

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE NOTES

Date: March 16, 2023 Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Virtual meeting

1) Introductions

- Andre-Anne Cadieux, City of Menlo Park Safe routes to School Coordinator
- Andrew Brunicardi, School Resources Officer, Menlo Park PD
- Ashley Guilliot, Laurel School Lower Campus
- Ben Estrada, San Mateo County Office of Education, Safe Routes to School
- Christy Peetz, Encinal & Hillview SRTS Parent
- Hugh Louch, City of Menlo Park
- Karen Clancy, Oak Knoll Elementary
- Meredith Bergin Bailey, Laurel Elementary
- Nell Curran, Las Lomitas School District
- Sandra Franco, MOT Admin/MPCSD
- Vanessa Castro, San Mateo County Office of Sustainability

2) School Updates

Laurel School

- Golden Sneaker Contest (SMCOE): lots of excitement around the contest
- Crossing Guard Appreciation Week
- Walk or Wheel Weekly Days

Las Lomitas Elementary School District: LLESD is collecting feedback on hot spot areas near the schools. What is the process to bring the feedback to the City? Share with Public Works for infrastructures or enforcement solutions. Nell will connect with Oak Knoll regarding Valparaiso crossings.

3) SRTS Program Updates - See presentation for more details

- Crossing Guard Appreciation Week March 20-24
- Spring Party Saturday, April 22
- SMCOE School Travel Fellowship
- Wheel Kids Middle School Bike Skills Workshop, Sunday, August 6th

4) Local Road Safety Plan - See presentation for more details

The Local Road Safety Plan will influence the type of strategy that will be developed by the City. A stakeholder group will be formed with the SRTS Coordinator, businesses, police and fire departments.

Does the Town of Atherton have a Vision Zero Plan?

5) Traffic and Safety Updates

Andrew Brunicardi, Menlo Park Police Department

- The traffic team was at the new stop signs installed on Middle Avenue the whole week to give warnings to drivers and provide driver education and enforcement.
- Parent from Menlo-Atherton High reached out about congestion near the school (new drivers, student drivers, parents rushing). PTA can develop communication to parents to remind them about commute guidelines, walking/biking tips, etc.
- MPCSD school bus routes: PD will follow the school buses to make sure drivers stop when the buses stop.
- How to educate students on e-bikes? Hard to enforce speed limit in bike lanes. Find enforcement/encouragement strategy for e-bikes and helmets in middle school
- On Fridays, 2-3 officers from the bike unit are usually out at hot spots to stickers and swag or reminders to students.
- 6) City Project Updates See presentation for more details
- 7) Announcements
- 8) Next meeting