



## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE NOTES

**Date:** June 16, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Virtual meeting**

### 1) Introductions

- **Andre-Anne Cadieux** (*City of Menlo Park, Safe Routes to School Coordinator*)
- **Brigid Roberts** (*Chair Parents for Safe Routes*)
- **Danny Chui** (*Assistant principal, Hillview Middle School*)
- **Emily Guidaitis** (*Safe Kids Santa Clara/San Mateo Coordinator*)
- **Joel Slavit** (*San Mateo County Office of Sustainability*)
- **Julia Malmo-Laycock** (*San Mateo County Office of Sustainability*)
- **Nell Curran** (*Wellness Coordinator at Las Lomas School ES District*)
- **Nicholas Yee** (*Safe Routes to School Project Manager, City of Menlo Park*)
- **Sonia Schendel** (*San Mateo County Office of Education, Safe Routes to School and Climate Corps AmeriCorps Fellow*)
- **Tina Messerlian**, (*Las Lomas Elementary PTA, Wellness Liaison*)
- **Vanessa Castro** (*San Mateo County Office of Education, Safe Routes to School*)
- **Wilfin Morales** (*Menlo Park City School District, Transportation Supervisor*)

### 2) Safe Routes to School Program Updates

#### a) Year 2020-2021 in Review

- Three encouragement events: Helmet giveaways in Belle Haven in October 2020, Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in November 2020, Walk and Roll Week in May 2021
- Facilitate bike donations to Menlo-Atherton High School bike club
- Online survey and Community meetings on walking and biking safety near schools
- Monthly SRTS newsletters

#### b) SRTS priorities for school year 2021-2022

- Encouragement activities, challenges and contests
- Ped/Bike education
- School walk audits

#### c) Partners were invited to share their priorities for next school year.

- San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) priority: will start a project to encourage school to reduce car traffic near schools.
- Las Lomas School District: outreach to parent community, connect with parents to understand what's the major barriers, specific input (focus groups).

### **3) Belle Haven Walk Audit**

- SMCOE had ATP funding (Cycle 1) from Caltrain
- Reached out to schools in Ravenswood School District to conduct in-person walk audits. Belle Haven school showed interest to participate.
- Walk audit observations at Belle Haven school:
  - Good signage
  - Good pedestrian infrastructures
  - Buffer zones for bike path is narrow and bikes are moving around in traffic
  - Belle Haven is part of the Tinsley program. Lots of busses, coming at different time that cause traffic.
  - Potential solutions: Check locations of student drop off/pick up. Address problem with bus schedule and stop locations
  - Boys and Girls Club is a potential “park and walk” location.
  - Next steps: develop recommendations and a report, get feedback from the community about the recommendations, look into funding.

### **4) Biking and Walking Safety Near Schools**

Nicholas Yee shared the survey results (see presentation slides). The results were brought to the attention of the City Transportation team.

Tier 1 in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) project means that it is a priority for staff time, funding, etc.

Two community meetings are scheduled during the week to share the results and discuss potential solutions with the community. The discussion may continue in the fall.

### **5) City Project Updates**

Tina Messerlian asked about a timeline on the Sharon Rd project. The project is currently pending due to a legal challenge posed by the residents of the street. It is not known at the moment.

### **6) Announcements**

No announcements.