



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Kentfield SR2S Task Force meeting
4/30/20 9:00 am.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Anne Peterseon-Kentfield Planning Advisory Board, John Neville- Marin County DPW, Methinee Bozeman-Assistant Principal Bacich, Allison Crawford-Parent, Carey Lando-Marin County DPW, Nancy Vernon- Aide to Katie Rice, Melanie Wollenweber- Parent, Bree Eaton- Team Leader- Bacich, Ross McKenna- Resident

Safe Routes Offerings this Spring

[Art and Poetry Contest - April](#)

Elementary and Middle School students submitted works for the month of April. All school districts and local social media resources were provided information. Many (50+) wonderful submittals have been received.

[Walk and Roll Recess Challenge- May](#)

"Get your Ya Yas Out" is a fun contest for parents to conduct with their children. There are a host of activities students can do during the challenge; walking, rolling, hula hooping, ball toss and jump roping. There are students that have challenges getting out doors while practicing physical distancing. All healthy physical activities are encouraged and can be tracked for the challenge.

[Safe Routes to Schools- Social Distancing Tips for Walk and Rolling](#)

An information flyer was created as a resource to students and families throughout the county. With the increase of students walking and biking

during the “shelter in place”; these tips are very useful safety reminders. Soon the flyer will be in Spanish too.

The Safe Routes to School program will be staying active throughout the county, providing meaningful resources to teachers and students; while supporting parents and the school districts. SR2S has developed on-line lessons; these lessons are normally presented in the classroom throughout the county each school year. [SR2S Remote Learning Lessons](#) are available to all students and parents.

Bike Week Middle School Students- May

Will be rolled out in May; daily cycling related activities will be presented to students. As students track their participation, they will be eligible to win prizes at the end of the month.

Updates:

Sir Francis Drake

Bids opened early in the month; they did come in less than anticipated. There is still a \$4 million shortfall. The county is looking for resources; they are applying for a partnership grant with TAM. Construction is still scheduled to start summer of 2020. This construction is considered essential; county staff are making every effort to work on projects with “shelter in place” and reduced road way traffic.

Two additional elements have been included in the project:

- a. Middle of the road medians will be replaced from the 101 to Ross. It was not in the original project. It will help create a beautiful gateway to the valley.
- b. Widening of the bike path was not originally in the project due to funding restrictions. Now the bike path will be completed in 1.5 years with CSA-17 Funding.

Workshop was scheduled in May to meet with the community to address the construction plan. Due to the shelter in place the project manager will be planning a virtual meeting; to be announced in early summer.

A City of Larkspur representative was not able to attend the meeting to address projects

Bon Air Bridge

bridge removal is almost complete. Work has started on the storm drain pump station on the west side of the bridge behind the north sidewalk. Traffic on the west side has been shifted to the southerly half of the street. The north sidewalk is partially closed from Magnolia to the mid-block crossing at the Drs. Office driveways.

Work on the new piers for the south half of the bridge is scheduled to start mid-June when the permits allow in-water work.

Updates for the project can be found on the [Construction Bridge Update](#) site.

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All curb ramps have been installed. Splitter islands and crosswalk markings are scheduled for late May/ early June.

Other updates

Parking on Laurel Grove

In the curve on Laurel Grove toward Bacich School there are delineators to prevent vehicles from parking and to provide a space for students to walk and cycle without going into the roadway. Drivers had figured out a way to back into the off road area on the inside of the deliantors; blocking the access to the students.

Additional delineators have been installed to prevent vehicles from parking. It sounds like it is working. This was a good example of a neighbor contacting the county on an issue that was resolved quickly.

COM- demolition of the Learning Center **attachment: Presentation**

The college is moving forward to replace the Learning Resource Center located on College Ave. near the multi-use path. Demolition may be scheduled for this summer. It will be a big earth moving project; with

construction trucks. The design of the new building has not been completed.

The college will have a number of construction projects underway in the next few years. They have hired a new communications director to partner with the school district, neighbors and businesses to provide updates and address potential issues during construction.

A request was made to ask COM if they will have the proper permits/procedures to address dust (air quality) during demolition. This would help to avoid any issues similar to what developed on past projects. Anne offered to look into this with COM.

Discussion - preparing for the fall

The school district is discussing when and how school will resume. It is doubtful school will resume earlier than the dates scheduled for the 2020/21 school year due to the teacher contracts. Additional funding would be needed; the fiscal budget for the school district is already stressed.

Parents are trying to plan ahead as much as possible. A request was made to update parents either way on when school may resume.

The school district is considering many options for schools to resume from staggered start schedules, to resume classes or not resume classes. The shelter in place restrictions will guide the decisions made by the district. No timeline has been determined for when an announcement will be made.

Safe Routes to Schools wants to support schools and families during this time. SR2S will work with local agencies to support and remind families that walking and rolling is key to good health and to reduce traffic near schools. Park and Walk will still be encouraged.

SR2S is anticipating traffic to schools will increase. The McAllister area is a major concern if traffic were to increase. Municipalities are being asked to look into "roadway pop-ups" to encourage traffic calming. These could

create space in the roadways, enabling physical distancing for the students.

The proposed one-way on Acacia Ave may be an example of a proposed “temporary change” to create more space for students traveling to school. Consider making Achia a temporary route for “students only” from McAllister to Rosebank (there are no sidewalks for students traveling to both schools on this roadway section).

The issue with students from Marin Catholic parking in the neighborhood may contribute to limited road way space too this coming fall. MC has been working with the church to use the lot for student parking.

The Safe Routes to School engineer will be working very closely with town and county DPW staff to develop a toolkit. Each school has its own unique circumstances to create safe and new circulation patterns. Public Works Directors countywide meet monthly; a toolkit may be available for the next meeting.

The county’s traffic engineers are currently dealing with the increase of speeding drivers on all roadways. This is a direct result of less vehicles on the roadways. There is a heightened concern right now for students crossing Sir Frances Drake Blvd. and speeding drivers. It will be important to be reactive to issues on McAllister with focused efforts on Drake. The construction on Drake will be primarily in the night.

New Issue

Greenbrae and Kentfield students travel on the northern portion of Laurel Grove to Sir Frances Drake Blvd. Sometimes they cycle on the sidewalk or into the road going against the flow of traffic. There is a tree by the bus stop that hangs over into the sidewalk. If a cyclist was not looking they could hit their head on the tree limb.

Nancy said she would ask the county public works to look into it and will get an update. They would need to speak with the property owner first.

Schedule Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 28th at 9:00am

It was suggested another meeting be scheduled in July once more information is known from the state and from the school district. Meetings will continue as Zoom until further notice with one possible meeting in person annually.