



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE NOTES

Date: March 21, 2024
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Virtual Meeting

1) Introductions

- **Andre-Anne Cadieux**, City of Menlo Park, SRTS Coordinator
- **Andrew Brunicardi**, Menlo Park Police Department, School Resource Officer
- **Ashley Guillot**, Laurel School Lower Campus, Counselor
- **Avery Drake**, City of Menlo Park, Community Service Department
- **Christy Peetz**, Hillview Middle, Parent Champion
- **Ellen Kraska**, Encinal Elementary, Assistant Principal
- **Fang Fang Paulson**, Encinal Elementary, Parent champion
- **Jacqui Cebrian** - Oak Knoll Elementary, teacher, bike commuter, Menlo Park Complete Streets Commissioner
- **Jean-François Merckling**, Silicon Valley International School, Dean of Students
- **John Leikauf**, Oak Knoll Elementary, Co-Chair of the Safe Routes Committee
- **Karen Clancy**, Oak Knoll Elementary, Assistant Principal
- **Kendra Calvert**, City of Menlo Park, Public Engagement Manager
- **Matthew Hui**, City of Menlo Park, Assistant Engineer
- **Matthew Rascoff**, Oak Knoll Elementary, Co-Chair of the Safe Routes Committee
- **Meredith Bergin Bailey**, Laurel School, Parent Champion
- **Nell Curran**, Las Lomas School District, Wellness Coordinator and Laurel Elementary Parent
- **Nicholas Yee**, City of Menlo Park, Associate Transportation Planner
- **Ross Silverstein**, Menlo Park Planning Commissioner, Laurel Parent
- **Sally Cole**, Menlo Park Complete Streets Commissioner
- **Tom Lyons**, Hillview Middle School, Assistant Principal
- **Wilson Lau**, Menlo Park Police Department, Operations Commander

2) School Updates and Priorities

- Laurel Upper and Lower campus are celebrating Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. Families send letters, flowers, etc. They like the giveaway items from SMCOE SRTS (beanie, visor). The school is also doing the Golden Sneaker Contest. They observed a record number of bikes.

- Hillview Middle: Update on the student who was hit by a car. Student is doing well. Tom Lyons mentions that Elder Avenue would need traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps.
- Oak Knoll Elementary did helmet checks during the mornings.
- Las Lomas Elementary: Fun Run 5k on May 18. The school will have Street Smart and bike rodeo stations. Earthcapades is coming for SRTS education.

3) SRTS Program Updates

- See presentation for details.

4) SMCOE School Travel Fellowship

- The City of Menlo Park was selected for the SCMOE School Travel Fellowship with the County of San Mateo, Las Lomas Elementary and Oak Knoll Elementary. The project is to be implemented in the spring and summer and completed by September 30, 2024.

5) E-bike Safety Discussion- update

- There are more students observed riding e-bikes on sidewalk than regular bikes.
- Suggestion to include students in the working group or do focus groups with them to develop messaging.
- The group agree to focus on the behaviors versus on the technology to develop safety messages and education.

6) Hillview Practice Ride

- Meredith Bergin-Baily and Nell Curran presented the Hillview Practice Bike Ride. Next steps: identify a leader at each site, get volunteers for the day of the event, get the word out. Participant should RSVP to the site leaders. The event is scheduled on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

7) Traffic and Safety Updates

- There is a new California State's Daylighting Law. The new law will improve pedestrian safety by removing parked cars next to crosswalks. Education before enforcement.
- Reminder to the schools to communicate with the School Resource Officer the point of contacts at the school each school year or when there are changes.

8) City Project Updates

- See presentation for details.
- The City of Menlo Park will be developing their policy on daylighting to meet the new state requirements. Public feedback is welcome.

9) Announcements

- SMCOE Parent Survey open until April 30, 2024.
- WheelKids Middle School Bike Skills Workshops in Menlo Park: June 8, 2024 and September 14, 2024. Register on WheelKids website: wheelkids.com/msbs/
- SMCOE walk audits with Mark Fenton in San Mateo County from March 26 – March 28. Las Lomas Elementary Walk Audit is scheduled on March 26, 2024.

10)Next meeting

- Thursday, June 6, 2024. 9 am – 10:30 am.