



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



Reed Task Force Meeting
May 22, 2019
Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Wendi Kallins, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, David Eshoo- DPW Tiburon, Cathleen Gouveia – Del Mar Parent, Ryan Gouveia- Student Del Mar, Nancy Lynch- Superintendent, Angela McInerney-Parent Volunteer, David Parsi- Parisi Associates, Matina Seremetis-Parent Volunteer, Julie Stewart- Team Leader Reed School, Christine Svallin-Parent Volunteer Del Mar, Kathy McLeod- Resident- Crossing Guard Mgr., Sergio Ruiz- Caltrans, Thomas Kwok- Caltrans Engineer

Greenwood Beach/Cove Road Updates

The County and Town of Tiburon have agreed to post signs indicating Greenwood Road is a suggested bike route to school age students. Pavement markings will not be added; sections of the road are too narrow and resurfacing is planned for the future. This project ranked #3 on the Safe Routes to Schools priority issues list of it's top three priorities. Behavior will be monitored; if the signs are not effective the town will review options for road markings for student travel.

The next step is to provide education to students and parents for safe road cycling. Students must ride on the right side of the road, scan and signal. A suggestion was made to plan a bike safety education ride for students and parents.

Del Mar Recommendations

Good progress has been made with the town and the list of issues. Parisi Associates has developed/presented concept plans. Potential road facilities include: enhanced crosswalk, improved signage, sidewalk bulb outs near the school. The safety issues at Howard Drive and Rowley Circle are being reviewed. The cost for a bulb-out with ADA ramp are under consideration.

Tiburon DPW will have the opportunity to apply for funding grants for this project(s). Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) can assist with providing information; the city will need to apply. SR2S cannot apply for the grants.

Bike Clubs- Paradise drive safety

Ryan presented a student led survey was conducted in 2017; of the mostly 6th grade students surveyed 95% supported a bike club. They would like to have safer and more complete pathways to get around and in/out of town. Paradise Dr is a narrow road for vehicles and cyclists to share.

Ryan was thanked for his efforts on the survey and requested to forward the result to SR2S, the recreation department and school district..

Paradise Drive is a County and Town of Tiburon roadway. It is a challenge to obtain right of way to make the road wider. Many students would like to cycle to Reed School District schools from Paradise Cay; they cannot because of the narrow road. The town is looking at options.

Trestle Glen bike lane (uphill) is under review. The county had been asked to fund bikes lane and reported they did not have the funds. This roadway is part of the Bay Trail; they have expressed interest in partnering with other agencies in the future to identify funds.

Lockers:

Students at Del Mar would like to have lockers to store packs and other items on campus. It can be a challenge to cycle and carry all their belongings for afterschool activities. The Superintendent suggested the students/parents ask Mr Lynch if there are available lockers.

Bus

The timing for Marin Transit route #219 to Strawberry is too early for many students to use. A request was made to adjust the time for students to get the bus after school.

Corte Madera improving-

A number of road improvements are underway in Corte Madera, including a Class 2 bike lane. Pathway improvements including road resurfacing near the shopping center are planned when funding is identified. A Walk Audit is planned for Lucky Drive pathway this summer. This pathway is managed by many jurisdictions; and will require additional planning to schedule.

Concern was raised regarding the funds used to repave roadways that do not appear to be needed and could be used to make other roadway improvements. Roadways require maintenance; if the roads were not maintained costs would increase. Funds from grants support the maintenance.

The Del Mar Neighborhood Association is responsible for managing overgrown vegetation. They have been contacted to address areas of overgrown on sidewalks and roadway medians.

Redwood High School- student cycling route

Students traveling by bike to the high school from Tiburon are encouraged to ride on Meadow Sweet, not on the 101 Hwy frontage road. The Marin County Bicycle Coalition route map is a resource for students. With the student parking restrictions on campus at Redwood; more students may be encouraged to cycle vs drive to school.

Tiburon Blvd Issues- conversation with Caltrans [Issues List Document attached](#)

Caltrans representatives Sergio and Thomas had received the issues list prior to the meeting. They found the document very useful.

Additional information and clarification of issues were discussed:

The “location” listed on the issues list are used below to identify the issue addressed below.

All Along Tiburon Blvd

The flashing light at Steward Drive flashes all the time and is not effective in its current location. The crosswalk is located on a curve; the light does not provide ample warning for motorists. Request was made to install a warning to drivers before they get to the curve that a crosswalk is ahead. Students coming from Del Mar need to cross the road when a crossing guard is not present; drivers have a hard time seeing students in the crosswalk. The current set-up signals the drivers too late on the uphill. The town has collected collision reports and will pass them on to Caltrans.

Speed feedback signs were requested during school hours only.

Caltrans Update: There are new plans to replace the light; it will not blink all the time, the lights will be brighter and flash at a higher speed at the crosswalk. Additional review will be scheduled.

Speed feedback signs during school hours is not usually supported by Caltrans

If speed limits were to be reduced a speed study would need to be conducted using the rule of the 85%. If data showed the average speed was higher, the speed limit could be raised vs lowered. This rule is being studied by a state task force on Vision Zero. Currently the law does not support lowering the speed limit on Tiburon Blvd.

Cove Shopping Center. A request for a "bike signal ahead" light was requested. Caltrans will consider where there are "road conflicts" only. This area does not meet that requirement.

Guard rails requested:

Students cycle on the wrong side of the roadway against the flow of traffic when leaving Del Mar School. They are heading west bound in the east bound traffic lane toward Blackies Pasture.

New issue: There was to be a wooden bridge that connected to Pine Terrace. It was removed and now people are landlocked and must walk on Tiburon Blvd.

Caltrans Update: Will research the status on the replacement of the bridge. It may be an environmental issue with permits required.

Cecilia Way

At Tiburon Blvd pedestrians and students on bikes will rush across the roadway. There is no light; the existing light is too far away for people to go to cross the street. Many students use this intersection.

Caltrans Update: This is a dated design for such a wide intersection. Improvements are needed. The roadway will be studied; look at paint lines, a traffic light study must be conducted, collision history will be collected. Caltrans can only address the roadway on Tiburon Blvd. They will need to work with the town to address the towns portion of the intersection to make improvements.

Gilmartin

There are no sidewalk or crosswalk on Tiburon Blvd to cross over to the San Rafael Street.

Caltrans Update: Sidewalk is most cost effective. They will review and make recommendations.

In the future SR2S issues list will be prioritized. This will help the agencies understand what needs to be addressed first.

Marwest

The library is planned for construction upgrades. Since there will be changes to the library property the town will be researching options for a “roundabout”. The space of the roadway needs to be studied for such a facility.

Neds Way

At this location Tiburon Blvd floods. Kathy present a picture of the flooded area. When it is flooded students must walk out into the road way.

Caltrans Update: Agreed after seeing the pictures and they will research.

Reed Ranch Road

The median creates unsafe maneuvers for students approaching Tiburon Blvd. Students are cycling fast and will tend to use the sidewalk vs the roadway.

A request was made for a crossing guard.

Caltrans Update: They will review the issues. The town and Calrans will need to identify who is responsible for the road way and proposed improvements.

San Rafael Ave

There is no place to stand on the side of the road to cross Tiburon Blvd. The bushes a big and force pedestrians to stand out in the roadway. This issue in on the CIP that was recently addressed by the town.

Caltrans Update: Will look over the area on Tiburon Blvd and report back.

Trestle Glen

The road conditions are dangerous including large pot holes. The town is aware and will investigate the issues.

Students cross Tiburon Blvd for after school activities and sports. During those times a crossing guard is not present. TAM will not fund a crossing guard during this time after school.

New Issue-Rock Hill Road

A request was made to Caltrans to review this intersection at Tiburon Blvd. There is a signal and a crosswalk; however there are still Collisions. Students use this crosswalk traveling to St Hilarys School.

Task Force members were very grateful to have Caltrans representative present at the meeting to address the issues list. Upon their review they will identify what project are in their jurisdiction, identify short and long term projects and the costs. They will be in communication with the town.

Plans for Next School Year

Bike to school day was very successful. There were approximately 100 bikes at Reed School.

Team Leader Update

Wendi acknowledge all the support from the Team Leaders and parent volunteers this past year. The town has been very supportive.

Matina's children will no longer be in the school district. She thanked the task force for their efforts. Her contributions were acknowledged by the task force; all were grateful for her volunteered time!

Jennifer has offered to be the Team Leader at Bel Aire next year.

Del Mar needs a Team Leader.

Next School Year's Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 8:30am

Agenda items:

Police support during drop-off/pick up. Identify the best locations.

Caltrans update will be provided by SR2S.