

Miller Creek School District
Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes

Monday, April 27, 2026
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Participants

- Gwen Froh – SR2S/MCBC
- Matthew Hartzell – WTB-TAM
- David Hoffman – SR2S/Parametrix
- Wes Howell – Mark Day School
- Wendi Kallins – SR2S
- Crystal Martinez – Aide to Supervisor Sackett
- Nick Miller – Miller Creek MS Assistant Principal
- Ray Rodriguez - TAM
- Becky Ruden – Miller Creek & Lucas Valley parent (Mont Marin)
- Caitlin Russo – SR2S/MCBC
- Sahar Shirazi – Marin County Public Works
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Sharanya Varma – SR2S/Parametrix
- Audrey Veysiere - TAM

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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 two locations in near Miller Creek schools:

1. Las Gallinas Avenue from Miller Creek Road to Roundtree Boulevard (Lucas Valley)
2. Las Gallinas Avenue from Hyacinth Way to Del Presidio Drive (Northgate)

The team analyzed crash data and identified common causes such as improper turning and unsafe speeds.

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:

Date & Time	Location	Meeting Point
September 1 at 7:40 AM	Las Gallinas (Lucas Valley)	Las Gallinas/Roundtree
September 22 at 8:00 AM	Las Gallinas (Northgate)	Las Gallinas/Hyacinth

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.

A task force member mentioned that parents use Roundtree to turn around when dropping students off, or as a shortcut to get to school. Another noted that Las Gallinas from Hyacinth to Del Presidio is part of a regional pathway, the North San Rafael Promenade, that's been planned for 35 years and would feature a Class 1 path or Class 4 bike lane for the segment.

Please email jshriber@parametrix.com with any feedback on the priority areas.

Walk Audit and Corridor Planning (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi mentioned an upcoming Safe Routes walk audit on May 14 at 7:45. Participants will meet at Canyon Oak Drive and Lucas Valley Drive and will observe crossings, including Big Rock, as well as Canyon Oak Drive if time allows.

Safe Routes will work to develop a corridor plan for Monticello Avenue between Trellis Drive and Manuel T. Frietas Parkway, where a walk audit has already been done.

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 the Miller Creek School District, school speed zones will be implemented near several schools:

- Marin Waldorf School – Idylberry Road
- Miller Creek MS – Las Gallinas Avenue
- Lucas Valley – Idylberry Road
- Mary Silveira – Blackstone Drive

Vehicle speeds will be reduced within 500 feet of each school. This law aligns with the California Vehicle Code and is meant to be in effect when children are present, so this will not be a 24-hour speed reduction.

Crossing Guard Program Update (Ray Rodriguez & Audrey Veysiere)

Ray and Audrey 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 recently presented to the TAM Executive Committee and the TAM Board.

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.

One Miller Creek location, Manuel T. Freitas Parkway/Las Pavadas Avenue, will receive two crossing guards. This location was not previously guarded.



Two locations that have previously had crossing guards will see the service discontinued in the next school year: Nova Albion Way/Arias Street and Las Gallinas Avenue/Oleander Drive. All other locations that currently have crossing guards will retain service.

Becky brought up an issue at Idylberry Road/Mount Shasta Drive, where a parent volunteer had taken over after the crossing guard retired several years ago. This location scored below the cut-off for a crossing guard based on low pedestrian/vehicle counts during the audit. The team agreed to investigate the situation further and provide additional documentation to help explain the ranking decline.

Safe Routes Spring Activities (Gwen Froh)

Gwen mentioned that schools are currently participating in a monthlong contest, Let's Planet Together, that started on April 15 and will end on National Bike to School Day in May. 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.

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

- The Safety Action Plan team will hold two walk audits:
 - September 1 at 7:40 AM: Las Gallinas (Lucas Valley) – meet at the intersection of Las Gallinas/Roundtree
 - September 22 at 8 AM: Las Gallinas (Northgate) – meet at the intersection of Las Gallinas/Hyacinth
- Email jshriber@parametrix.com with any feedback on the priority areas.
- The Safe Routes team will hold a walk audit on May 14 at 7:45. Participants will meet at Canyon Oak Drive and Lucas Valley Drive.
- The Safe Routes team will develop a corridor plan for Montecillo based on the recently completed walk audit.
- TAM and Safe Routes will provide additional information about the Lucas Valley crossing guard count.