



3/29/2022

Dear Mayor Robins
C/O City Manager Christa Johnson
Re: Safe Routes to Schools Task Force

Safe Routes to Schools requests Ross' participation in forming a Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Task Force for the Ross School District. The Task Force is operated under the auspices of the Transportation Authority of Marin's Safe Routes to Schools program and is staffed by the Safe Routes consultants. We ask that the Council select a representative to sit on the task force.

The SR2S Task Force brings together city representatives – public works, traffic officers and city council with the school district staff, a trustee, and parent volunteers from each school. Other attendees can include bike/ped advocates, neighbors and local businesses. We will be inviting both public and private schools within your boundaries to participate.

Together the task force members identify safety issues for each school and develop a travel plan to address those issues. This includes infrastructure and enforcement strategies from the city and education and encouragement strategies for the school provided by Safe Routes staff. The Task Force then continues to work together to implement that plan and update it with new information. Meetings take place three times a year in the fall, winter and spring.

This year Safe Routes is creating new travel plans for each district. The work for the travel plan is done by Safe Routes staff with input from the Task Force

The contents will include:

- Dot maps (showing where students live in relation to the school)
- Suggested route maps
- Prioritize issues list
- Survey results
- Education and Encouragement activities
- Concept plans for high priority issues

The Council member's duties and responsibilities

- Attend task force meeting which normally take place 2-3 times a year

- Attend walk audits where Safe Routes Engineers and Public Works look at the issues on the ground along with other task force members.
- Provide updates on activities to the City Council
- Coordinate with staff on implementation of approved Safe Routes improvements and/or enforcement solutions
- Work with staff on identifying funding opportunities for approved Safe Routes improvements

Council member representatives may also wish to:

- Work with the school district to develop a Safe Routes to Schools policy
- Develop a city policy to support Safe Routes to Schools
- Organize neighborhood safety committees
- Participate in school events like International Walk to School Day

We appreciate your interest in improving the safety of children walking and biking to school and look forward to working with you to achieve positive results for the Ross schools.

Yours Truly

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Wendi Kallins, Program Coordinator, Marin Safe Routes to Schools