



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force

Monday, January 27, 2020

Meeting Notes

Attendance James Campbell- City of Belvedere, Pat Barnes- Tiburon DPW, Ann-Marie Skaggs- VP Del Mar School, Julie Stewart- Team Leader Reed School, Peggy Clark and Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Sergio Ruiz- Caltrans, Connie Maddox- Parent Bel Aire/Del Mar Schools, Kathy McLeod- Crossing Guard Supervisor, David Eshoo- Tiburon DPW, Stephanie Moulton Peters- Mill Valley City Council

Reed School District Issues List- handed out

Caltrans Update

Sergio reported since his meeting with Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Task Force he met with Caltrans Traffic Safety Office. Caltrans is requesting SR2S prioritize the list of issues and develop concept plans that they can work from. There are so many locations with issues along Tiburon Blvd, each location will need to be prioritized. A similar process was implemented for West Marin and was very helpful.

SR2S engineer will drive an audit process of the issues. A brief list of the organizations that need to provide input was addressed: School District, School Board Representative, Marin Transit, police departments and Homeowner Associations and possibly Tiburon Town Council representative.

Caltrans has re-painted Tiburon Blvd where it meets with Trestle Glen and Gilmartin. Bushes will also be cut back too.

Repaving of Tiburon Blvd is on the 2020 projects list; funding resources will be sought; an environmental review will be conducted within the next 4-5 month for Caltrans.

The issues list for Cecilia Way may not be supported by the city; an audit will need to determine what can be addressed. The Tiburon Bicycle Master Plan called for a buffered lane on the side of the road; Caltrans is planning for a buffered lane where there is a shoulder already present.

Caltrans is also looking at collaboration with the Bay Trail. There are several different segments, they need to be identified first to learn if there are options. The infrastructure and curb work needed will be lumped into a future paving project, including signs and paint maintenance. The funding for this has already been programmed.

If issues are identified and they cannot be rolled into the current Caltrans projects, the community will need to identify what needs to be completed and present to Caltrans and TAM for future funding. Grant applications for TAM will not be for another 2-3 years. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to re-prioritize the issues list for short- and long-term projects.

Tiburon Blvd Virtual Walk Audit has been scheduled for February 26, 2020 at town hall.

DPW - Tiburon

Blackfield Road will be reconfigured, this will be separate from the planned paving project. Stewart Drive will be upgraded, this will be separate from the planned paving project.

The wooden walkway that was removed near Avenida Miraflores is estimated at \$1 million project. If reconstructed it must comply with ADA, drainage and additional infrastructure requirements.

The DPW would never install a crosswalk on a blind turn. If students are crossing the street on Trestle Glen at the blind curve the issue needs to be addressed and a solution(s) considered. Installing a crosswalk may not be the best solution. The safest facility needs to be researched.

Stewart Drive

The advance warning signal is falling over. There is a soil failure that is affecting the road surface. Caltrans is aware of the needed repair.

Visibility is the main issue; the roadway has a vertical and horizontal curve. The current light is not visible; causing rear-end collisions. A flashing beacon with advance notice would be effective. This would be a Caltrans project; it could take up to 3 years. A request was made to have the light flash only when it is activated; it blinks constantly and drivers no longer see it.

Signage for Bel Aire +

The traffic issues continue; parent volunteers have been observing driver behavior; when parents are out with signs directing traffic, they behave. Parent feedback has been if the school and town cared enough, they would look into making the route one way.

On Karen Way there was a collision with a person; details were not available. There is no crossing guard on Karen Way. Vehicles are parked on both sides of the street with students cycling. Many drivers follow the rules and others seem not to care. There is not enough space for all the road users near the school.

A proposal was made to route traffic one way in the morning. Safe Routes has addressed a similar request/ issue in Kentfield. It is very challenging to enforce successfully for a portion of a day.

The DPW suggested “no right turns” during school hours from Blackfield to Karen Way. If this was suggested it could be proposed at the next Council and Post meeting in March.

If the changes are made it will be vital to the success for the school to provide education to the school community. The SR2S suggested route map would need to be updated (arrows) and distributed school wide at the start of the school year (annually).

Blackfield and Cecilia

Safe Routes to School and the DPW have received correspondence from a neighbor who is requesting a 4 way stop at Cecilia and Blackfield. The traffic back-up has been an issue for a long time. Neighbors have submitted complaints and suggestions over the years. The DPW proposed a roundabout; it was rejected by the city. Overall the back-up does not last long.

Bike lanes on Tiburon Blvd

The bike lanes would be “buffered class 2 lanes “when the road is repaved. Caltrans is looking at options; improvement could be included in the project if funding was identified. Some are advocating a two-way cycle track. This would require road widening and rebuilding culverts. This would be a several million-dollar project. Safety is priority for all road users including vehicle drivers needing a break down lane. Installing traffic delineators that still provide room for cars to pull over will be considered.

Del Mar- funding approved

The DPW is in contract with TAM for the approved funding. It will be available in July 2020 for construction that would begin in 2021. The project slated for Hawthorn may influence the sequence for the Del Mar project. Tiburon was very grateful to be awarded the TAM funding for this project.

Crossing Guards Needed

Southern Marin including Tiburon need crossing guards for all the schools. Please put the word out and contact Kathy McLeod to learn more at kayomcleod@gmail.com.

Next meeting

Tiburon Blvd Virtual Walk Audit has been scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Task Force meeting: Thursday, May 7 at 8:30pm