



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Reed District
Safe Routes to Schools Task Force
Meeting Notes
January 27, 2021**

Attendance: Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes Projects Coordinator, Peggy Clark Safe - Routes to Schools, Gwen Froh Safe Routes to Schools- Education & Encouragement Director, Angela McInerney- Parks and Open Space Trail Commission Volunteer/BPAC, Alice Fredericks - Council Member, David Parisi- Parisi Engineering, Matt Farber- Safe Routes Lead Instructor, David Eshoo- Tiburon Assoc Engineer, Jack Ryan- Council Member, Ann-Marie Skaggs - Del Mar Assistant Principal, Jessica Etchever-Team Leader Bel Aire School, Jamie Scardina- Interim Police Chief Tiburon, Julie Stewart - Team Leader Reed School, Jena Watson - Patent, Chuck Hornbrook-Team Leader Del Mar School, Connie Maddox- Team Leader Bel Aire School,

New Lead Instructor for Safe Routes to Schools

Matt Farber will be developing and delivering curriculum for 1st-12th grade students, focused on the importance of bicycle safety, healthy lifestyles, active transportation and the environment. His background is working with students and bicycle touring.

Safe Routes Education Update

Safe Routes to Schools pedestrian and bicycle safety revamped curriculum is available for live instruction virtually and for remote learning students. Safe transportation education continues to be an essential need especially now that students are traveling to and from school in the morning, mid-day and afternoons with hybrid schedules. Contact peggy@marinbike.org for more information.

These program resources from Safe Routes continue to promote encouragement and education at all schools with hybrid schedules: [Pedal Playground](#) and [Chalk-N-Walk](#) are available to all schools in the county- Check Them Out!

School Reopening update

Thank you was expressed to all the parent volunteers that stepped up to assist with the safe opening of the schools. All the school team leaders and school administration

worked well together and they look forward to when the schools reopen this spring to all students and when walk/rolling increases.

The County moved to the “purple tier” prior to this meeting. Elementary schools are in phase 3; full classes on campus Mon- Friday with staggered start/end times, shorter days (no lunch on campus). Del Mar School is at ¾ full cohorts, staggered start/end times. Students and parents have done a great job at managing the schedules and honoring the COVID protocols.

The yellow bus service has not been available for students this year. The students who live in Corte Madera have a challenging commute to get to Reed District Schools. The administration has been working with families as needed.

Reed school has not encountered traffic or space issues due to the staggered start/end schedule. They are encouraged that more students will walk and roll once the weather clears up. There are a number of parents and students that cross Lyford Drive and do not use the crosswalk. This causes unsafe conditions for all the road users; including drivers that are parking in red zones for drop off and pick up. The school will be sending out best practices to parents about driving around the schools.

Safe Routes encourages walking and rolling to school to help reduce traffic in addition to the health and environmental benefits. This messaging will continue this year and forward.

Town Updates:

Trestle Glen Grant Application

The DPW reported they do not have an update on the funding of the project. It has been submitted to the state and local programs. The Caltrans website states staff review is scheduled for Feb 15, 2021 with commission action in March. At the next meeting there will be more information to present. (the grant was not recommended)

Right turn on Karen Way update (Blackfield and Karen Way)

Technically right turns cannot be restricted on to Karen Way. The school community would like to encourage drivers to the route using Cecilia. The DPW did meet with David Parisi and the police chief. They discussed what type of Guide Signage could be used. These signs would conform with the suggested routes to school.

Over the years it has been requested a no right turn only be required during school AM/PM hours. The town has stated they do not have the resources to enforce this for it to be effective. Restricting right or left turns in the town(s) are limited; there is one

located at MarWest in Belvedere. They can be hard to enforce; however they can make drivers think twice. Therefore the discussion moved to making use of effective signs, encouragement, mapping and education.

The interim police chief offered to report back on the departments prior discussions and decisions made before his term started. In the meantime the DPW and traffic engineers will continue their discussion for possible options.

Stewart Dr.

Comments provided during the meeting from Angela and from Bronia:

She is concerned about the hawk beacon being up way above the road and does not draw attention to folks waiting to cross at eye level. She was hoping that there could also be an advanced warning light before the curve as you are heading into town

This location has been on the issues list for a number of years. Currently there is a flashing yellow beacon. After more review CalTrans agreed that an upgrade would be best for this location. The DPW reported that CalTrans has scheduled a pedestrian hybrid signal that will have flashing lights on the side of the poll as well (installation planned for June of 2021). This light would be red and require drivers to stop and pedestrians would get a walk signal. The engineers will check with Caltrans to learn if there will also be a warning light in advance. This one in place has been in need of repair and flashes all the time; over time drivers tend not to see them.

Del Mar Update

Traffic Calming and roadway facilities increase pedestrian safety

Parisi Engineering submitted 95% plans to the town. Upon review, there were very minor comments.. In a month the DPW plans to submit a 100% plan to the town council to move forward to collect bids. If all moves forward, the project could begin in July 2021.

Planning promotional needs for rest of the year, Angela's PTA donation, Next year's team leaders

Several years ago Anglea made a \$500.00 (\$425.00 remains) donation to the PTA. The funds were slated to be used to encourage student green transportation. She had hoped the funds would be used to support physical needs such as bike racks but also encourage active transportation because of the health benefits to students who can walk, bike, roll to school whenever possible.

Safe Routes is available to develop encouragement that can be specific to each school community. Monthly encouragement resources will continue to be available to all schools this year. Safe Routes would like encouragement to shift from providing rewards/gifts to changing behaviour for the inherent value of the changed behavior.

Julie will be moving on from her Reed Elementary Team Leader position next school year. She will distribute the supplies she has when the school permits or pass them on to the new Team Leader parent. Jessica and Julie will both be at Bel Air School next year.

Chuck would like to make sure he is getting all the resources that are being developed for Del Mar Middle School so he can help out as much as possible.

Team Leaders need to be recruited; Safe Routes would like to learn what resources are available without parents meeting on campus. Reed School has regular PTA meetings; Julie offered to help find a replacement. To recruit parents; it is best to find out who likes to walk and bike to school; collect names and contact information to contact them individually.

Nex Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00am