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**Larkspur-Corte Madera SR2S Task Force meeting**  
**Thursday Sept. 9, 2021**

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Longinotti- BPAC member, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools- Program Coordinator, Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools Program Director, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Jennifer Schriber - Parisi Transportation Engineer, Saum Zargar - Assistant Principal Redwood High School, Jared Barrilleaux - Corte Madera DPW Engineer, Kathy McLeod - Crossing Guard Sup/Outreach Coordinator, Julian Skinner- Larkspur DPW Director, Christopher Whitlock - Marin Transit Operations Analyst, Jean Severinghaus - Resident, Cooper Miley- Safe Routes to School Volunteer Coordinator, Matt Farber- Lead Instructor for Safe Routes to Schools.

**Safe Routes Education and Encouragement for spring and fall**

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[International Walk and Roll to School Day](#) is October 6, 2021. Nationally and locally, this is the largest event to promote walking and rolling to school. SR2S volunteers typically host welcome tables at all schools and small incentives are handed out to students. Student volunteers are needed for schools to participate.

**Redwood High Safe Routes to Schools Engorgement and Education**

The Principal and Joe Stewart have been contacted regarding developing a Teen Advisory Council that is being funded by a grant the Safe Routes received. The council would include a number of select students interested in developing in the spring of 2022 a project or an event focused on “mode shift”. This is a county wide initiative with five high schools.

Share the Road Education class for 9th and 10th grade students with a perspective of all modes of transportation. For example, what it is like being a

driver vs being on a bicycle vs being a pedestrian. This class will be available in the spring of 2022

### Redwood High Student Parking Update

Redwood High has 1950 students enrolled this school year. They have a very high demand for student parking then they have space. Staff are provided a parking space and the remaining spaces are for students Below is a breakdown of the parking distribution.

Here is my report:

- Close to 650 students (11th and 12th graders) applied during a one week application window for 347 student parking spaces on campus
- Only 11th and 12th-grade students who live more than a 20-minute walk from Redwood High School qualify for a student parking permit. Other students are encouraged to walk, ride a bike, ride with others or take public transportation.
- There are 25 carpool spots: each vehicle must have 3 or more students per car
- 75 students/vehicles have committed to carpooling
- 291 Seniors were awarded parking and 56 juniors have parking privileges (only 30% of the junior got a spot). To encourage carpooling: If students agreed to carpool they are guaranteed a parking spot.
- Permitted student parking on campus starts on September 7th.
- Filler permits will be available for students that do not have a first period and find an unclaimed parking spot.
- Single occupancy vehicles remain the biggest problem
- A safe and accessible drop/off- pick location has been established and communicated to the parents to keep the very busy parking lot safe for students and staff.
- Good news is many students are bicycling to school and the racks are full!
- We have added more bike racks to promote biking to school and while the weather is good, our bike racks are full
- Bus transportation has been restored, but challenges with busses being on time and the bus company having enough drivers remains.
- Students cannot leave campus for lunch with their vehicles; they are adjusting.

## **Update on Bus Service Marin Transit**

The supplemental routes names changed this year to a 600 series.

- > Service from Belvedere/Tiburon to Redwood only
- > Service from Pirate Cay to Redwood and Hall schools

There are 4 scheduled trips for each route in the AM and 2-3 trips scheduled in the PM depending on the day of the week.

There is a nationwide driver shortage; it has impacted the bus services along with Bill 328 that changed the start times for schools: Middle schools cannot start before 8:00 AM and high schools before 8:30 AM. In the past start and end times were staggered across the county now schools are starting at the same time. There are not enough vehicles to meet the demand. It can take up to 1.5 years to get a bus.

Marin Transit is working with their contractor to have a more consistent schedule that is more reliable. This will be pushed out On Sept 20, 2021. [Marintransit.org](http://Marintransit.org) for more information.

## **Crossing guards**

Countywide there is a crossing guard shortage. Until guards can be hired and trained some sites have been cancelled. Larkspur/Corte Madera is doing OK; however, there are no subs and some guards are limited in their availability.

An ad ran in the IJ and it was very successful; five people applied for all of Marin. Each town has public message boards for signs and marketing resources.

## **Town Updates**

### **Corte Madera**

[Safe Routes - DPW Paradise Dr Sidewalk Update](#) this link is to the presentation used during the meeting.

### **Paradise Drive Sidewalk Widening**

This extends from San Clemente to Seawolf Passage on the north side of Paradise Drive. It was a 4ft wide standard sidewalk. A portion of the sidewalk is completed; the project should be completed in mid-October after Paradise drive is paved. There will be a sharrows in the #2 vehicle lanes for cyclists.

### **Echo/San Clemente Connector Path**

The town applied for a grant for a paved 300 foot long, Class I, multi-use path for travelers going north from Paradise Dr to Echo to a connector path (currently dirt) is part of the Bay Trail that would be paved. The community expressed a big need for this improvement.

Unofficial news for TAM is the grant may be approved. If funded, DPW would begin design in the next few months. Permits will be needed due to the proximity of the marsh.

### **Paradis Drive to Robin Drive (west bound)**

The design contract was awarded to start preliminary design. No design has been started. There will be a campaign requesting public input/workshop sometime in October. There is a limited amount of right-of-way space; input on the design of the path, parking, influences on vehicles entering the nearby school along with consideration for utility facilities all need to be addressed.

### **Larkspur**

#### **Crosswalk improvements**

The City Council adopted a Crosswalk City Policy. Crosswalks were identified for two phases of improvements.

- a. Crosswalk that can be improved with signs or painting (quick design- quick install). This phase is underway:

Magnolia and Baltimore with extended red curbs, red curbs with delineators, yield signs will be posted in the middle of the street  
Holcombe and William Ave signs will be added

King and Locust red curbs will be painted to increase visibility

- b. Crosswalk that would need a physical improvement: flashing lights, curb bulb outs and street lighting. This could begin next summer.

### **Bon Aire Bridge**

This project is ongoing. There will be another road closure but the sidewalk will stay open for ped and cyclists on the bridge. South Eliseo and Bon Aire intersection does need a crossing guard, it was funded last year. The signal is a constant red flash. The DPW would like to know if this position is not staffed. This location would be a priority with TAMs ranking process. The DPW will check in with TAM.

### **Doherty Drive**

Two project underway:

1. Improve bike and pedestrian conditions by the schools. The town hopes to get the second round of funding to complete the pathway in front of the high school by the end of next summer.
2. Install a flashing light by Hall Middle School and Piper Park and re-stripe Doherty with buffered bike lanes.

### **Future Projects**

PGE undergrounding all of the overhead utilities on Doherty. The poles will be removed which will be a big improvement. There will be lane closures; not during drop-off/pick-up hours. The school will be updated when the work schedule is determined. This must be done before next summer due to funding protocols.

### **Lucky Dr.**

The County and the towns were looking at projects around Lucky that would include bike and Ped improvements. DPW for Corte Madera had applied for a FEMA grant.

DPW Corte Madera did not have an update for this meeting.

### **Issues list**

[Larkspur-Corte Madera SR2S Issues List](#)

There are a number of projects on this current list about to be completed. They will be removed if they are finished or fully funded on the way to be completed.

Below is the Issue ID- Location- Issue

LCM1 Paradise Dr. to town limits Complete streets with pedestrian and bicycle improvements needed

Status: Some funding and is in process

LCM2 North side of Paradise Drive between San Clemente and Seawolf Passage- WB Paradise sidewalk widening

Status: Near term to be completed

LCM3 Tamalpais from Bay Trail on San Clemente to Madera - Multiple intersection issues, including pathway lighting and visibility; steep, non-ADA spiral ramps; sidewalk on bridge over Highway 101 has no railing  
Status: Caltrans is in the process of creating conceptual designs; collecting data on traffic that will be submitted to DPW Corte Madera. Long way to go on this potential project. It will come back to the Safe Routes to Schools Task Force.

LCM4 Diane Lane and Heather Way - Narrow road with minimal street markings, parked cars hinder visibility. Vehicles and students on bikes cut the corners  
Status: The DPW reported there are several issues in this neighborhood; cut through neighborhood, no sidewalks, narrow streets, a lot of on street parking and vegetation overgrown blocking site. The street was repaved a few years back; including a pilot striping project.

Recommendation: Priority # 2- challenging area because everything is built out to the curb with no sidewalks. Consider signs and marks as a school route.

LCM4 Bike Path along the creek off Sandra Marker Trail towards Neil Cummins Path is not paved and has nonstandard width. It gets muddy in the rainy season, leading to cyclist accidents.

Status: remove from list

LCM6 Pathway behind Trader Joe's - Vehicles speeding along Redwood Highway N.

Status: In a holding pattern; the bike ped bridge is under construction,

LCM7 Lucky Dr. Between Doherty and Fifer - Difficult to go left when traveling north to get across Lucky-to-Fifer: traffic does not stop. Bike lanes needed

Status: Underway

Recommendation: Update to include Class IV bike lanes on both sides of the street

LCM8 Wornum at Redwood Highway North - Vehicles turning right across Class 1 path don't see that cyclists and pedestrians have green signal

Status: DPW does not believe this needs a traffic count; this is part of the HSIP Caltrans project. This is in the works

LCM9 Doherty Drive at Redwood High - Source of morning and afternoon congestion

Status: components are still under consideration or compete or holding pattern-waiting for funding

LCM10 Lucky Drive to Doherty Drive - Difficult to go left when traveling south across Doherty to trails. Free right turning traffic does not stop, making it challenging to travel north in the crosswalk across Lucky-to-Doherty

Status: Needs a flashing beacon. It is better with the curb ramps but there is still confusion.

LCM11 Wornum between Tamal Vista and Redwood - Path has a lot of roots that need to be taken out.

Recommendation: Located by the DMV property (State of CA); DMV has been contacted and responsive. It is a big project: Assess trees causing root damage. Potential tree removal and path rehabilitation

***Thank you to Jarred-!!*** Members thanked him for his years of service on the Safe Routes to Schools projects. He will be missed!

### **Education Request**

Now there are bike lanes in both directions. Many students and adults continue to ride on the sidewalks where seniors are also walking. They are also riding on the wrong side of the sidewalk. These are students probably riding to Hall Middle School.

A request was made to Safe Routes to address these behaviors when teaching students at the schools.

This town has the highest number of students walking and riding in the county. The next step is to learn why so many still drive to school ( high school students?) and develop travel plans.

### **EBike Funding**

There could be state funding for students cycling to schools for electric bikes. A consideration was made to encourage more students to ride to school. This could be low-income funding.

Safe Routes - Share the Road Program for high school students will include encouragement for e-bikes when possible.

### **Next Zoom Meeting**

February 17, 2021 at 3:30pm