

# Mill Valley School District

## Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 15  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

### Participants

- Julio Arroyo – Mill Valley School District
- Jared Barrilleaux – Mill Valley DPW
- Dominic Blurton – Almonte parent
- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Molly Graham - TAM
- Al Grumet –TMAC
- Matt Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Jen Imbimbo
- Katherine Jones – Mill Valley City Council
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Dave Kollerer – Mill Valley Police Department
- Sarah McDonald – Strawberry Point PTA
- Anand Ramacahndran – TMAC
- Ray Rodriguez – TAM
- Sahar Shirazi – County Principal Planner
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Emily Spady – Safe Routes Tam Valley parent rep, PTA
- Craig Tackabery – Mill Valley Public Works
- Sharanya Varma – SR2S/Parametrix
- Aurey Veysi – TAM
- Warren Wells – MCBC

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

Jen presented findings from the project's second phase, which identified 24 priority areas countywide for deeper safety assessments, including five locations in Mill Valley and unincorporated areas. The team analyzed crash data, identifying common causes such as improper turning and unsafe speeds, particularly at intersections like Almonte and Rosemont, Shoreline Highway and Laurel Way, and Sycamore Avenue near Camino Alto.

Next steps include two upcoming walk audits. Task force members are encouraged to attend and to spread the word to anyone who would be interested in joining:

- May 13 at 8 AM: Almonte Boulevard – meet at the intersection of Almonte/Miller Ave.
- September 24 at 8 AM: Shoreline Highway/Laurel Way – meet at the intersection

Community feedback will help inform specific safety recommendations for each location to be included in the safety action plan, which can be used by jurisdictions when applying for grant funding. A draft plan is expected in early 2027.

Al mentioned a recent near miss on East Blithedale caused by a speeding vehicle.



Anand mentioned a related project on Miller Avenue and suggested cross-pollinating insights between that study and the current initiative. Warren highlighted a Caltrans project on Shoreline Highway and suggested coordination, as well as exploring speed limit adjustments under new legislation to enhance safety. David Koller suggested involving the high school in addressing collisions at the Camino Alto/Miller intersection due to student traffic.

Please email [jshriber@parametrix.com](mailto:jshriber@parametrix.com) with any feedback on the priority areas.

### **Walk Audit and Corridor Planning (Wendi Kallins)**

Wendi provided an overview of upcoming Safe Routes walk audits:

- April 27 at 8 AM: Old Mill Elementary School – meet at Miller and Throckmorton
- May 13 at 8 AM: Almonte (joint with Safety Action Plan) – joining May 13 walk audit

Safe Routes will also build on previous walk audits to develop a corridor plan for Bell/Marin Ave and the connecting side streets.

### **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. The following Mill Valley locations were selected:

- Bell Lane (Tam Valley ES)
- Almonte (Tam High)
- Harvard (mt Tam School)

Implementation is expected in summer 2026.

### **Mill Valley ATP Grant (Craig Tackabery)**

Craig discussed the City's work to obtain an Active Transportation Program grant for Mill Valley's active transportation projects. TAM has offered application assistance, and the City has applied twice before. While unsuccessful so far, they have received guidance to refocus the application on disadvantaged communities (seniors east of Camino Alto) and to show better connections to schools and seniors.

New project locations have arisen through the Miller Avenue Corridor Study and the Safety Action Plan (Sycamore).

Here is a [project description](#) to the task force for feedback. Provide feedback to [ctackabery@cityofmillvalley.gov](mailto:ctackabery@cityofmillvalley.gov)



### **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.

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. Four lane roads are now required to have 2 crossing guards and thus some guards had to be moved to those locations.

Mill Valley's crossing guards will remain the same. While the Tiburon Boulevard and East Strawberry Drive location scored under the cutoff this year, the school district will pay to keep a guard in that location.

### **Eco Counter Report (Anand Ramachandran)**

Anand gave an update on the EcoCounter at Old Mill School. The goal of the counter is to increase walking and biking to school. So far, the counter has recorded that the school has nearly met its target for walkers: approximately 52 walkers per day have been recorded, up from 45 at baseline. The counter is also reporting biking increases, with 13 bicyclists per day (up from 10).

Next steps include a BMX Freestylers assembly celebration on May 29 and a bike giveaway. People for Bikes will also feature the pilot as a case study in its June ratings.

### **Safe Routes Spring Activities (Gwen Froh)**

February and March events have been well attended. The Let's Planet Together contest starts today, and students will be able to turn in cards on May 6 (National Bike to School Day) for a chance to win a prize. Middle and high school art contest winners were used for event posters to promote the May 6 event. The Bike Hero contest will run through May, allowing people to nominate good "roll" models at their schools. The contest typically receives 100 nominations, which are shared with school principals.

All education classes have been held for Mill Valley:

- Mill Valley Middle and Tam Valley: September
- Edna McGuire: December
- Strawberry: January
- Park and Old Mill: February

### **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.

### Next Steps

- Safe Routes will schedule fall task force meetings.
- Safe Routes and Safety Action Plan walk audits will be held as scheduled.
- Task force members should send Craig Tackabery (ctackabery@cityofmillvalley.gov) feedback on Active Transportation Program grant application projects.