



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Kentfield School District
Safe Routes to School Taskforce
Meeting Notes
Wednesday April 24, 2019**

Attendance-

Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to School, Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Hadar Albo- Parisi Associates, Allison Crawford- Neighborhood Captain, Bree Eaton- Neighborhood Captain, Robert Goralka-County of Marin, Kathleen Helmer- Bacich Team Leader, Paul Miller- Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Brian Miller-CHP Officer, Glenn Newcomer-CHP Officer, Anna Petersen-Kentfield Planning Board, Nancy Vernon-Aide to Katie Rice, Melanie Wolleneber- Kent MS Parent, Robert Tulipani- Parent, Sarah Killingsworth- School Board, Mark Pomi- Fire Chief, Sarah Poser-Parent, Alan Hirschbein- Parent

Updates

Acacia Ave

Nancy reported the main issue is speeding vehicle drivers during drop-off on the narrow road. Three action items being reviewed: This is a small street/neighborhood and the County would like to obtain a majority support on a plan.

1. Restricting parking on the side of the road during school hours at Lilac and McAllister Ave
2. Consider 15 mph speed zone in school zone area only.
3. One-way road to include a walking path.

Neighbors have expressed concern on the impact of restricted parking. A possible solution would be during drop-off only. Permitted parking is also under consideration; however, it would not solve the problem of parked vehicles on the narrow road. A one-way road change could require a traffic study. Bell times may also be proposed to reduce traffic

The goal is to have an implementation plan before the start of the new school year.

The County will continue to review options and will be reaching out to the community for feedback. An in-person meeting with the neighbors was suggested vs emails. The final decision will require approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Efforts by the police to enforce parking restrictions will be helpful. The initial phase of the project may address morning hours and one side of the road only; then observe results for future considerations.

Sir Francis Drake

The County is in the design phase; project would be planned to start next summer and include work on the water line and sidewalk improvements. There were two pedestrian deaths. The County is looking into the collision history and current collisions before recommendations are made.

Manor Road- Draft Manor Road Traffic Operations and Safety Needs Assessment Scope of Study.

The County is working with the Fire Dept to evaluate speed bumps for Manor Road. A traffic study and assessment for the entire road is planned. A subcommittee including Safe Routes to Schools and the CHP would be formed during the study. The County will develop a list of options- invite the public to review them and then pull together recommendations.

The attached document explains the process and issues that will be addressed during the study by the County of Marin. The road was built several years ago; the number of users has changed; road standards have changed/improved and fire code standards (including evacuation plans) have also changed.

Speed cushions are in the study along with possible parking restrictions.

A request was made for additional stop signs in the study. The County engineers do not use stop signs to control speed generally. Stop signs can cause safety issues if drivers ignore them.

A sidewalk would be a capital improvement and would be beyond the scope of this project. It could be included in a future study. The County can start to identify what land is the property of the county initially but cannot commit to including the information in this study now.

The County will start work this month; plan to have a draft as early as June. The subcommittee will be asked to also help with outreach to the public and encourage

people to attend public meetings. Community members are encouraged to send comments to Bob regarding speed bumps.

A recommendation was made to generate a Google map (overlay) that would identify who owned what property and how it would be affected if a sidewalk was constructed. This could give homeowners a visual tool to identify what changes they would need to make to support a sidewalk.

Nancy reported the Technical Subcommittee (fact finding group) will have representatives from the local agencies including the fire and police departments, the school district, and property associations. Outreach to the community will continue.

The Fire Chief expressed his gratitude to those who attended a public meeting in April. He confirmed there was some miscommunication during the meeting. The department is not making a statement currently to remove the speed bumps. They will participate in the process with the county.

He confirmed speed bumps were installed in 2006-07 for various reasons. They do cause some delay for emergency vehicles and can dislodge equipment inside a truck, also causing service delays.

Speed bumps can also influence emergency evacuation plans and influence how drivers use the road when bumps are present. Many drivers will drive off to the side of the road (unsafe behavior) to avoid driving over the bump.

Bacich construction and Safety

The Bacich principal provided notes to Wendi prior to the meeting, Paul clarified a few items.

1. Exterior of all Bacich buildings will be painted this summer to match the new buildings.
 2. All of the bathrooms in the quad will be renovated.
 3. At the KIK party on May 11th the Fund a-Need- Auction monies will go to building a new playground in the big play area at Bacich (summer 2020).
 4. As soon as the school year ends, the old office building will be renovated. A new staff room, staff workroom and kitchen will be remodeled as well as an ELL classroom. It will be ready by the time school starts in August.
 5. Bacich staff and students continue to practice emergency drills once a month: Earthquake, Fire, Lockdown Levels 1 and 2.
- Parking lot remains in the design plan.

- The project is on time and within budget

Transit options for Kent GGT bus 18 and Marin Transit 29----

Golden Gate Transit Bus # 18 travels toward Kent School empty as it moves toward its start position. A former Kent parent suggested it might be able to take Kent students to school as the 29 bus often runs behind schedule. Nancy and Ann will explore options and see if Katie Rice's office and submit a request for the bus to stop for students. Parents can pose challenges when it comes to middle school students taking the bus to school. In many situations the students want to take the bus.

Bike to School Day-

Celebrated on May 8, 2019. Rustic Bakery will be donating coffee again this year. Promotion in the community will continue. The fire dept has been requested to escort students walking/riding at 7:45am.

Bacich School will need a volunteer parent to support SR2S efforts. The PTA has been requested to help find a parent volunteer.

Set next meeting

Sept 11, 2019

9:00 to 10:30AM