



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



MILL VALLEY TASK FORCE- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES Sept 9, 2010

Introductions/Attendees (10)

Attendees : Wendi Kallins- Director Safe Routes to Schools, Jill Barnes- Mill Valley Public Works, Stephanie Moulton Peters- Mayor, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Willow Older- Co-Team Leader Park, Vickie O'Reilly- Co-Team Leader Park, Dennis Turchon-Team Leader Strawberry, Sally Baker- Edna Parent and Mill Valley Parks and Recreation Commission., Rhonda Campbell- Team Leader Edna Maguire, Molly DeVries- Team Leader Old Mill School, Roz Hamar- Head of School Marin Horizon School, Barbara Jacobs BPAC, Kathy McLeod – Tam Valley Parent, Maureen Parton- Marin County of Board of Supervisors, Sheryl Patton- MV Police Dept ., Cathy Rosekrans – Tam Park Neighborhood Assoc- Board Member, Peggy Armbruster- Chair Tam High School Traffic Safety Committee, Tom Boss-MCBC, Chris Rardin- CHP

Welcome and Introductions

Stephanie- Welcomed all new Team Leaders and offered support to all supporting SR2S Program

Brief History of SR2S Program

Wendi- provided a brief history of the SR2S Program in Marin County.

Marin program started in 2000- chosen for federal pilot program – Mill Valley & Fairfax were the first two town to implement a SR2S Program- MCBC facilitated the program and then it was passed to the County of Marin in 2004 – SR2S program is funded via the Transportation Sales Tax – Transportation Authority of Marin funds SR2S- The National SR2S program has funded \$612 million nationally from 2005-9.

Mission of SR2S- Create safe means by which student s can walk and bike to school throughout Marin County.

1. Engineering – evaluate streets and routes to schools- develop solutions- The SR2S Task Forces help with this process.
2. Enforcement- Driver behavior- look for ways to increase enforcement- Street Smarts assists by encouraging vehicle drivers to reduce speeds
3. Education- Offer curriculum to elementary, middle and high schools on pedestrian and bicycle education
4. Encouragement – fun events and contests to get kids and their parents out there.

Green Ways to Schools Awards Announcement

Winners: Increased their number of green trips and most sign-ups for SchoolPool Marin.org

Old Mill - 38% change since inception of SR2S- \$1,000 reward

Tam Valley – 2nd place- 26% increase \$250.00

Edna Maguire- Honorable Mention for SchoolPool = for Schoolpool sign-ups

Team Leader Calendar- see attached document

Wendi- provided an overview/summary of the calendar

Sept – Iwalk prep

Oct- Increase the number of students participating

Kaiser Foundation- offering \$500.00 for the most sign-ups by Oct 15th for School Pool

Wendi- Most effective to build interest at the start of the school year- do work up front will help throughout the year. Go for the Green will begin in March before Spring break- the contest will be the same a next year- with a few modifications. Pollution Punch Card and Frequent Rider Miles contests are still available when Go for the Green is not appropriate.

Oct 6th International Walk to School Day (IWalk) - goal for Team Leaders should be to establish a weekly “walk and roll” to school- SR2S suggests schools that also host Cool the Earth create a partnership- double your efforts. Green Teams in schools are also an opportunity to partner SR2S.

Nov- January

Goal- keep momentum going in the schools- weekly “walk/roll”

Planning for International Walk to School

Wendi- 4 posters distributed to each school – post 2 at school and two in local neighborhood

Laura will be sending a series of emails to promote IWalk at your school- get the kids and parents pumped up!

Safety Art classes are available to create posters- schedule by contacting Peggy

Roz- was asked how best to approach a Principal/Head of School for support of IWalk. Go to principal/head of school as early as possible and introduce program-event

Marin Horizon has 70 students bused, 115 vehicles 283 students in school. Currently there is a great deal of opposition to the proposed sidewalks for Homestead Valley. Roz is requesting Mill Valley community members’ write in support of sidewalks for a safer alternative for students and ped in the community.

Officer Rardin- if schools are having issues with school bus drivers they should contact CHP.

Officer Patton- MVPD does have officers on duty for Iwalk Day- if officers are available they can come to the schools- they try to be present during drop-off.

Molly- is it OK to promote the need for donations to the schools?

Wendi- yes- local organizations can/do support Iwalk Day.

Maureen- Proclamations to be awarded for IWalk Day

Rhonda- Edna M- plans to meet at the Community Center- students and families will walk/roll to school- Boy and Girl Scout groups will be attending too- a poster art class has been scheduled – great to post posters all around the school. Life Skills Assembly- scheduled and SR2S Role Model of the Month awards are presented- huge success- students are selected every 4 to 6 weeks and recognized in front of the school.

Molly- how are students selected?

Rhonda- randomly- ask around to learn what students are practicing a Green Way to school

Wendi – suggested that they solicit nominations in the newsletter

Kathy- provided a summary of Iwalk 2 years ago- Charles MaGlasinh attended the start of the walk at Delano's in Tam Valley- a start-up donut company donated treats- coffee donation – fire truck was scheduled but could not come last minute

Stephanie – reported Old Mill had several locations where families met and walked to school- provide snacks- created maps identifying the meeting locations- that year the school had 100% participation. Inviting the police to attend is helpful

Roz- reported they host March Madness for 2 full months- they have great rewards such as iPods- these really encourage participation.

Wendi- goal is to get the message out- give people options to find a green way to school- form a carpool- organize a walking school bus

Rhonda- established weekly walk/roll to school days- they put up the SR2S banner- set up a welcome table (different locations around campus) give out treats

Wendi- reminder the handouts for 2010 are hand fans- please remind students fans will be collected if students use them as weapon to hurt other students.

Updates on Infrastructure Projects

Jill Barnes- See Attachment A – Inventory of SR2S Related Infrastructure Improvements

This document reflects the projects funded, completed, planned and potential (by school)

Projects getting ready:

1. Steps Lanes and Paths- Non Motorized Transportation Pilot Program funds 6 Set of steps
2. Reconstruct existing steps on Alcatraz Lane, Magee Lane. Marion Lane, Mirabel Ave.
3. Construct new lanes: Wainwright Place and Molino Way check with Jill

Planned Projects:

All Schools

1. SR2S grant to make improvements at –Miller/Almonte- in design, construct summer 2011.
2. Park, Mill Valley Middle Tam High: Safe Routes grant funding received for signage and other improvements. Planning and design work in progress now.
3. Re working of pedestrian walkway on Camino Alto from Miller to Sycamore planned for future.

Edna Maguire

1. Sidewalk and curb extension at Ashford and Lomita planned for Fall-Winter 2010/11. Repaving of City owned Lomita will be done after school construction is complete.
2. In the future, the City will address the “informal path” at Ashford to connect to bike path at Ashford. The path is on private property. City will contact property owners to determine if interested in selling.
3. County has applied for a Safe Routes grant for improvements to Lomita from Edna to Shell Rd.

Greenwood

No action at this time- work needs clarification from David Parisi.

Homestead Valley – Evergreen Pedestrian Walk way

1. Next Community Meeting – please attend:
Friday, November 5, 2010, at 6 p.m.
Mill Valley Community Center, Cascade Ball Room 180 Camino Alto
2. Wendi- Evergreen Ave- pedestrian walkway road-design ideas generated in 2004- 3 attempts to get funding – sidewalk on Evergreen- major controversy by the neighborhood- suggest people write a letter to endorse – to Steve Kinsey
3. Stephanie- she will work with Team Leaders to write letters.

Park

1. E. Blithedale sidewalk between Elm and East Street: widening getting ready to roll out spring 2011;
2. Studies of additional sidewalk width at Avon/E. Blithedale will be done in 2011. Then grant funding will be sought.

Old Mill

All projects completed in 2010. No new projects planned at this time.

Strawberry Point

Maureen- County heard- improvements will be completed- sidewalks ASAP!

Tam Valley

1. Improvements planned in 2011 for remodel of Tam Valley School parking lot to accommodate all modes of travel.
2. Stephanie: improvements planned for peds at Tennessee Valley Rd- TCSD- Coyote Creek at ped signal to cross Hwy 1 near the Dipsea Restaurant – fully funded – waiting for sign off from Cal Trans- goal is to get people off the road by providing connections to Mill Valley-Sausalito multi-use path.
3. Maureen: Bell Lane and Marin Avenue SRTS sidewalk, crossing and bulb outs and curb and gutter improvements. Design and plans were approved long ago. As this is a federally funded SRTS grant, Caltrans is the approving agency for the NEPA review. The review has taken a very long time, in fact, much longer than expected. The County of Marin hopes to have the Caltrans approval by this winter and put the job out to bid in the spring of 2011 with build out in the summer of 2011 when Tam Valley School is out of session.
4. Kathy McLeod- Cal Trans has a lot of things going on- discussion to link the Shore Line with current bike path

Mill Valley Middle School

Sycamore repaving and bike lanes in front of Middle School – planned for summer 2011.

Tam High

1. Maureen- reported County completed repaving and retaining wall from Almonte to Shoreline Hwy.-no plans for improvements there at this time.
2. See improvements planned for Camino Alto under “All Schools” above.

MCBC Introduction

Tom Boss- Launching

1. Bike Locally – participants from the county are using bikes to shop, commute and to school
2. Lincoln Hill pathway
3. Cal Park Tunnel
4. Tennessee path way improvements

MCBC Outpost- would like to bring them to school events- -requesting Team Leaders let him know of events

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 9:15 am Mill Valley City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

1. **Council Member Shawn Marshall will make a presentation about her trip to the Netherlands to see bicycle and pedestrian routes.**
2. **Screening of “Beauty and the Bike” - documentary film showing why many girls cycle to school in the Netherlands but far fewer cycle in the English town of Darlington.**