



**Safe Routes to Schools
Sausalito Task Force
Meeting Notes
Wednesday Sept. 8, 2021**

Attendance:

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, Doreen Gounard- Aide to Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters, Pierre Ahuncain - Marin County Sheriff's Dept., Jennifer Schriber - Parisi Transportation Engineer, Aaron Roller - BPAC Chair & Parent Volunteer, John Neville- County of Marin Traffic & Transportation Engineer, David Suto- Resident, Stacie Gregory- Sausalito Police Lieutenant, Regan Fulton, BPAC Member and Parent at Phillips Campus, Cooper Miley- Safe Routes to School- Volunteer Coordinator. Matt Farber- Safe Routes to Schools- Lead Instructor, Matthew Hartzell- WTB & Transportation Alternatives of Marin

Safe Routes Education and Encouragement for fall

[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. Volunteers are needed for schools to participate. If vaccinated parents are permitted to be on campus, Safe Routes can work with them and the schools to plan a successful IWalk Day.

The Superintendent started the school year off walking with students to school. He is actively planning for the October event

Safe Routes- Walking School Bus- Volunteer Program Update

Age Friendly Sausalito has expressed interest in supporting IWalk Day as well as other ongoing events throughout the school year. The SR2S goal is to plan for a weekly walking school bus for the Nevada Street Campus. Walkers would meet at the intersection of Drake and Donahue (1 mile - 20 minute walk to campus) to participate in a "Walking School Bus". This is a pilot program for SR2S to work with retired residents; there are a good deal of resources being invested with the intention to roll it out at other county schools. If this pilot develops, a Walking School Bus for the Nevada Street students will also be planned; *volunteers are needed*.

SR2S Education Update

Administration at both schools have been sent a brief overview of the Safe Routes pedestrian and bicycle education classes available for grades 2-6. The curriculum is available in person (on campus) and remotely if needed.

Safe Routes to Schools- Student Travel Survey

The fall travel survey will be conducted at all schools during the week of Sept 14 or Sept 20th. Save the date notices have been emailed to all schools mid-August and survey instructions were emailed 1 week prior to the scheduled week to conduct the survey. IMPORTANT- last year SR2S was not able to conduct the survey; therefore, we are really encouraging every school and classroom to collect the requested data this year- thank you! Unique to Marin's survey is students/parents that walk at least ¼ mile away are considered a "walk". This can encourage reduced traffic around campuses.

Movie Night in Sausalito- MotherLoad Documentary

Mother Load is an award-winning documentary that uses the cargo bike as the vehicle for exploring parenthood in this digital age of climate change.

The movie will be in Sausalito via the Parks and Rec Department on Friday October 15 early evening. The BPAC, Safe Routes and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition will be sharing information on improving bicycle infrastructure.

Update from Transportation Committee

The committee has been working very hard all summer to get ready for the fall and organize how students will be getting to school. The [Performing Stars](#) obtained a grant to support getting students from their homes to a school bus stop. The Superintendent obtained several bus services options to support these efforts. The buses do have student riders, not as many as hoped but the school year is just starting.

Parents are still driving students to the Nevada campus; there is some confusion on where they should and should not be dropping off students. Direct word of mouth information and the school eblasts can be helpful.

The Phillips Campus- Phillips Drive is a narrow street with parking on both sides of the street. It experiences heavy traffic during drop-off. The planned bike parking inside the campus has not been placed yet. Therefore bikes are being parked on stairwells and fences where crowds of students and teachers are walking. The best placement would be near the campus office there is video surveillance.

Transportation Committee Crossing Guard Update:

There is still a guard position not staffed at the entrance to the school. It may be time to ask TAM to evaluate the need given the major changes at both campuses.

The crossing guard program is having a very difficult time finding individuals to work. Contact [All City Management Services - ACMS](#). They are a nationally based company hiring for positions in Marin County. The jobs have been posted in the IJ, NextDoor and via the school districts.

Marin City speeding issues

Eric Payne introduced himself as a long-time resident of Marin City who has been observing ongoing issues with drivers speeding on Turner Ave, Terrace Way and Terrace Drive and Flemmings. Issues that have been raised are: speeding drivers, vehicles parking on both sides of the road making it difficult for pedestrians to see when crossing and stop signs not being observed and a poorly designed roadway. The police departments with jurisdiction are present and responsive; however, they cannot be present 24/7. The County Supervisors office has been supportive and is aware of the ongoing safety issues for students traveling to/from school and the residents. Residents are concerned that something very dangerous is going to happen if improvements are not made. The community wants to be involved with the CIP project planning to give feedback in advance.

The County of Marin would not put parking, speeding and traffic calming issues on hold. County Capital Improvements projects can tend to be planned out years

in advance. If ADA sidewalks or other improvements are planned; they can cost up to \$10-20,000.00 and can take longer to plan if the funds have not been identified. If a CIP project is approved those facilities are usually included.

The sheriff office agrees the roadway conditions: narrow and speeding vehicles create unsafe conditions. CHP officers take time to respond. It is difficult with so many departments.

The CHP is interested in starting a “safety committee” started in Marin City similar to what is happening on Butterfield Road in San Anselmo. This committee is being managed by the Supervisor's Office. Community members support the efforts of the committee; there have been several successful campaigns developed from the group. Sarah and Doreen, Aides to Supervisor Moulton-Peters office will connect with the group in San Anselmo.

The County of Marin Traffic Operations is looking into installing pedestrian warning signs; no current update was available for this meeting. The traffic depart is short staff; projects are taking longer than expected.

Updates:

Nevada St. update

The town has funded the repaving of Nevada Street which is great. It will include “temporary paint” for a pilot program.

BPAC Proposals were voted on:

#1 The BPAC voted for a “buffered” design moving the parking in (narrowing the road) to reduce speeds and include a buffer that is not wide enough for a bike way. It will allow for a shovel ready project to widen the sidewalk 10 to 12 feet; multi-use path way. The thought is that students may use the “buffer area” to walk if the sidewalk is crowded.

#2 Voted to have parking restricted during school hours only.

#3 Go with the original design 3.5 buffered lanes painted; not bike lanes because they will be too narrow.

Issues list

[Issues list](#)

This is a list of projects that are missing some details. Some of the issues were discussed earlier in the meeting

The new issues require more details: Below is the issue #, location and Issue from the spreadsheet and the recommendation.

S3- Bridgeway at Napa- Challenging intersection; a collision occurred when driver claimed the sun was blocking view

Comments: The police reported this was a confusion with process vs training of officers.

Recommendation: Increased enforcement; Sausalito PD does have the qualification to take accident reports. They will continue with enforcement; it is one of the most challenging intersections in the city.

S4- Buchanan at school entrance - Crossing guard is needed

Recommendation: continue to recruit for a guard; it is a funded option.

S-5 Bridgeway bikeway to Nevada- No clear path for students to ride their bikes to school north or south; they have to ride on a sidewalk

Recommendation: A Class IV cycle track on Bridgeway.

S-6 Coloma/Tomales Street Crosswalk- The SR2S suggested route map directs students through MLK Park, when they exit there is no crosswalk across Coloma. This is an area with a lot of traffic from the local school

Recommendation: A crosswalk with a rapid flashing beacon and island. Hopefully this will be included in the funded Coloma repaving project initially planned for 2022.

S-7 Tomales Gravel Path- Steep gravel path is challenging for students on bikes
Recommendation: Pave the path to make it safer; not sure if it is part of the Coloma Street project.

S-8 MLK Park- Recommended route through MLK park is not obvious; need to improve wayfinding
Recommendation: Pathway markings directing students where to walk to both campuses from the neighborhood by the town's dog park/private school.

S-9 Phillips Street Campus- There is not enough secure bike parking. When the racks are full some students park their bicycles in locations that obstruct pedestrian access.
Recommendation: Phillips campus does need bike parking. The Nevada Campus is OK.

S-10 Marinship stairs - Stairs are blocked and need to be repaired. Students must use closed Bridgeway sidewalk
Recommendation: Funding is needed to repair this long-term damage/blocked stairs. Stairs are privately owned.

S-11 Donahue between Drake & Terners- Bike Lane gap. Students use sidewalks on the south side, creating cyclists/pedestrian interaction issues. It is a facilities gap for kids traveling from Sausalito to Marin City

Comments: This is a pinch for students traveling to and from the schools. The County map incorrectly labels this as a Class 1 multi-use path; it is a sidewalk and it is only 8 feet wide. WTB/Transportation Alternatives of Marin has a concept for a tunnel(s) to be constructed from Sausalito to Marin City; an option to take the sidewalk under the freeway at Donahue. This could be a Federally funded project in the future. A bridge off the bike path to the Target has also been proposed.

Recommendation: Paint a line on the sidewalk for users to walk and roll on the proper side of the sidewalk to help avoid collisions. This is a County maintained road; the county took this over from CalTrans sometime back.

New Issues

> Tomales Street- sign and stripe as a route to school

> Vegetation control- [Sausalito has a web link](#) to report areas that are overgrown; needing to be cut back for students to pass safely and not have to walk in the street.

> Bridgeway sidewalk between Nevada and Spring Street is closed on one side and substandard width on the other side (related to S-10) Bridge Blvd. Fence panels (black enameled and the cyclone fence) are damaged; they block access to the pathway; needs to be repaired; The County will notify the road crew. The County is not sure who is responsible for the cyclone fence; they will look into it. [Google Link](#) for area discussed

S-12 Richardson Street to Marin City campus- No clear path for students to ride their bikes to school; location: Golden Gate Market (old town Sausalito) traveling to the schools

Recommendation: Class IV cycle track traveling through downtown

Next step to prioritize each one

a. If a project it already funded it is not given a priority

#1- effects great # of students and a high safety issue

#2 - one of the two in #1

#3- something wanted not a #1 a #2

Once the #1 projects are identified that the SR2S engineers can focus on and address first. #2 would be next in line

This list needs to be presented to the PBAC committee for review.

Next Zoom meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2021