

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

Thursday, May 14, 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
- Pat Ravasio – Corte Madera Town Council
- Ray Rodriguez – TAM
- Jean Severinghouse – Greenbrae resident
- Jen Shriber – SR2S/Parametrix
- Julian Skinner – Larkspur Department of Public Works
- Audrey Veysiere – TAM

Corridor Planning (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi noted that the highest priority corridor, Lucky Drive, already has improvements funded.

The next priority is the High Canal Path connecting Lakeside to the Sandra Marker Trail. This poses a challenge as adjacent property owners previously opposed paving. A different material might gain more support.

Jurisdiction Updates

Larkspur (Julian Skinner)

The Magnolia South Corridor Study has been proposed for next year’s Capital Improvement Plan. This would include the area south of Branch Avenue, through downtown Larkspur, and by Saint Patrick School and Marin Primary and Middle School. The study will include outreach to identify issues along the corridor.

The entire length of Doherty Drive will get buffered bike lane enhancements with physical barriers funded through the Safe Pathways program. Stakeholder outreach and coordination will help determine the appropriate barriers to use.

Another Safe Pathways project will close a gap in the path on the east side of Magnolia. It will also improve the pedestrian crossing at the Lucky parking lot driveway. Most of the engineering is already done and the City is aiming to start construction in late summer.

A project stemming from a citizen's concern will study the feasibility of formalizing trail access at Branch Avenue. The City has authorized topographical survey work to get a better understanding of grades and drainage. The area is under the jurisdiction of Larkspur, Corte Madera, and the County, all of which support the study.

A 100-ft fence was installed to block a BMX jump onto William Ave. from the pathway. This has been met with mixed feedback from the community.

The City is working with Parametrix to apply for an Active Transportation Program grant for active transportation improvements along Redwood Boulevard. The project would construct an all ages and abilities Class IV separated bikeway connecting to the new North-South Bikeway terminus and existing Class I pathway towards the shopping center. The project received a high score from the ATP two years ago but did not receive funding. The project would cost \$3.5 million for design, environmental work, and construction.

Corte Madera

The Madera Gardens Complete Streets project started construction last month and is expected to finish by September.

The Paradise Drive Complete Streets project received NEPA clearance; construction is expected in spring 2027.

The Paradise Drive Gap Closure project received \$1.2 million grant funding. Design will begin soon for construction in 2027 or 2028.

The Town is looking into enforcing vegetation maintenance along the High Canal Path since much of this is on private property.

Crossing Guard Program Updates (Ray Rodriguez and Audrey Veysiére)

TAM's crossing guard program is funded by a 7.5% share of Measure AA sales tax. The program is recertified every 5 years, at which point locations are assessed to determine changes to the crossing guard locations. The 2026–2030 cycle will fund 96 guards at 90 locations.

Larkspur-Corte Madera has received a new guard at Tamalpais Drive and Lakeside Drive, the site of a recent crash involving a grandmother and child. Corte Madera had moved a guard from Tamalpais and Eastman to this location. Pat mentioned that the new location has low use compared to the previous one, although Ray noted that the Lakeshore intersection would have scored well for bicycle and pedestrian volumes to qualify for a guard. He noted that the swap can be reversed by the Town Manager and Public Works Director. A legal entity (e.g., Town of Corte Madera) can also fund an additional guard for approximately \$25,500/year via a direct agreement with TAM.

Safe Routes Spring Activities (Gwen Froh)

Safe Routes education classes were held at Marin Primary, Hall Middle School, and Neal Cummins. Cove will be a high priority for next year.

National Bike to School Day events were held at Neal Cummins and Hall Middle School. The last contest of the school year, the Bike Hero Contest, will be open for nominations until May 24. Winners will be announced in the upcoming Safe Routes newsletter.

Announcement (Wendi Kallins)

Wendi announced that she and Gwen will both retire from the Safe Routes program at the end of the school year. Wendi, who founded the program, has been involved for 26 years; Gwen has been with the program for 21 years. David Hoffman and Jen Shriber will take over task force management. Erin Kahn will become the new Safe Routes Program Director.

Next Steps

- Audrey will provide Pat with pedestrian/vehicle counts for Tamalpais & Eastman, Tamalpais & Lakeside, and Redwood & Pixley.
- David will investigate signal timing options for the Redwood Highway/Trader Joe's intersection and report findings to Jean and Matthew.
- Parametrix & Demetre will research and propose alternative surface materials for the High Canal Path.
- Pat will discuss reversing the crossing guard swap with the Town Manager and Public Works Director.
- David and Jen will schedule and announce fall task force meeting dates.