



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Kentfield SR2S Task Force  
Zoom Meeting Notes  
September 2, 2020**

Attendees:

Nancy Vernon-Aide to Supervisor Katie Rice, Ann Petersen-Kentfield Planning Advisory Board, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Gwen Froh- Program Director Safe Routes to Schools, Beth Rhodes- COM Communications Director, Allison Crawford- Kent MS Parent, Melanie Wollenweber- Parent Kent MS, Sandy Guldman- Friends of Corte Madera Creek Committee, John Neville- Marin County Traffic Engineer, Bree Eaton- Parent, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools

Report back from Transportation Committee

Members have met three times since July; including Nancy, Allison, Melanie, John and School District Administrators. They have identified “hot spots” locations where students will potentially cluster on their way to campuses.

- Laurel at Sir Frances Drake Blvd (pork-chop removal)
- Wolf Grade overpass- route student take as they enter the campus (driveway and managing students that are not accompanied by a parent that run across paved area and field)
- Acacia Ave
- Woodland and College Ave

Other issues to consider for planning:

- Parents are not permitted to volunteer on campus at this time.
- Planning will include school timing (start/end) and campus entrances once the school has published the details.
- No SRTS Neighborhood Captain for the Bon Aire community: no one to identify needs for S Eliso and Bon Aire.
- Advance communication and education to the school community and the neighborhoods of the road way changes is essential.
- Park and Walk locations have not been addressed yet.

The Drake Blvd project around Bacich is scheduled to be completed by November 11, 2020. With campus reopening at that time the Laurel pork-chop will be removed and there will be a temporary crosswalk, the sidewalk widening will be completed at Bacich. The right turn into Bacich will be extended (squared off). This will reduce the speed of drivers pulling onto campus. These improvements will support safety improvements.

As of this meeting students in grades K-5 may be returning to campuses by September 22 or end of the month. The Drake project engineer and John are staying in communication to determine what and where facilities may be needed for the opening of school. The contractor has also been very helpful in communicating with the county.

- The committee is evaluating where sidewalk “physical distancing” markings and signage will be posted along with training for the crossing guards.
- Slow Streets for Acacia include barricades during school times in the AM and/or PM.
- Woodland and College Ave: sidewalk “physical distancing” markings and signage will be posted along with training for the crossing guard

A parent from a S. Eliseo neighborhood provided comments to Allison regarding the new stripping and chicanes on S Eliso installed by the City of Larkspur. She has observed that drivers go faster now than before these were installed. This information will be forward to Larkspur DPW.

Concerns were expressed for the crosswalk at McAlister (parallel to Drake Blvd) near the Laurel Grove intersection. Observations: sidewalk has been widened in front of Bacich, students tend to run across the street, there is no crossing guard, vehicles are parked and the roadway space has been narrowed. There is alot going on for drivers and pedestrians.

Task Force members agreed there are concerns and issues at this crosswalk/intersection; however, this crosswalk has not been identified as a suggested route to Bacich School. There are other suggested routes for students to use to cross Drake Blvd.

If the school directs students to enter campus near the administration building, they may be coming from Laurel Grove using the new widened sidewalk and there could be an increase in pedestrian traffic. To get a good view of vehicle traffic a pedestrian has to walk out into the crosswalk to look left.

Placement of temporary barriers on Acacia are under consideration during drop-off/pick-up for physical distancing space. The County is preparing a notification letter and a circulation map to be sent to homeowners on Rosebank, Acacia and Lilic. This will give the County the opportunity for feedback on the proposed temporary safety changes.

The County is proposing traffic rated barricades (sawhorse barricades -4ft wide 2.5 high) between Lilac and McAllister on Acacia (2 at Lilac on Acacia and 2 on Acacia at the McAlister end). John will reach out to task force members to review and confirm the location of the barricades. The road will be open to residents and not through traffic and support traffic flow for the neighborhood.

It has not been determined how and who will manage the placement of the barricades; the county does not have the staff. A recommendation was made to learn if the TAM crossing guard could assist.

### Park and Walk Locations

The suggested [Kentfield Safe Routes to School](#) map does identify locations. There has been a good deal facility changes in the school area over the years. The locations need to be evaluated; the Transportation Committee will discuss at the next meeting. There is a great deal of construction in the vicinity such as Marin General Hospital and the Bon Air Bridge near the bike path

The Woodland shopping center could be an option; however, they have construction planned to replace the cafe. The Union Bank next to the post office is not currently open. The school administration should ask for approval in advance. The parking lot accommodates about 15-18 vehicles and has two entrance/exit options. It is very close to Kent MS and not too far of a walk to Bacich. If a hybrid schedule is in place, the number of students being dropped off may not be too high.

### COM Learning Center Update

Demolition is underway right now. There is increased truck traffic in/off the site. Flaggers are on College Ave stop traffic to keep the area safe for all road users. The demolition is taking longer than planned; the EIR requires migration measures and COM is following them. It is planned to be completed by the middle of October.

Parking Lot 7 is a waiting area for trucks. Trucks drive into lot #6, down the fire lane out to College Ave. It is not a place for students or parents to navigate large trucks. The PE parking lot is used as a staging area for the County projects, repairs are planned for the damaged PV panels and the field is in use. Students are on campus for certain majors.

## Safe Routes to Schools - Covid-19 Toolkit- Supplement

The document design has not been finalized. It will be available on the [Safe Routes to Schools](#) website soon.

### Draft Content:

How to Set up a Transportation Committee

Park and Walk Locations

Pop Up Infrastructure

Sample Letters

Appendix

Oregon Metro has published a comprehensive tool kit. Sections of it are on the home of the [Safe Routes to School](#) web page (right sidebar).

## Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management EIR

The EIR is in the scoping period; it will include the Lagunitas Road bridge to the end of the concert channel. The section from Stadium Way up to the up-stream end of the College of Marin campus is still speculative. The Friends of Corte Madera Creek Committee are submitting a proposal for the entire project funding. It includes replacing the bridge, the new path along the left bank, getting a safe crossing to the college.

The path would be removed on the right bank, measures taken for habit enhancement and increased capacity of the creek. These concepts have not been designed. The bike path by the school would not exist in the proposed changes; it would be on the other side of the creek. The school district has been in discussions on how this project would affect the school property including the playing field. COM has also been included in discussions for this proposed project.

## Next Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021