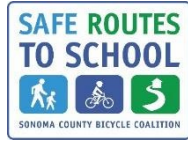




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Petaluma Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Task Force

Meeting Announcement:

Date/Time: Thursday April 18, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Location: La Tercera Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
1600 Albin Way, Petaluma 94954

Goals & Objectives:

1. Seek input from Task Force members and the public, in order to identify barriers to active transportation, opportunities for improvement and collaboration, and set priorities for future infrastructure projects within the city of Petaluma.
2. Provide a venue for sharing of program initiatives and projects in the city of Petaluma, as well as inter-agency collaboration.

Agenda:

1. Introductions

- a. Bjorn Gripenburg, Active Transportation, Public Works, City of Petaluma
- b. Christina Panzia, Director, SRTS/SCTA SRTS program
- c. Deb Fox, Co-Founder, Operations and Collaborations, Cool Petaluma
- d. Ken Eichstaedt, Traffic Engineer, Public Works, City of Petaluma
- e. Walt Spiller, Traffic Sergeant, Petaluma Police Dept
- f. Danny Alvarez, Boys and Girls Club
- g. Jennifer Remmers, Petaluma Blue Zones Project
- h. Molly Nagel, Community Schools/Wellness Coordinator, Petaluma City Schools
- i. Mady Cloud, PCS Trustee
- j. Kate Larkin, Principal, La Tercera Elementary School
- k. Dale Walsh, staff, La Tercera Elementary School
- l. Nicholas Gunder, parent, La Tercera Elementary School
- m. Jessica Medina, Communications Consultant, The Design Guild, Communications Contractor serving the City of Petaluma
- n. Dan Ostermann, College and Career Pathways Coordinator, PCS
- o. Pete Gang, Safe Streets Petaluma
- p. Gina Benedetti-Petnic, Assistant Director, Public Works, City of Petaluma
- q. Drew Halter, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Petaluma

2. La Tercera Elementary: Post site assessment report & school/community feedback

- a. [Audit Recap Presentation](#)
 - i. Albin & Marguerite slide notes
 1. Flashing beacons fixed by city within 2 days of audit at Albin & Marguerite Way! Yay!
 2. Sargent Spiller reported that reduced speeds are coming (15-20 mph) within 500 feet of any school starting in July. It

goes to City Council on May 8th for approval. It was noted that the reductions will not apply to multi-lanes roads.

3. Parent comment -The crosswalk that is north side of Albin and Marguarite is blind. People park too close to the corner so obscures visibility.
 - a. City staff noted that a new state law makes it you can't park within 20 feet of a corner.
 4. Neighbor comment- Can we recommend that there's no parking on one side of Marguerite? Or at the very least there should be some long red curbs on the corner of Marguerite and Albin Way as well as Marguerite and Caulfield. It's such a hazard with sight lines in making those corners.
- ii. Caulfield Lane
1. Parent question - They noted that they cross Crinella twice a day. It is a crapshoot when drivers roll through, often on their phones or get upset, especially in the AM. They would like to know what can be done now until the project in 2026?
 - a. A: City staff noted that 2 lane stop signs are a huge issue. The solution that is being applied In a lot of places in city are roundabouts, bulb outs and red curbs within 20 feet of the corner.
 2. Parent question - Is a lighted stop signs possible?
 - a. A: People will still run it, but bulb-outs and stop signs further out in the intersection help make more obvious and therefore the driver has to be overt to run it or ignore it.
 3. It was asked for more [Slow the Fast Down signs](#) to school and neighbors!
 - a. A: City staff offered to drop at the school.
- iii. Crinella to Albin - Staff noted that Crinella is envisioned to be a neighborhood greenway! That will include traffic circles, speed cushions and bulb-outs on the whole corridor to enforce 20 mph.
1. Parent comment - The parent noted he used to ride, but it is very unsafe for his kids. It has become a very unsafe crossings at Caulfield at Ely and at Casa Grande and Ely. Ely north (east) - really risky especially with kids!
 - a. A: City staff is looking to get improvements implemented especially since underutilized (too wide). They are applying for a grant that will help to narrow the road (take a lane away) They want to install a roundabout at Ely/Cafiled to help that intersection.

3. Partner Announcements

- a. [Safe Routes to School Program update](#) & Update on Bike to School Day – May 8, 2024!
- b. City Update on Plans and Projects:
 - a. **Police** -They are getting ready for B&E. They encourage using the Petaluma City Bus or Biking. There will be bike valet at D and additional buses and it's FREE! SMART train will have an extra train. Caltrans made changes at Lakeville by Kaiser. New change with an intersection likely! And there are lots of special events, so they are very busy!

1. Sargent Spiller noted that if you do have issues and don't see motor officers right away to remember enforcement is data and injury based to best utilize the four motor officers and 16 schools, so doing best to make the rounds. They are out at Casa Grande a lot and they will look at Crinella to help with the high schoolers.
- b. **Public Works** - Casa Grande and Caufield are being done. There is a pilot on D street for bike lanes and greenway on 5th important for connections on biking.
- c. **Parks and Rec** - Gave kudos to PW staff for the D Street pilot and for getting it over the finish line with input from staff and the community. There are parks access improvement project at the parks. They are adding accessibility to make multimodal pathways. starting at la Tercera, McDowell, and Mcnear Parks.
 1. Petaluma City Schools Trustee Mady Cloud also gave a shout out to the city staff about D street and appreciated that all the comments were taken into consideration. Well done!
 2. Pete Gang from Safe Streets Petaluma, also agreed!
- c. Other Partners (Cool Petaluma, Petaluma People Center, etc)
 - a. Cool Petaluma
 1. Supporting May 8th with support riders from our program
 2. [Resource Expo](#) at the Fairgrounds on Tue, May 21st

4. Other SRTS issues, concerns & opportunities

5. Other Business & Announcements

6. Next Meeting & adjournment

The next meeting of the Petaluma Task Force is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th from 4:00-5:30pm at Miwok Valley Charter School and on June 20th (location TBD).

**SRTS issues and concerns may also be emailed pre- or post-meeting to Christina Panza, SRTS Director & Task Force Facilitator at christina@bikesonoma.org*