

West Marin School Walk Audit Notes
May 7, 2014

Attending: Ashley Tam and Andrew Lee, Parisi Transportation Consulting; Wendi Kallins, Safe Routes to Schools, John Neville, Marin Co. DPW; Sergio Ruiz, Caltrans; Abby Durkee, Safe Routes Team Leader; Matt Negle, West Marin principal; Chris Eckert, West Marin Teacher; Madeline Hope, TBYC-WMS

Blind curve at Shoreline Highway (HWY 1) and Point Reyes Petaluma Rd

- There are no crosswalks at this intersection.
- There is vegetation/drainage that blocks the trail on the west side of HWY 1 between Vento Way and Point Reyes Petaluma Road. Current student path is to walk along the west side of the road (no place to walk on the east side) just north of the intersection and then cross over to the east side since the trail ends. Vehicles coming southbound at the curve may not stop in time for a student crossing.
- West side trail resumes south of Vento Way.

Vehicles speed downhill on HWY 1.

There is an existing pedestrian hybrid beacon on timer at the marked crosswalk in front of the school.

For most of the roadway, there is a drainage ditch on both sides.

There is a paved path on the east side, south of the pedestrian crossing. The path is uneven and narrow. Parked cars often block the path

Middle school and high school students ride their bikes and skateboards in the roadway (on HWY 1).

There is access from back of the school at Toby Street, but no paved path across school yard.

Intersection of Shoreline highway and Mesa Road

- Basic marked crosswalk at north and east leg of intersection
- The north crosswalk is at the bottom of a hill, motorists observed speeding
- Parking on both sides HWY 1, just north of Mesa Road blocks sight lines of pedestrians crossing
- Two-way stop for Mesa Road approaches
- Drivers at the westbound Mesa Road approach typically look left for oncoming vehicles, without looking right for pedestrians in the crosswalk

Gas station on the west side of HWY 1 between Mesa Road and A Street

- There is no curb, just a white stripe to delineate the edge of the roadway.
- Vehicles entering/exiting driveway can collide with bicyclists riding in the roadway (Chris Eckert was hit)

Intersection of Shoreline Highway / A Street / 4th Street

- 4th street and A street approaches are stop controlled

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- Visitors/tourists are sometimes confused if they want to continue on HWY 1. It is not clear that they have to turn.
- Vehicles slow down to turn and continue on HWY 1-this is a traffic calming effect

Preferred route to school is on B Street, not through town on Hwy 1