCBC/SR2S
- Molly Graham - TAM
- David Hoffman - Parametrix/SR2S
- Wendy Holmes – Kent MS Assistant Principal
- Erin Kahn – Parent Volunteer, Co-Coordinator Kentfield Task Force
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Neda Kiani – Marin County Department of Public Works
- Susannah Mrazek – Aide to Supervisor Colbert
- Ray Rodriguez - TAM
- Sahar Shirazi – Marin County Planning
- Jen Shriber – Parametrix/SR2S
- Sharanya Varma - Parametrix/SR2S
- Audrey Veyssiere - TAM
- Cass Walsh – Bacich Assistant Principal
- Melanie Wollenweber - Parent

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

Jen and Sharanya presented findings from the project's second phase, which identified 24 priority areas countywide for deeper safety assessments, including one location in Kentfield at the intersection of College Ave and the Corte Madera Creek Trail. This location is the site of 14 crashes including five involving people walking and rolling (2 involving youths). Existing data and recommendations will be used in the safety action plan, so a desktop review is sufficient for this location.

Wendy mentioned that one of the crashes involved a fifth grader on a scooter and led to an injury. She noted that the site is very popular with students walking and biking, particularly in the afternoon, and recommended having a crossing guard at the location. She said that the school currently works with students to teach appropriate behaviors when crossing, such as pushing the button and waiting for the lights before crossing. Students are currently coached to go through campus and cross College, if they need to, at the campus entrance crosswalk. However, students heading towards Sir Francis Drake Boulevard will use the trail crossing.



Walk Audit Planning (Wendi Kallins)

A walk audit will be held on June 4 to observe the intersections of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard at Wolf Grade and Manor Road. Anyone interested in joining should meet at the Wolf Grade intersection at 7:55 AM.

15 MPH Zones (Sahar Shirazi)

Sahar discussed work to implement 15 MPH speed limits on eligible roads in unincorporated areas. At this point, schools have been notified and are providing feedback until the end of April. In Kentfield, the site is near Bacich: McAllister from approximately Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to Berens Drive (within 500 feet of the school). Implementation is expected in summer 2026. Unfortunately, only streets with frontage to the school qualify so Acacia was not included.

Crossing Guard Program Updates (Molly Graham)

Molly provided an overview of the crossing guard program's history, evaluation process, and upcoming changes. Crossing guard locations were assessed starting in fall 2026 based on established metrics. Changes were presented to the TAM Executive Committee last week, and will be presented to the TAM Board on April 23. The suggested route maps will be updated to reflect the changes.

From 2023-2026, 100 guards, 96 of whom were funded by TAM, were stationed at 99 locations. Going forward, 100 guards will be stationed at 94 locations; 90 of these will be funded by TAM.

In Kentfield, the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard/Wolf Grade intersection will get two crossing guards. The school district will also fund one guard at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard/College Avenue. The guard in this location, Michael, will be honored in May as the county's crossing guard of the year.

The group discussed strategies to get a crossing guard at the College Avenue/Corte Madera Creek Trail intersection. Ray noted that locations need to be identified by the County Public Works Director before it can be evaluated. TAM will need to receive a letter signed both by the County and Public Works before the item is brought to the TAM board if the site is to be evaluated in this round; otherwise, the school district will need to wait four years for the next evaluation period.

The school district can fund its own crossing guard at any time. Once a guard is placed at a location, it must continue there for the rest of the school year.

Safe Routes Spring Events (Gwen Froh)

Encouragement

The Kent Eco Action Club hosted a bike donation drive and gave out 10 bikes at the Novato Bike Fest. The EcoAction Club also made “walk your bike” signs to support the crossing guards at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard/Wolfe Grade; the signs were posted at the intersection.

Bacich held successful Walk and Roll events in February and March. The four-week challenge has just started. Erin noted that the event was streamlined and that students were excited about the event and scooter prize. The event will end on National Bike to School Day, in which the fire department will be involved.

An Earth Day festival will be held at Bacich tomorrow and Kent Tuesday. Safe Routes has a table and activity to promote biking.

Education

Education classes have been completed for Kentfield schools. Bacich received Walk Around the Block classes, a bike and traffic Safety presentation, and a bike rodeo. Kent classes included Drive that Bike classes, bike drills, and a class on e-bike safety laws.

Bacich is hosting its first walk and roll bike clinic on May 11. This was inspired by a similar program done in Ross. The clinic will be held after school and is open to second through fourth graders. While there is currently a cost, Erin is hoping that the cost can be covered and the number of spots expanded in the coming years.

Other

Wendi announced that she and Gwen will retire at the end of the school year. They will be missed! Jen Shriber and David Hoffman will take over facilitating task force meetings. Gwen’s job is [currently available](#), and interested candidates are welcome to apply.

Wendi noted that the flood control project has been put on hold due to federal funding issues.

Melanie mentioned a recent crash at the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard/Manor intersection. The crash involved high speeds and vehicles only – no active transportation users – but occurred during school hours when the crossing guard was on site.

Next Steps

- Email Jen at jshriber@parametrix.com with any input on the College Avenue/Corte Madera Creek Trail intersection.
- Safe Routes will hold a walk audit at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard /Wolf Grade on June 4 at 7:55 AM.



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- Wendy will pursue a crossing guard at the College Avenue/Corte Madera Creek Trail intersection. Susannah offered to help coordinate with the county.

