



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE NOTES

Date: June 15, 2023
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Virtual Meeting

1) Introductions

- **Andre-Anne Cadieux**, City of Menlo Park Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- **Balazs Veress**, Oak Knoll Elementary, parent (starting next year)
- **Ben Estrada**, SMCOE SRTS
- **Betsy Nash**, City Councilmember
- **Elizabeth King**, Complete Streets Commissioner
- **Ellen Kraska**, Encinal Elementary, Assistant Principal
- **Fang Fang Paulson**, Encinal Elementary, parent champion
- **Hugh Louch**, Assistant Public Works Director - Transportation
- **Jaqui Cebrian**, Reading Specialist at Oak Knoll, Complete Streets Commission chair and member of SRTS subcommittee
- **Jen Wolosin**, City of Menlo Park Mayor
- **John Leikauf**, Oak Knoll parent, part of Oak Knoll Safe Routes to School committee.
- **Karen Clancy**, Oak Knoll Elementary, Assistant Principal at
- **Katie Behroozi**, Menlo Park Complete Streets Commissioner
- **Matthew Rascoff**, Oak Knoll Elementary, parent and co-chair of the Committee on Safe Routes to Schools
- **Nell Curran**, Las Lomas School District Wellness Coordinator and Laurel Elementary Parent
- **Nicholas Yee**, Associate Transportation Planner
- **Nina Garde**, San Mateo County Office of Education, SRTS specialist
- **Tom Lyons**, Assistant principal at Hillview Middle School

2) School Updates

- Oak Knoll: Bike buses and Mayor's participation to the bike bus created a lot of excitement around biking to Oak Knoll.
- Nell would like to organize 5th grade students practice riding from their neighborhood to Hillview – Before back to school, e.g. last Saturday before school starts.
- LLESD – fleet of bikes as part of the All bike Program. PE class curriculum. The district is working with Oak Koll parents and the County to get a crosswalk at Valparaiso
- Encinal will work on facilitating carpooling at the group. Interested in tools to help that. (find neighborhoods/group where more families live)
- E-bikes and Hillview students
 - Lots of serious communication with families
 - Hillview is still struggling. Coordination with PD for help.
 - Pressure to ban e-bikes from Hillview. Hard to enforce – inspect bike- not possible.
 - Students upgrade their bike's speed on their phone.
 - Hope to have more support from PD. Suggestions are welcome.
 - Law: The operator of a Class 3 electric bicycle, Must be 16 years old or older, up to 28 mph
 - cannot exceed 20 mph. Over class 2 – enforce peace, age limit.

- Camera Class footage in front of business downtown to identify students and reach out to parents
- We might consider recommending to parents the purchase of a Class 1 e-bike, which have pedal assist and are capped at 20 mph.

3) Bike Bus Presentation

Matthew Rascoff talks about the bike bus at Oak Knoll Elementary. See details in the presentation, [here](#).

Discussion:

- How people without small kids can help?
- Katie is working with the SVBC form a local advocacy group that could help with bike buses.
- Involving the community: some parents are not riding yet. Organize bike rodeo for parents, parent education.
- Should be part of the back-to school period – before you get to the actual first day, practice a bike bus, ride in group. E.g., When class lists are posted.
- Police Department – speed enforcement the weeks before school. Sharing the message to parents.
- Slow Streets campaign on back-to-school weeks: SMCOE can help with outreach materials and communications.
- SMCOE can help with events.

4) SRTS Program Updates

- Recap of the year – see presentation for details.

People are interested in using the logo “SRTS Supporter” developed as part as the Fellowship.

5) Volunteer Recruitment

New system in Menlo Park City School District. Send names and district office will see what is required.

6) Evaluation

- Student Travel Tallies
- SRTS Program progress

7) Traffic and Safety Updates

8) Local Road Safety Plan

9) City Project Updates

Comment: Opportunities for engineering and/or education along Oak Grove and Valparaiso Avenues – drivers making left turns across oncoming traffic into side streets like Hoover (Valpo) and Maloney (Oak Grove) are often not anticipating or seeing oncoming cyclists.

10) Announcements

Wheel Kids MSBS workshop – ways to reduce the fees to families?