



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Reed District Safe Routes to Schools Task Force
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Alice Fredericks- Town of Tiburon, Angela McInerney-Parent Volunteer, Julie Stewart- Team Leader Reed School, Jason Wu- Belvedere Police, Ann-Marie Skaggs- Del Mar Vice Principal, Bill Brinkman- Resident, Wendi Kallins and Peggy Clark Safe Routes to Schools.

Del Mar application to TAM

Safe Routes to School conducted a Walk Audit and presented a list of facility improvements, along with letters of support to the Town of Tiburon to apply for TAM funding in August 2019. TAM is scheduled to announce the approved funding in Sept or Oct 2019. Many towns in Marin applied for this funding; usually the smaller projects get funded. The Tiborn projects are on the smaller end of costs; this could increase the likelihood of being approved. Many of the facilities by the schools are not ADA compliant; this could also help with approved funding.

If the funding is not awarded, SR2S will go to plan B and request feedback; improvements are necessary.

Below is the list of projects included in the grant application:

Intersection 1: Howard Drive and Hilary Drive

- Refresh existing red curb at the intersection.
- Refresh existing crosswalk at the intersection.
- Install a new stop pavement stencil and stop bar on Hillary Drive.

Intersection 2: Howard Drive and Rowley Circle

- Install new high visibility crosswalk across Howard Drive.
- Install new bulb out with pedestrian ramp and associated signage.

Intersection 3: Rowley Circle and Gelder Court

- Install new pavement stencils on Rowley Circle.
- Install new pedestrian signage at the existing crosswalk.
- Install new red curb along Gelder Court.

Intersection 4: Hilary Drive and Rowley Circle

- Install a second new high visibility crosswalk across Hilary Drive.
- Install new bulb out with pedestrian ramp and associated signage and pavement stencils.

Intersections 5 and 6: Avenida Miraflores/Felipa Court/Hilary Drive

- Install new bulb out with pedestrian ramp, refuge island and associated signage and striping on Avenida Miraflores at Felipa Court.

Eyes Up- Slow Down

Is a safety campaign, piloted by a San Anselmo/Butterfield neighborhood association- #EyesUpRoss Valley. The focus of the campaign is to encourage vehicle drivers to turn off their phones while driving; inviting them to complete a survey and take a pledge. Along with excess speed, cell phone use is the highest hazards for all road users.

Update: police assisting crossing guards

Task Force members inquired as to why the police were assisting the guards; on occasion two or more officers are present with one guard. Update: The school district requested officers assist the crossing guards due to excess speeds near the schools. When the police are present driver behavior changes. Officers will assist the guards throughout the year to encourage safety.

A request was made for the officers to support guards at Reed and Del Mar; the younger students do need support and the upper grade level students also need safety reminders for different behaviors. Students are seen crossing the street while on a phone.

St Hilary School Contact

Del Mar families have observed speeding vehicles headed toward St Hilary School. SR2S would like a representative from this school to attend the task force meeting to address excess speed and illegal U-turns on Avenida Miraflores.

Caltrans update

No CalTrans representative attended this meeting. Wendi will contact Caltrans for an update and report back.

Caltran has a maintenance program to help with improvements. Wendi will learn what, from the Tiburon Blvd. issues list, can be addressed in the maintenance program, then move the other items to a new list and reset the priorities. The issue of overgrown vegetation can be submitted to Caltrans immediately.

The top 3 priorities from the general issues list:

Del Mar- funding has been applied for.

Greenwood Beach Road- seeking funding.

Trestle Glen- A future partnership with potential funding with the Bay Trail is on hold until a lawsuit is resolved.

Issues discussed during the meeting:

- Kids need to know the rules of the road.

SR2S will be scheduling pedestrian and bicycle safety curriculum. The police department will also be contacting the school regarding safety education by officers.

- Need promotion from the school.

In the past, the school district has been very reserved to promote SR2S encouragement events; all events must be approved by the district in advance. The PTA Secretaries can assist with promotions via the district.

- Visibility

It is a challenge to get students to wear bright colored clothing while cycling. In the past students wore bright vest during the Bike Trains; now most students will not wear anything bright.

- Bike Path

The Tiburon Police Dept now has an e-bike for an officer to use on the multi-use path. This has increased parents level of comfort to encourage students to use the path.

- Route Maps

Reed still needs a map, Del Mar's map needs final approval, Bel Aire map has final approval.

- Cove Parking Lot

In spite of all the improvements, student still cycling through the parking lot. Students have said they feel it is safer; it is an education issue. Students and parents need information on how to use the improved road facilities properly. The schools' news letter is a great resources.

- Financial Support

Funding is needed for encouragement incentives: possible funding options are the Bel Aire Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and the local Rotary Club.

- Safe Routes to Schools Policy

Wendi will send the SR2S School Policy to Nancy and Leslie requesting one be drafted for the Reed School District.

- Can parents buy a partial bus pass

Playdate Passes may be available this year. Many families are requesting a flexible pass for one way trips.

- Bel Aire- students/parents not using the designated routes
The task force would like this moved up the list to have pavement markings to help identify the suggested route.

Plans for the school year

Safe Routes to Schools encouragement:

- I Walk Day- October 2, 2019
- Walk and Roll Wednesday
- Green Sneak Challenge - Fall & Spring contest
- Park and Walk Pilot – More location need to be identified for off campus parking for Del Mar School to promote the program.

Focus Group:

SR2S is directing efforts to focus on behavior change without needing to offer incentives for encouragement programs. Volunteers are requested to meet for a limited number of times to develop options: Julie and Christen offered to help.

Parent Survey:

SR2S will be conducting the survey throughout the county at selected schools.

Next meeting

Monday- Jan 27, 2020 8:30am