



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Kentfield School District
Safe Routes to School Taskforce
Zoom Meeting Notes
Wednesday April 14, 2021**

Attendance:

Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, John Neville- County of Marin Traffic & Transportation Engineer, Sandy Guldman- Friends of Corte Madera Creek, Wendy Holmes-Vice Principal Bacich & Kent Middle School, Jennifer Schriber - ParisiTransportation Engineer, Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools, Josie Sanguinetti- School Resource Officer Marin County Sheriff, Nancy Vernon - Aide to District 2 Supervisor Katie Rice, Allison Fortini-Crawford - Neighborhood Captain, Anne Petersen - Kentfield Planning Advisory Board, Beth Rhodes - Communications Director College of Marin, Bree Eaton- Neighborhood Captain, Melanie Wollenweber- Neighborhood Captain, Paul Miller- School District Director of Maintenance and Facilities

Safe Routes (SR2S) Education and Encouragement for spring and fall

All the staff have been vaccinated along with the county's teachers; special thanks to Mary Jane Burke and the Mill Valley District Office. Bacich classes have been presented remotely and Kent Middle School classes have not been scheduled; however many students have participated in encouragement challenges. At the time of this meeting, the campuses were not permitted to have outside visitors. If that changes this school year, they would like to schedule in person instruction.

Kent Middle School teachers have done a fantastic job of pushing out SR2S encouragement events; Bike Week Challenge included safety education. In April students participated in a homeroom "throw down challenge".

Bike to School day was May 12, 2021. Some incentives and promotional resources were delivered to the school to be distributed to the students via the classroom teachers given parent volunteers cannot be on campus.

SR2S is planning to resume the encouragement program next fall with welcome tables and other events.

Acacia Closure

Special thanks to Alison and Bree for successfully facilitating the project with the school and the students. Kent Middle School students that live in the neighborhood have been actively involved by putting out roadway signs (safe street/closed street) on Acacia in several locations during drop-off/pick-up hours. Overall going very well for student volunteers; on occasion the signs need to be repositioned for the drivers to read. The students have been recruited for the entire school year.

Unfortunately, a traffic count before COVID was not taken to compare counts taken during this pilot program. It is still to be determined if the issues were shifted to another location; this is to be determined. Many of the bad behaviors on McAllister remain the same.

Sir Frances Drake update (SFD)

The County applied and were rewarded hazard mitigation grants. A rapid rectangular flashing beacon will be funded by Kent Middle School on Stadium Way. These are very effective beacons for school crossings. The time of construction was not determined as of this meeting.

The Sir Frances Drake project is moving forward more quickly than scheduled; an upside to COVID "stay at home" has been reduced traffic. Some of the traffic signals are active, the signal at Wolf Grade has caused some delays. The issues with the right turn in red into Bacich drive way and the crosswalk are under discussion. The county does not want to prohibit the red right turn; it would cause traffic to back-up. The county will be installing pedestrian warning signs and reaching out to the school administration asking drivers to be more cautious.

There is a new "red arrow" traffic light at Bon Aire/Sir Frances Drake. The county is observing that many drivers are not aware of how to drive with these new lights. The red arrow light is tripped when the pedestrian crossing has been activated. Task force members were questioning the need for the light at this location and could the timing for the light be addressed. The county will be adjusting the timing of lights down the corridor once all the signals are installed.

New sign (traveling east) at the Wolf Grade/SFD light "no U-turn permitted" on SFD. Task force members would like the county to review this new sign as it makes turning around challenging for drivers in this area.

New issue: SFD and Los Cerros Drive; the lanes have changed. Drivers pulling out of Greenbrae on to SFD and out of Bon Aire are making maneuvers that do not match the signage. The county was asked to review this intersection while construction is underway.

Issues list – review and update

[Issues List](#)

SR2S has developed a visual aid to locate specific issues on a map (see link above). This issues map and list will continue to be updated as issues are identified and addressed. *Updates were provided by task force members; SR2S will update this list post meeting.* Once this list is updated criteria will be developed and each issue will need to be prioritized (1st, 2nd & 3rd). Issues directly around a school will be a #1, issues that are identified as an important safety issue will also be prioritized and short term (easy fix) vs long term issues will also be prioritized.

College of Marin updates

Construction has begun on the interior of the bank building (830 College Ave). All construction is on the interior; there is a fence around the parking lot with the exception of 3- 15-minute parking spaces allocated for the post office use.

A trip generation analysis was conducted for this site. COM sent it to Raquel Rose - Superintendent and Heather McPhail Sridharan- Board President. A copy of the report will be sent to Melanie.

The demolition of the Learning Resource Center is complete. There is a cover over the area to prevent erosion and dust. The schematic design phase is underway; no construction will start on this site for approximately two years.

Update on Flood control grant

Funding will be announced at the end of April for the Kent Middle School (KMS) Reach; modifying the concrete channel, moving the bike path from the KMS to the other side of the creek, replacing the Stadium Way bridge.

Next meeting

Zoom meeting August 11, 2021 at 9:30am

* A special meeting will be scheduled on June 9th with specific task force members to update the issues list- June 9th- an invention will go out along with the updated list.