



# TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

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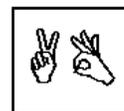
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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order (2 minutes)
  2. Open time for public expression, up to three minutes per speaker, on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter of the agency's jurisdiction (public is welcome to address the Committee, but according to the Brown Act, the Committee may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda)
  3. Review and Approval of June 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Action) (5 minutes)
  4. TAM Staff Report (Discussion) (20 minutes)
  5. Marin Transit's Annual Presentation (Discussion) (30 minutes)
- Break – 15 minutes**
6. Evaluation of TAM Crossing Guard Program (Discussion) (20 Minutes)
  7. Committee Member Hot Items Report (Discussion) (10 minutes)
  8. Discussion of Next Meeting Date and Recommended Items for the Agenda (5 minutes)



MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN  
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JUNE 17, 2024  
5:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Peter Pelham, Major Marin Employers (Chairperson)  
Kevin Hagerty, (Vice-Chairperson)  
Paul Roye, Ross Valley Planning Area  
Charley Vogt, Northern Marin Planning Area  
Kate Powers, Environmental Organization  
Allan Bortel, Marin County Paratransit Coordinating Council  
James Schmidt, Taxpayers Groups (Alternate)

Alternates Present (Non-Voting): Kay Noguchi, League of Women Voters  
Jane Gould, Marin County Paratransit Coordinating Council

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director  
Melanie Purcell, Director of Finance and Administration  
Dan Cherrier, Director of Project Delivery  
Emily Tong, Senior Accountant  
Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board  
Joanne O'Hehir, Administrative Assistant  
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator

Chairperson Pelham called the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

Chairperson Pelham asked Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Jennifer Doucette to conduct a roll call to ensure a quorum. Ms. Doucette confirmed that an additional COC Member was needed for a quorum and provided detailed information about how the public may participate.

Chairperson Pelham announced that Member Roye and Alternate Schmidt were participating remotely pursuant to the "Just cause" clause of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449.

**2. Open Time for Public Expression**

No public expression was received.

*Item 4 was taken out of order due to lack of a quorum.*

**4. TAM Staff Report**

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported that the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program was selected as the Ross Valley School District Golden Bell 2024 'Community Partner' recipient; and Caltrans District 4 created an interactive map on their website as part of a Bike Plan update. ED Richman also reported on the estimated funding allocations from Senate Bill (SB) 1 for Local Streets and Roads (LSR); free and discounted transit options for youth and seniors on the Sonoma-Marín Area

Rail Transit (SMART); and a pilot shuttle service operated by SMART from the Larkspur SMART station to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and surrounding areas.

ED Richman provided an update on upcoming workshops on June 24 and June 25 for the San Rafael Transit Center Relocation Project Design; a public meeting hosted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on July 10 for the Lagunitas Creek Bridge Replacement Project; Marin 101-580 Bellam Blvd. workshops that will focus on the Bellam Blvd. corridor improvements; and a TAM website survey for community members to provide input. ED Richman concluded the report with an update on staff participation in community events.

In response to Vice-Chairperson Hagerty, ED Richman stated that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) distributes SB 1 funds directly to jurisdictions and that eligible road maintenance projects must be identified to receive funding.

In response to Member Powers, ED Richman stated that jurisdictions rely on a variety of funding sources for road maintenance, including SB 1; Caltrans would likely receive feedback from TAM and Golden Gate Transit if the Bike Plan affected the Bellam Blvd. Improvements Project and the new Transit Center location; and that the Lagunitas Creek Bridge needs to be replaced due to its age.

In response to Alternate Gould, ED Richman stated that the Board of Supervisors determines which projects are submitted for SB 1 funds for the County; and Public Outreach Coordinator Molly Graham confirmed that TAM provided \$6.8 million to jurisdictions through the LSR Program in 2023.

In response to Member Vogt, ED Richman confirmed that the jurisdictions have been notified they will receive SB 1 funds.

*Members Vogt and Bortel joined the meeting during the Staff Report, resulting in a quorum.*

### **3. Review and Approval of May 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Member Powers moved to approve the May 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Alternate Schmidt. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed with Vice-Chairperson Hagerty and Member Vogt abstaining.

### **5. Review the 2024 Measure A/AA Transportation Sales Tax Compliance Audit Auditee Selection List (Action)**

Director of Finance and Administration (DFA) Melanie Purcell presented the report that asks the COC to review the 2024 Measure A/AA ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Compliance Audit Auditee Selection List and refer it to the TAM Board for acceptance.

DFA Purcell provided background on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for auditing services and confirmed that two responses were expected by the deadline of June 18. For the auditee selection list, staff recommends including Marin Transit; City of San Rafael for the Third Street Project for Major Roads under Strategy 3.1; Town of Corte Madera for Local Roads under Strategy 3.2; Parametrix for the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program; All City Management Services for the Crossing Guard Program; and Town of Ross for the Safe Pathways Program.

Vice-Chairperson Hagerty moved to approve the 2024 Measure A/AA Transportation Sales Tax Compliance Audit Auditee Selection List and refer it to the TAM Board for acceptance, which was seconded by Member Powers. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Amendment to the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) Bylaws to Revise the Name of the COC and Other Updates (Action)**

ED Richman presented the report that asks the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) to amend the COC Bylaws to revise the name of the COC and other updates and refer them to the TAM Board for approval at its June 27 meeting. The recommendations by the Membership Review Subcommittee included changing the name of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Community Oversight Committee; developing a one-year student mentorship program in partnership with Marin Transit; offering an optional \$50 stipend and travel reimbursement to COC members for meeting participation; and adding two members to the COC to represent underserved communities. ED Richman also reported that the TAM FY2024-25 Budget includes funds for the stipend and student internship.

Member Roye and Alternate Noguchi stated that "Community Oversight Committee" did not relate to Marin residents; Alternate Noguchi expressed a preference for "Community Members Oversight Committee". Vice-Chairperson Hagerty confirmed that the subcommittee had considered different alternative names and preferred the proposed name change.

In response to Alternate Gould, ED Richman confirmed that a time limit on the stipend was not proposed and that it would be optional. Vice-Chairperson Hagerty explained that the stipend is meant to encourage representatives from underserved communities to apply for membership to the COC to address financial barriers.

Member Vogt moved to approve the amendments to the COC Bylaws to revise the name of the COC to *Community Oversight Committee*; beginning July 1, 2024, offer an optional \$50 per meeting stipend and reimbursement of travel costs that members/alternates may request for in-person attendance at each COC meeting; and refer the updates to the TAM Board for approval at its June 27 meeting, which was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Hagerty.

A roll call vote was conducted. Members Bortel, Hagerty, Pelham, Powers, and Vogt voted aye; Member Roye voted nay; and Alternate Schmidt abstained. The motion passed by a 5 to 1 vote, with 1 abstention.

*The Committee recessed for a dinner break and reconvened with all members present as indicated.*

## **7. Update on Alternatives for the US 101/I-580 Multi-modal & Local Access Improvement Project (Information)**

Director of Project Delivery Dan Cherrier presented this item, which included background on the name change from Northbound (NB) US 101 to Eastbound (EB) I-580 Direct Connector Project, to US 101/I-580 Multi-modal & Local Access Improvement Project; project goals and objectives; travel times to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge from Bellam Blvd. and Sir Francis Drake Blvd.; funding milestones; history of alternatives and initial concepts; TAM Board actions; potential bicycle/pedestrian improvements; Bellam Blvd. improvements in relation to the three alternatives; and a summary of the alternatives.

Mr. Cherrier provided an overview of the public engagement process; conversion of the Stakeholder Working Group to the Community Working Group to guide the project through the environmental process; key takeaways from public meetings and community workshops for Bellam Blvd; a project summary schedule; and next steps, including initiating the environmental review process.

Vice-Chairperson Hagerty and Mr. Cherrier discussed access to Bellam Blvd. in Alternative 2 that would connect to the existing Bellam Blvd. offramp from US 101 with a speed of 45 miles per hour (MPH). Mr. Cherrier confirmed that Alternatives 2 and 3A will incorporate improvements to Bellam Blvd; and that the same Bellam Blvd. improvements would make up the scope of Alternative 7. Mr. Cherrier also stated that all of the alternatives include a Class IV bike lane and the reconstruction of the eastbound Bellam structure.

Mr. Cherrier also confirmed that studies indicate the alternatives are expected to eliminate traffic backups on the northbound (NB) US 101 lanes that exit to Bellam Blvd.; and that the upcoming Bellam Blvd. offramp widening project should also reduce current traffic backups.

In response to Chairperson Pelham, Mr. Cherrier stated that traffic currently using Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to access the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is expected to divert to the new connector; confirmed that factors that could significantly increase the project costs during the 10-year planning process have been included in the estimate; and that timelines for construction projects in California are typically longer compared to some states due to oversight by multiple agencies. ED Richman added that the outreach process to ensure the project is favorably received has contributed to the increased project timeline.

In response to Member Powers, Mr. Cherrier confirmed that the upcoming Bellam Blvd. offramp project includes widening the ramp, adding a lane, and changing a crosswalk; and that the project would not change the EB I-580 offramp at Bellam Blvd. that drivers currently use to access Francisco Blvd. East.

The members concluded their questions and there were no public comments.

#### **8. Committee Member Hot Items Report (Discussion)**

Member Vogt reported on his experience purchasing a Clipper Card and noted that cards may be purchased at the San Rafael Transit Center.

#### **9. Discussion of Next Meeting Date and Recommended Items for the Agenda (5 minutes)**

The next meeting was potentially scheduled for July 15, 2024, pending confirmation of a quorum. The agenda items would include a presentation from Marin Transit.

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.*



**DATE:** September 16, 2024

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Community Oversight Committee

**FROM:** Anne Richman, Executive Director  
David Chan, Director of Programming and Legislation

**SUBJECT:** Marin Transit's Annual Presentation (Discussion), Agenda Item No. 5

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**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is needed. This is a discussion item only.

**BACKGROUND**

Marin Transit's General Manager, Nancy Whelan, will be presenting at the September 16, 2024 Community Oversight Committee (COC) meeting on Marin Transit's activities performed in FY2023-24 and planned activities for FY2024-25. Marin Transit provided an annual update to the TAM Board on June 27, 2024, as required by the Measure A/AA Expenditure Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

There are no fiscal impacts with this presentation as a discussion item.

**NEXT STEPS**

There are generally no next steps with Marin Transit's Annual Presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Marin Transit Staff Presentation

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# Marin Transit Update

TAM COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



# Topics

- 01** Marin Transit Overview
- 02** FY 2024/25 Highlights
- 03** Measure AA and Measure B Allocation Requests



# Overview

# Marin Transit Services

FIXED ROUTE



86%

## Local Bus Service

Operated by:



3%

## Rural Stagecoach

Operated by:



DEMAND RESPONSE



4%

## Local Paratransit

Operated by:



OTHER SERVICES/PROGRAMS



5%

## Muir Woods Shuttle

Operated by:



1%

## Mobility Management

Operated by:



1%

## Catch-A-Ride

PILOT

In partnership with:



→ % of total ridership

# Special Needs Transportation



## Paratransit

Door-to-door, shared ride service for ADA-eligible riders



## Travel Navigators

One-stop resource for program information & eligibility



## Catch-A-Ride Pilot

Discounted taxi or TNC rides for seniors & people with disabilities



## Fare Assistance

Fare assistance for those that qualify via Medi-Cal or Income



## Volunteer Driver

Mileage reimbursement for seniors & people with disabilities



## Travel Training

Group presentations on public transit & other mobility options



## Marin Access Shuttles

Pre-scheduled, general public shuttle service



# By the Numbers...

## ridership



**annual:** 3.2 million passenger trips

**daily:** 12,000 passenger trips (bus)  
250 passenger trips (marin access)

## Marin Access rider profile

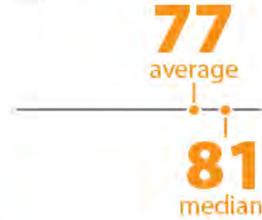
### gender



### annual income



### age



Source: 2020 Rider Survey

## vehicles

Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service

80 vehicles



Total Active Fleet

110 vehicles



39 Hybrid Electric Vehicles

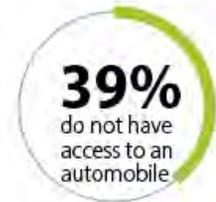
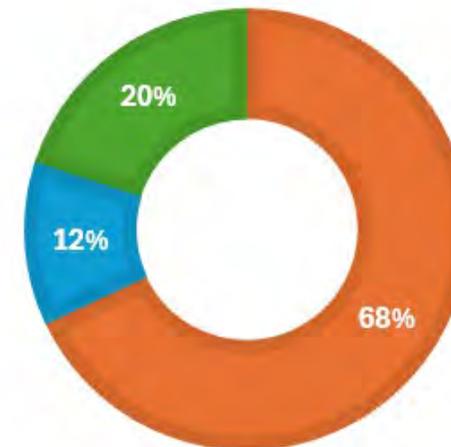


6 Battery Electric Vehicles



## Fixed route rider profile

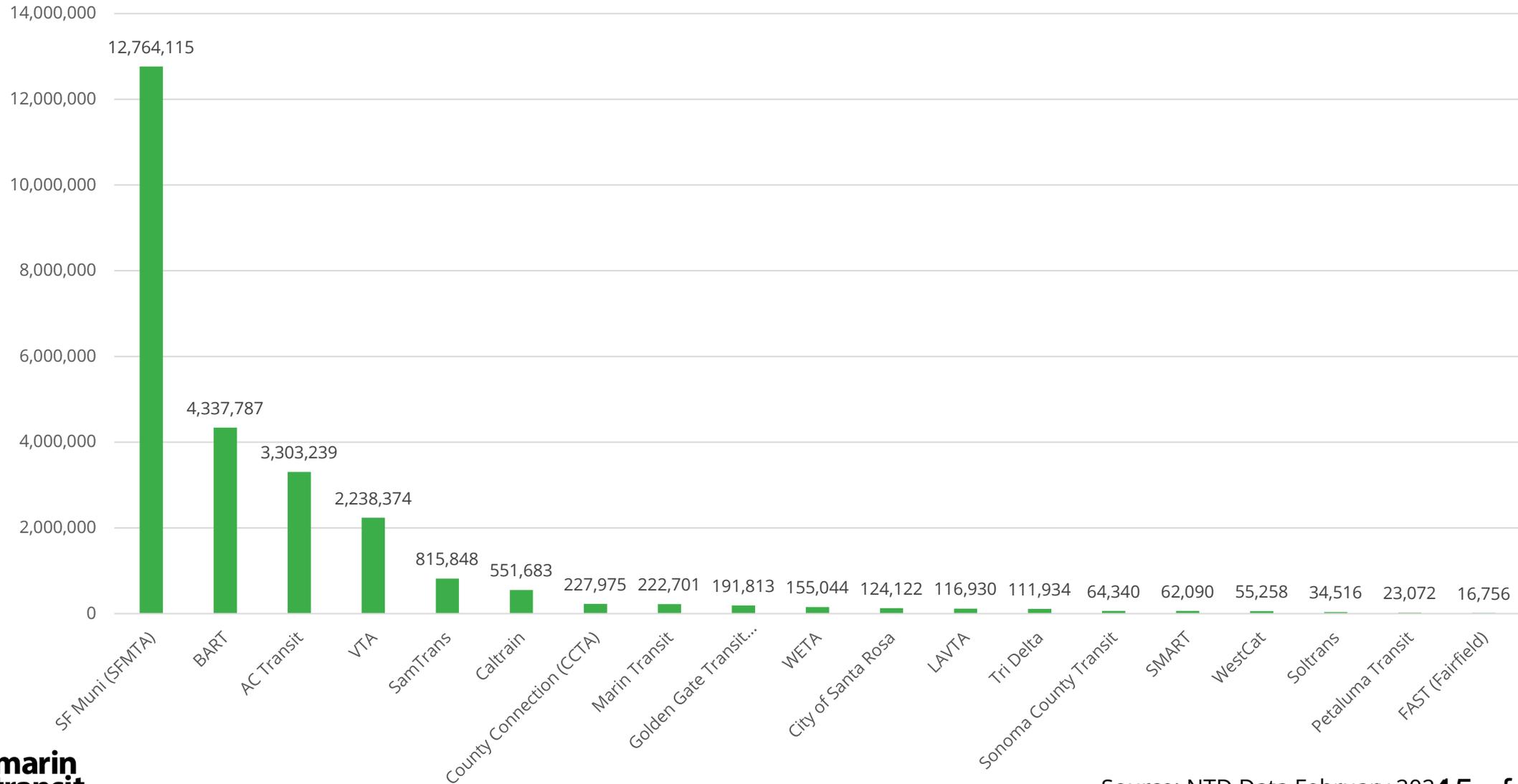
Adult Senior Youth



14 of 97

Source: 2017 Onboard Survey

# Comparison of Monthly Bay Area Ridership



# Marin Transit Ridership Recovery Post-COVID

% of pre-COVID ridership



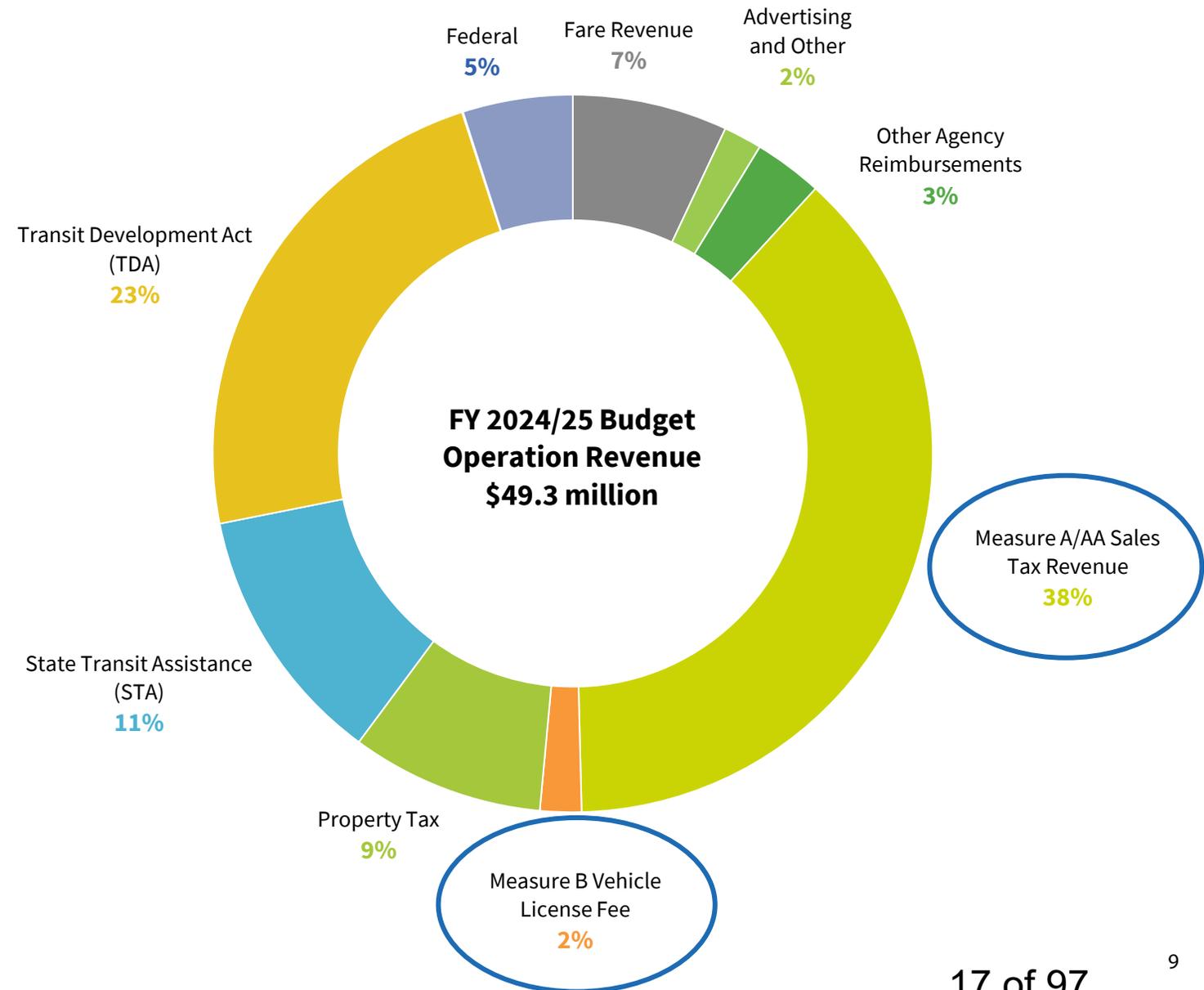
**Fixed Route**



**Marin Access**

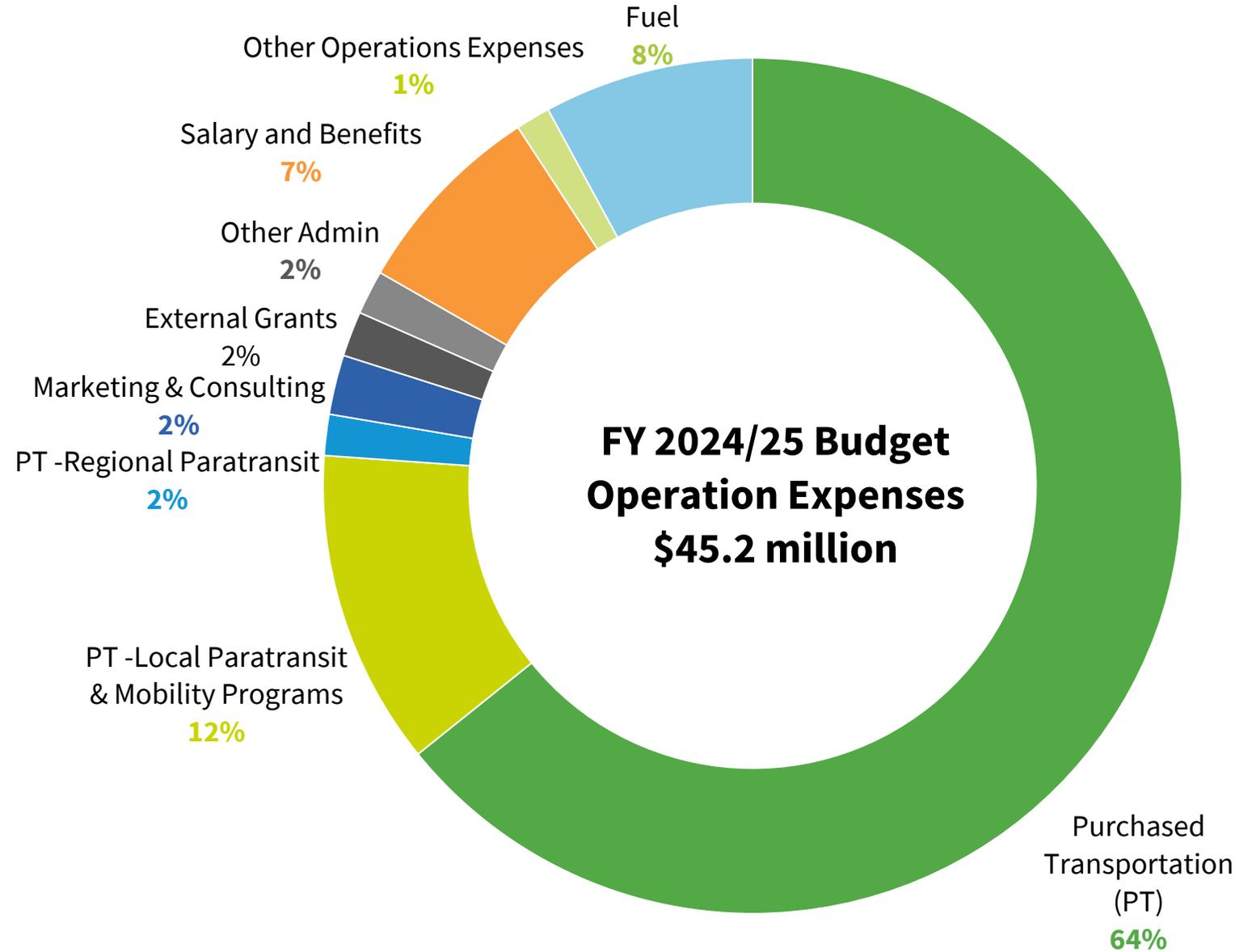
# Operations Revenue

- Post Pandemic Effects – Revenue Fluctuations
  - Increased TDA and STA funds due to pandemic volatility creating carryforwards
  - Sales tax revenue is flat

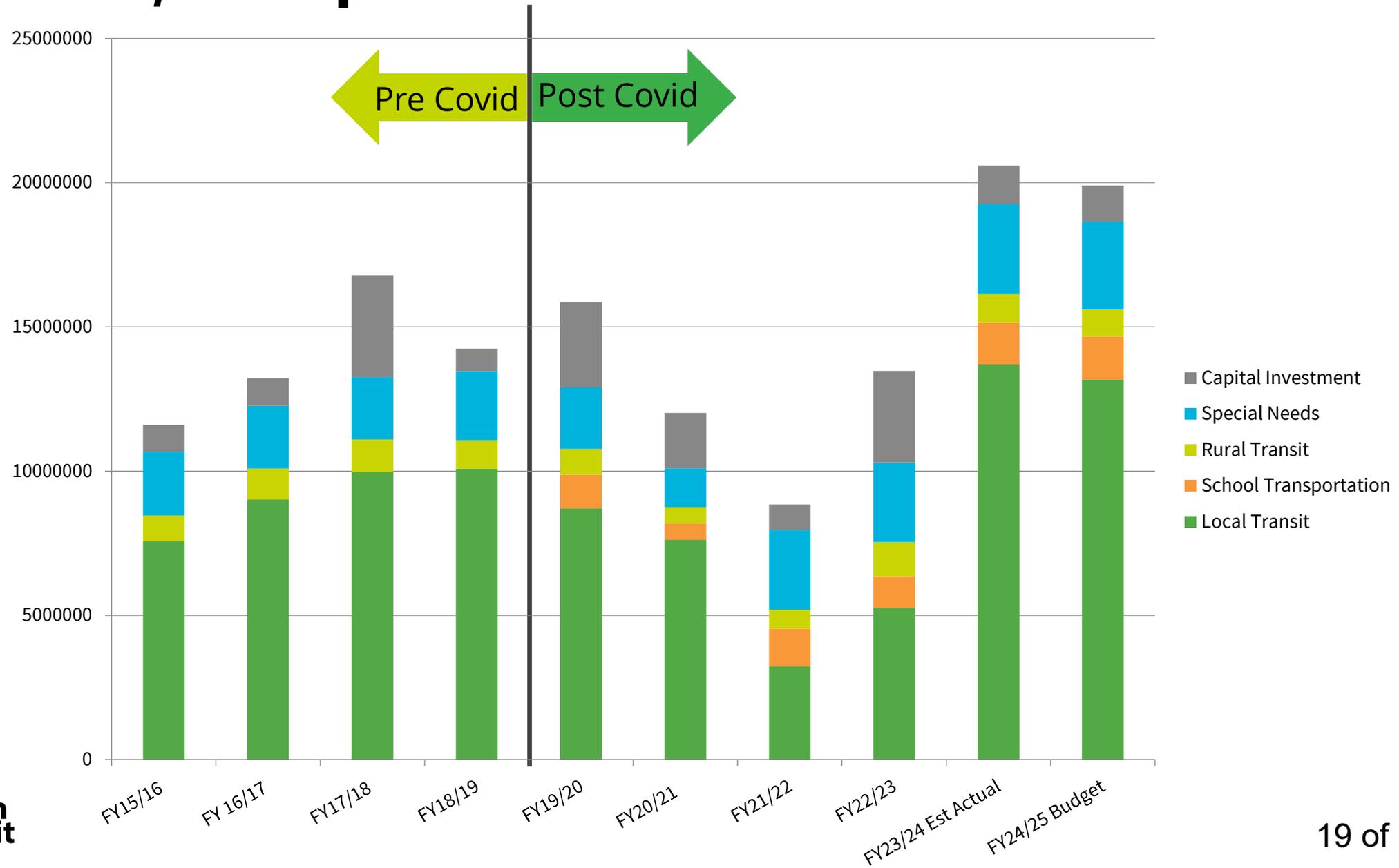


# Operations Expense

- Purchased Transportation
  - Local transit
  - Local paratransit and mobility programs
- Fuel



# Measure A/AA Expenditures





# FY2024/25 Highlights

# FY2024/25 Highlights in Brief

- FY 2023/24 fixed route service changes **increased reliability**
- Coming in 2025, **Clipper 2.0** will benefit our riders
- Updated **Short Range Transit Plan** will provide the 10-year service and financial plan
- **Electric Bus Maintenance Facility** and yard site selection under way, and still challenging
- **Marin Access** program improvements
- Growing need for **bus stop improvements**
- New challenges with **fleet electrification**
- Marin – Sonoma Transit Coordination (**MASCOTS**) planning study results due

# Catch-A-Ride 2.0 Pilot Program

- Available for enrolled riders 65+ and/or ADA eligible
- Provide vouchers for riders to take trips on taxis or Uber or Lyft
  - Rider selects: Paper, digital, or both
- Riders book trips directly with the provider
- Riders eligible for fare assistance will receive higher subsidy and more vouchers

Rider Type	Rider Pays	Trip Count
General Marin Access Riders	\$5 base fare & cost above \$25	30 trips / quarter
Fare Assistance Eligible Riders	No base fare & cost above \$25	30 trips / quarter
	Longer-distance vouchers: no base fare, cost above \$40	10 trips / quarter

# Marin Access Program Improvements

- Extend and enhance **Catch-A-Ride** Pilot for one year
- Evaluate **paratransit** ridership trends and needs
- Streamlining **paratransit** eligibility process
- Assess pilot of **West Marin Connector Shuttle**
- Explore opportunities for additional **Marin Access Shuttles**
- Improvements to **Volunteer Driver** program

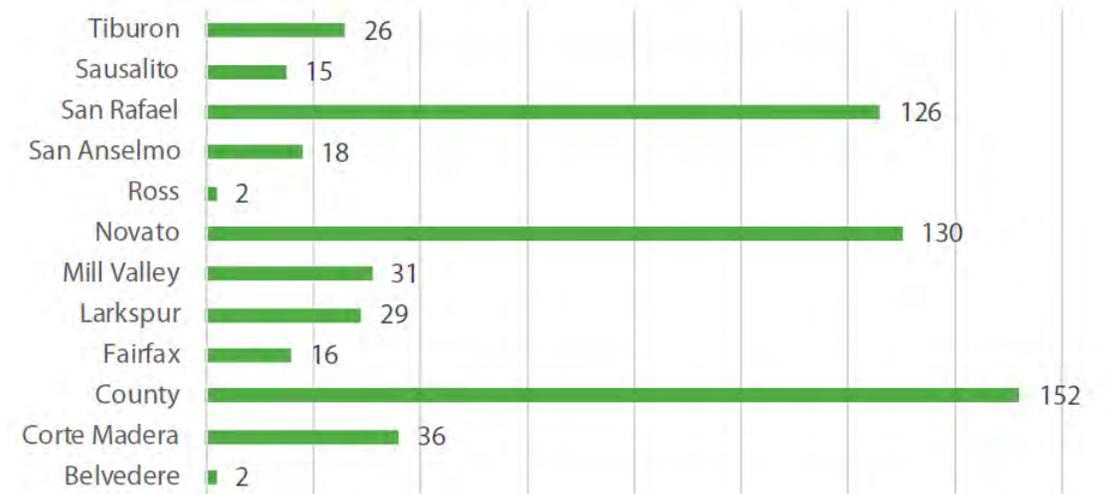


# Bus Stop Improvements

- 666 Stops in the County
- Priority: ADA Accessibility
- Current project to improve 23 stops
- 188 shared stops with Golden Gate Transit are being transferred to Marin Transit
- Challenges:
  - Agency coordination, permitting
  - Each is unique
  - Funding and staffing
- Application for RM3 funds



Distribution of Stops across Jurisdictions



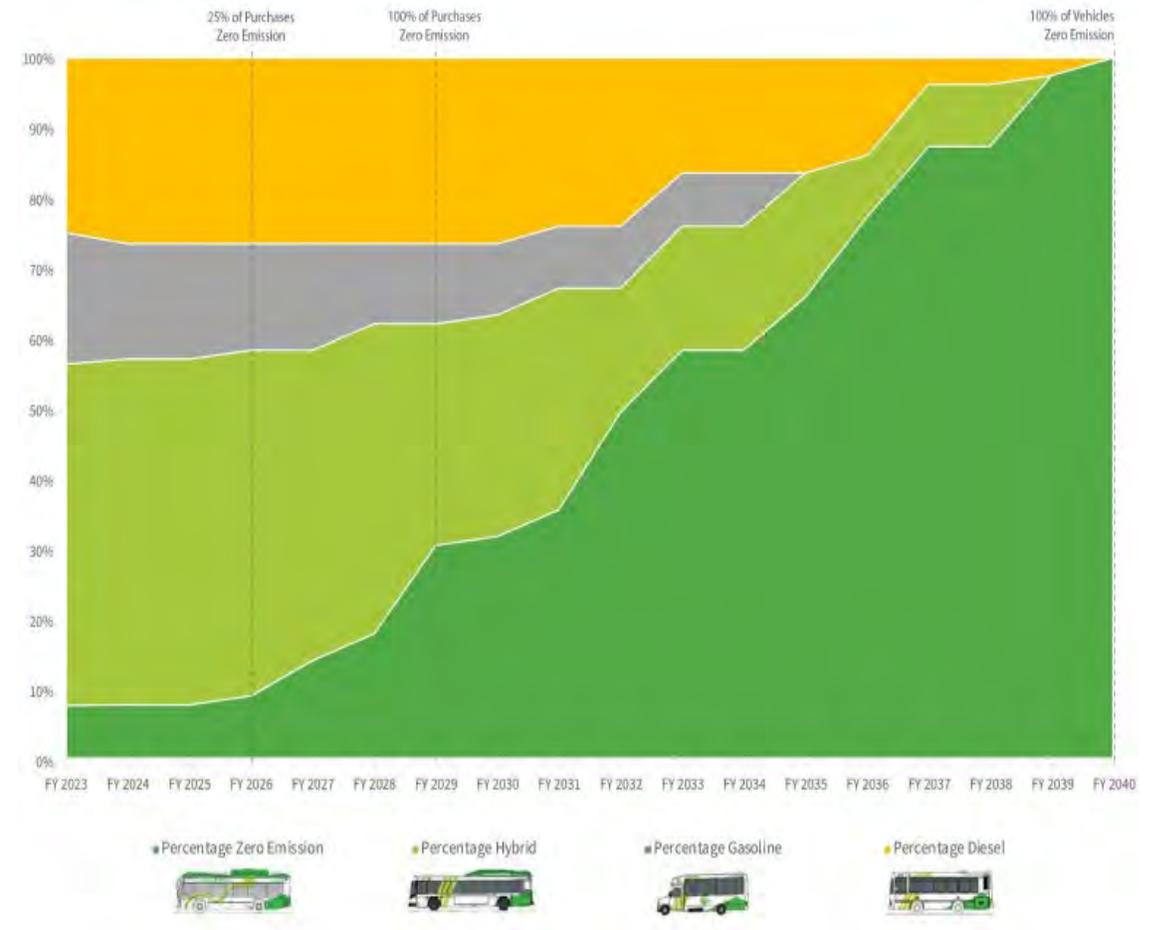
# Marin - Sonoma Transit Coordination

- Huge potential to right-size and optimize service on 101 corridor in post-pandemic times
- Smaller operators have largely addressed rider demand
- Relies on collaboration and cooperation of all agencies
- Issues being considered:
  - Funding formulas and value for service
  - Fleet availability and needs
  - Service coordination and Equity Priority Communities
  - Coordination at San Rafael Transit Center
  - Facility coordination



# Fleet and Electrification Challenges

- Shrinking pool of bus manufacturers
- Price of a 40 ft battery electric bus: **\$1.4 million**
- Longer lead time for vehicle deliveries
- Parts for all vehicles impacted by supply chain issues and significant price increases
- Lack of District-owned facility limits ability to meet electrification goals
- RM3 application for matching funds for bus purchases and facility project



# **FY2024/25 Allocation Requests**

**(approved June 27, 2024)**

# FY 2024/25 Measure A/AA Approved Allocation Request

Measure A Strategy 1 – Local Bus Transit	FY 24/25 Requested Amount
1.1 Maintain and Expand Local Bus Transit Service	\$61,038
1.2 Maintain & Expand Rural Bus Transit System	\$4,944
1.3 Maintain & Expand Transit Services for Those with Special Needs	\$14,848
1.4 Invest in Bus Transit Facilities for a Clean and Efficient Transit System	\$9,903
<b>Measure A Total</b>	<b>\$90,733</b>

Measure AA Category 4 – Local Bus Transit	FY 24/25 Requested Amount
4.1 Bus Transit Service	\$13,500,000
4.2 Rural/Recreational Bus Services	\$937,522
4.3 Transit Services for Special Needs	\$3,220,411
4.4 Transit Services to Schools	\$1,600,000
4.5 Bus Transit Facilities	\$1,250,030
<b>Measure AA Total</b>	<b>\$20,507,963</b>

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Total Approved Allocation Request	\$20,598,696
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# FY 2024/25 Measure B Approved Allocation Request

Measure B	Requested Amount
1 Staffing for Mobility Management Program	\$100,000
2 Support and Enhance Paratransit (Travel Navigator Program, Operations Support and Marketing)	\$225,000
3 "Paratransit Plus" program (Catch A Ride and Marin Access Shuttle)	\$320,000
4 Other programs to provide mobility to seniors (Volunteer Driver, Innovation Incubator & Marin Access Fare Assistance)	\$265,000
<b>Approved Allocation Request</b>	<b>\$910,000</b>

# Questions?

**Nancy Whelan**

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**DATE:** September 16, 2024

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Community Oversight Committee

**FROM:** Anne Richman, Executive Director  
Dan Cherrier, Director of Project Delivery

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of TAM Crossing Guard Program (Discussion), Agenda Item No. 6

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Oversight Committee receive the 2023/2024 Crossing Guard Assessment Report and offer comments on the Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The TAM Crossing Guard Program began providing crossing guards in August 2006 and currently serves 96 locations. The Program is the largest TAM Program managed directly by staff. Program costs exceed \$2 million per year.

The effectiveness of the Program was assessed in 2009, 2013, and 2017. The assessments were performed by TAM staff and focused mostly on the users of the Program (elementary and middle school students) to gauge changes in travel behavior. Questions regarding knowledge of the transportation sales tax and the role of TAM indicated little knowledge of either. This was to be expected since the age of the respondents was primarily 5 to 13 years old. However, many students filled out the questionnaires with their parents and all indicated that the Program was very successful.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

Staff commissioned a new assessment to take place during the 2023 to 2024 school year. Rather than being managed by staff, TAM delegated the collection of the data and preparation of the report to TY Lin utilizing the on-call contract. This was done to maintain the impartiality of a third party. TY Lin decided to focus questionnaires during this effort to be directed to parents rather than students.

The results of the survey continue to extol the effectiveness of the Program. Almost 98% of the respondents thought it was a good use of the Transportation Sales Tax. Furthermore, almost a third of the respondents were aware that the crossing guards were primarily funded by Measure AA. It is unknown if this increase in awareness is due to greater knowledge of TAM or the fact that parents rather than students filled out the surveys. Additional information about the survey and results is contained in the attached report and presentation.

## **FISCAL CONSIDERATION**

The survey and report were included in the FY2023-2024 TAM Budget and the costs did not exceed the approved amount.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff presented this information to the TAM Funding, Programs, and Legislation Executive Committee and will provide it to the full TAM Board on September 26 for acceptance.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – TY Lin Crossing Guard Assessment Report  
Attachment B – TY Lin Crossing Guard Assessment Presentation



# **Measure AA Crossing Guard Program**

## **2023-24 Assessment Report**

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## Executive Summary

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) has been funding and managing the Marin County Crossing Guard Program (Program) since 2006. Funding for the Program was originally approved in the 2004 Marin County Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan that authorized the collection of the Measure A sales tax. Funding for the current Program comes from a combination of the Marin County Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan approved by the voters in 2018 (Measure AA), and the vehicle registration fee passed in 2010 (Measure B).

TAM has been performing periodic assessments of the Program through a public process involving parents, school officials, and students throughout Marin County. The 2023-24 assessment is the fourth assessment following previous assessments during the 2008-09, 2012-13, and 2016-17 school years. The assessment consists primarily of a survey distributed to students and parents at a sampling of schools throughout Marin County. This 2023-24 Assessment Report documents the recent assessment and the findings based on the survey.

The assessment consisted primarily of a survey distributed to parents and students at a sampling of 43 schools within 10 districts and 2 private schools (29 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 2 combined elementary and middle schools) currently served by the Crossing Guard Program. The survey was distributed online to a distribution list of more than 23,377 recipients.

Some survey responses contained irregularities such as incomplete or blank answers. Forty-one (41) of the 1,157 responses received were removed from the results due to irregularities. The remaining 1,116 responses were deemed “complete” and are included in the analysis documented in this 2023-24 Assessment Report.

Surveys from a total of 41 of the 43 schools were received. The 1,116 responses analyzed for this report include 1,061 from parents (including 20 respondents identifying themselves as “Other”) and 35 from students.

By comparison, the 2016-17 Assessment Report included analysis of more than 3,700 surveys distributed and 2,139

### 1,116 Complete Responses

**1,061 from Parents (95%)**  
**35 from Students (3%)**  
**20 from Other (2%)**

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complete responses received via hardcopy and online.

The survey had three primary objectives:

1. To determine the level of awareness of Measure AA Crossing Guard Program;
2. To determine whether the presence of a crossing guard influences travel choices for students that walk or ride a bicycle to and from school on most school days and/or every day.
3. To determine whether the communities served by the Crossing Guard Program consider the expenditure of Measure AA funds a good investment.

The responses to the survey indicate the following:

- Almost all of the respondents (98%) are aware of the crossing guards, but less than half (31%) know that Measure AA provides funding for crossing guards.
- The majority of the students (82%) that walk or ride a bicycle on most or every day to school reported using a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty.
- A significant majority (98%) of the students that walk or ride their bicycle to school use a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty and feel more comfortable knowing the crossing guards are at certain locations.
- Based on responses from parents and students combined, approximately 43 percent of the students that walk or ride their bicycle reported that they changed from being driven to school in a car to walking or bicycling, in part, due to the presence of the crossing guards.
- Almost all of the respondents, i.e. 98 percent, indicated they believe the Program is a valuable investment of Measure AA funds.

The Program continues to achieve its primary objective of increasing the number of students that walk or ride their bicycle in lieu of being driven to school. The survey results indicate that the communities served by the Program consider the crossing guards an important and valuable aspect of travel to and from school. In addition to the 11 questions contained in the survey, respondents were afforded the opportunity to provide additional information and/or comments. A large majority of the comments received reflect a strong appreciation for the Program and for individual guards.

**98% Approval!!**

*\* From parents when asked if the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funding*

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## Introduction

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) conducted a survey as part of the required assessment for the Crossing Guard Program (Program) during the 2023-24 regular school year. This was the fourth such survey since the passage of Measure A, AA, and B. The previous assessments were performed during the 2008-09, 2012-13, and 2016-17 school years. This Measure AA Crossing Guard Program 2023-24 Assessment Report documents the assessment and the findings based on the survey.

TAM coordinated the 2023-24 assessment with the TAM's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Marin Public Works Association (MPWA), the Marin Office of Education, School District offices, the Marin County Schools Superintendents, and the individual schools.

## Background and Purpose

The Program currently provides funding for 97 crossing guards during the regular school year with a mix of Measure AA and Measure B funding. The 2023-24 regular school year represents the 18th year of the Program. The number of guards funded in a given year is dependent on the total amount of sales tax revenues received by TAM, a percentage of which is made available for the Program, and the amount available from the vehicle registration fee.

TAM uses a set of criteria based on industry standards to determine if locations "qualify" for funding, based primarily on vehicular and school age pedestrian traffic volumes at the specific locations. The criteria are vetted by the TAC and MPWA and the list of locations for each school year is approved by the TAM Board.

The questions listed in the 2023-24 questionnaire (Appendix A) are similar to the two previous surveys conducted during the 2008-09, 2012-13, and 2016-17 school years, with the difference in sample size from 9 to 43 schools in 2023-24.

More than 23,377 were distributed online to 43 schools (29 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 2 combined elementary and middle schools) and 1,156 responses were collected. Forty-one (41) of the 1,156 responses received were deemed incomplete due to irregularities such as blank answers or multiple answers to questions requiring only one answer. The remaining 1,116 responses were deemed

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“complete” and are included in the analysis documented herein.

The list for the sampling of schools to receive the survey was based on the list of schools participating in the Program. The original list was endorsed by the Marin County Schools Superintendents.

All of the 43 schools included in the sampling for the focused online distribution received a link to the survey in and are listed in Appendix B.

The survey had three primary objectives:

1. To determine the level of awareness of Measure AA as the primary funding source for the Crossing Guard Program;
2. To determine whether or not the presence of crossing guards influence travel choices for students who walk or ride a bicycle to and from school on most school days or every school day; and
3. To determine whether or not the communities served by the Program consider the expenditure of Measure AA funds a good investment.

Each of the questions in the survey can be directly related to one of the three objectives.

## Methodology

TAM coordinated with 10 districts and 2 private schools to distribute the online survey in English and Spanish to 43 schools (29 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 2 combined elementary and middle schools) starting in December 2023. TAM compiled the online responses and removed any containing irregularities deeming them as “incomplete”.

The link to the online survey was distributed via email to Kenfield School District, Larkspur- Corte Madera School District, Mill Valley School District, Miller Creek Elementary School District, Novato School District, Reed School District office, Ross School District, Ross Valley School District, San Rafael School District, Sausalito Marin City School District, Marin Primary School and St. Patrick School. The online responses listed in Appendix C were downloaded at the end of the survey period.

## Responses

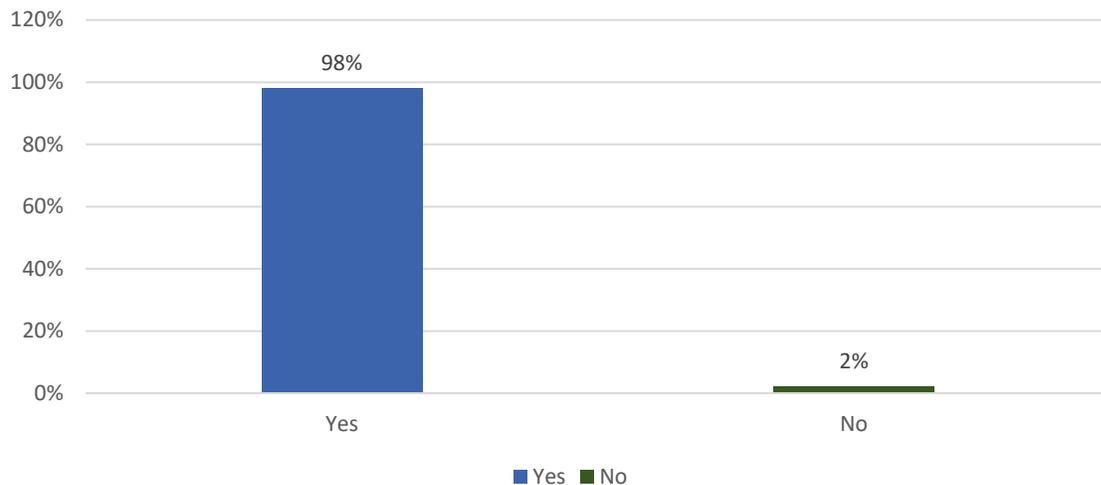
Forty-one (41) of the 1,157 responses received were removed from the results due to irregularities. The remaining 1,116 responses were deemed “complete” and are included in the analysis documented herein. Surveys from a total of 41 of the 43 schools were received. The 1,116 responses analyzed for this report include 1,061 from parents (including 20 respondents identifying themselves as “Other”) and 35 from students. By comparison, the 2008-09, 2012-13, and 2016-17 Assessment Reports included analysis of 977; 1,961; and 2,139 total responses, respectively. The responses to individual questions from the survey are detailed below and are segregated according to which of the three objectives of the Assessment they are related. The percentage totals are included in the below graphs compiled from the online survey responses.

**1,116 Complete Responses**

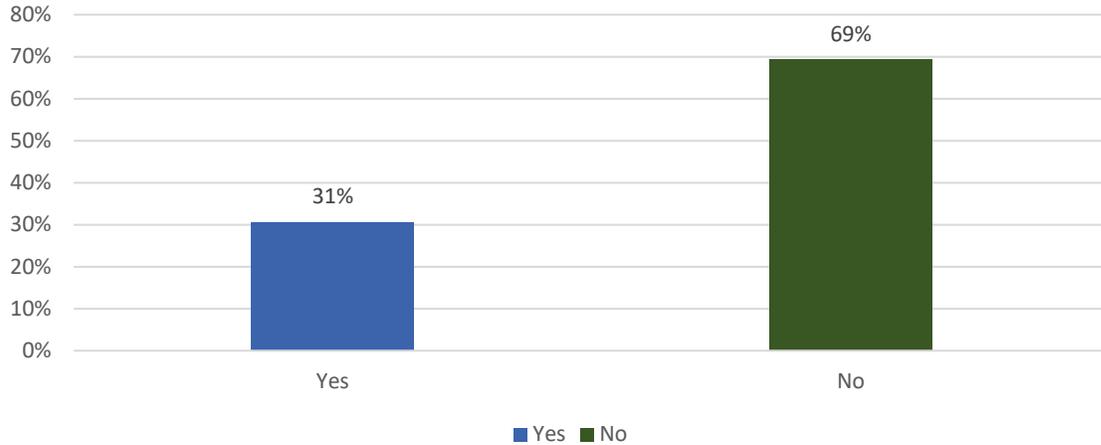
**1,061 from Parents (95%)**  
**35 from Students (3%)**  
**20 from Other (2%)**

### OBJECTIVE 1: To determine the level of awareness of the Measure AA Crossing Guard Program

**Question: Have you seen crossing guards at intersections in Marin County on school days?**

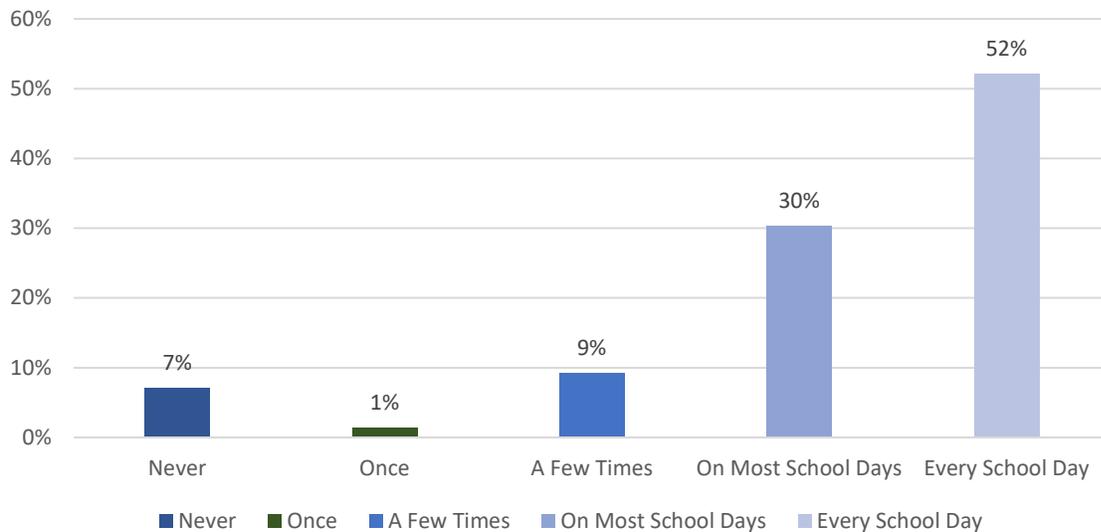


**Question: Do you know that funding for crossing guards in Marin County comes from the Transportation Authority of Marin Measure AA countywide sales tax?**

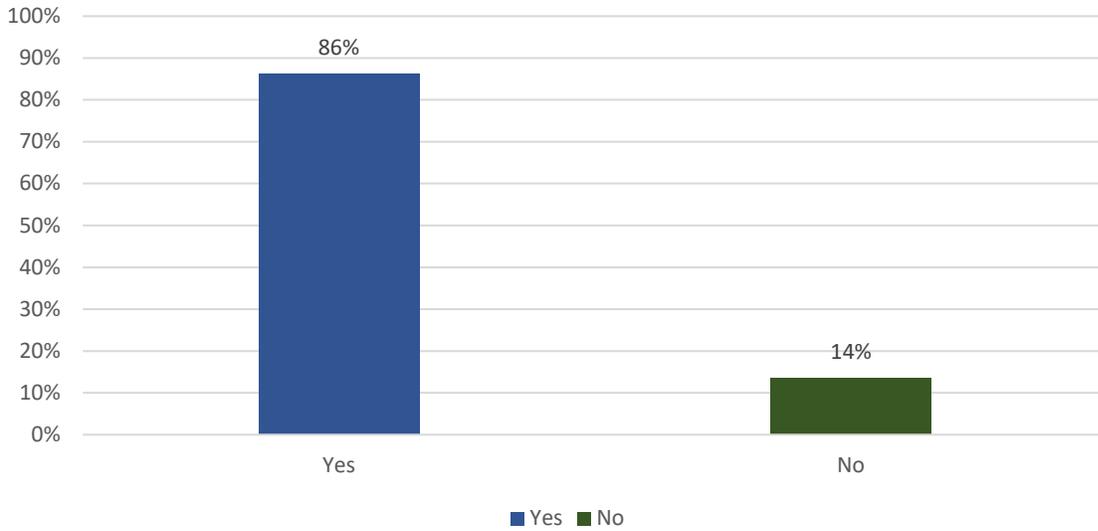


**OBJECTIVE 2: To determine whether or not the presence of a crossing guard influences travel choices for students who walk or ride a bicycle to and from school on most school days or every school day**

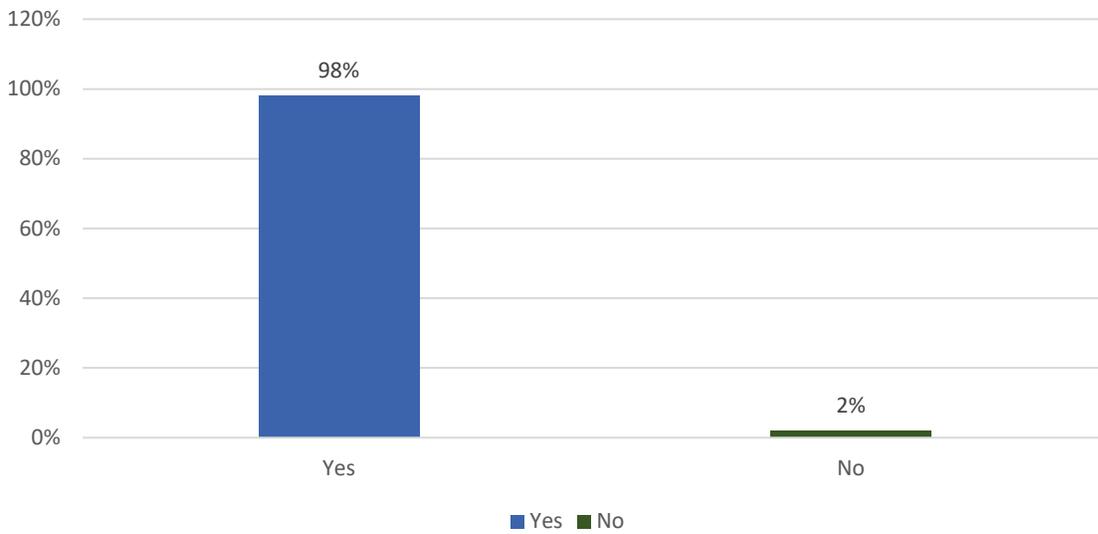
**Question: During the last month, I have used a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty...**



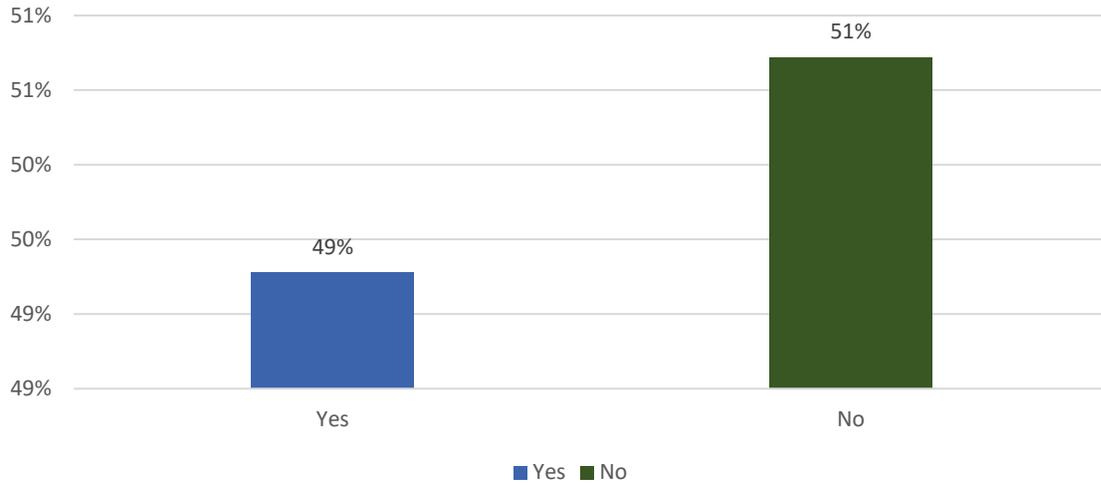
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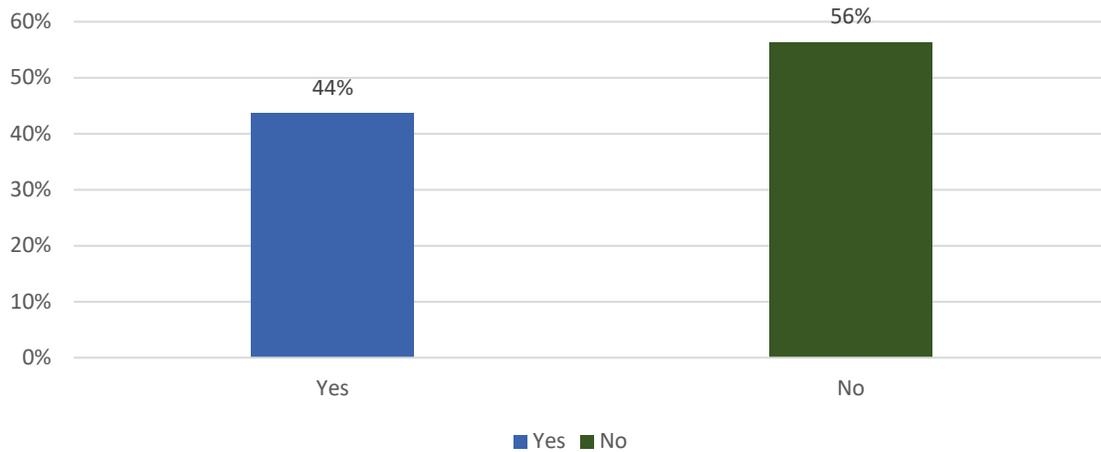
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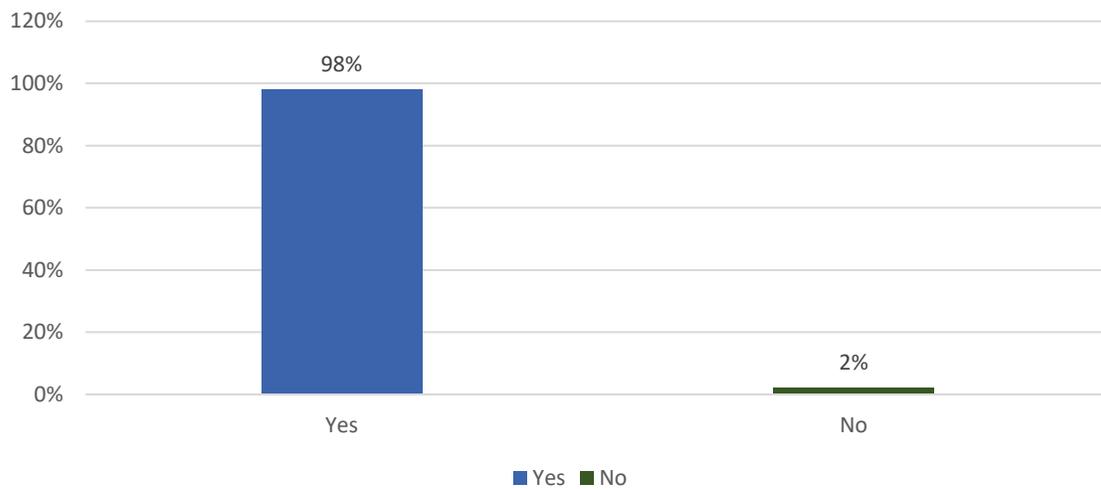
**Question: Did you change from being driven in a car to school to walking or biking because you know there are crossing guards at some intersections?**



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**OBJECTIVE 3: To determine whether or not the communities served by the Crossing Guard Program consider the expenditure of Measure AA funds as a good investment**

**Question: Do you think the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funds?**



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## Conclusions

The Program continues to achieve its primary objective of increasing the number of students who walk or ride their bicycle in lieu of being driven to school. The survey results indicate that the communities served by the Program see the crossing guards as an important and valuable aspect of travel to and from school. In addition to the responses to the questions detailed above, respondents were afforded the opportunity to provide additional information and/or comments. The additional information/comments are included in Appendix D. A large majority of the comments received reflect a strong appreciation for the Program and for individual guards.

### **98% Approval!**

*\* Responses when asked if the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funding*

## Appendix A

**Transportation Authority of Marin  
Marin County Crossing Guard Program  
2023 Parent/Student Questionnaire  
English Version (also available in Spanish)**

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) is conducting a survey to solicit feedback from students, parents, school officials, law enforcement and other parties involved with the Measure A Marin County Crossing Guard Program funded by TAM. The feedback will be used to assess the effectiveness of the Program, to identify areas for potential improvement, and to inform future funding decisions.

Please take a few minutes to complete this Questionnaire (one per student) at your earliest convenience. Your input is very important to us.

1. Please check the box that best applies to the individual completing this questionnaire.

Parent	Student (for which Questionnaire is being completed)	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please provide the following information about the student for which this questionnaire is being completed (name is not required).

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please answer "Yes" or "No" to the following question.

Have you seen crossing guards at intersections in Marin County on school days?

	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please answer "Yes" or "No" to the following question.

Do you know that funding for crossing guards in Marin County comes from the Transportation Authority of Marin Measure AA countywide sales tax?

	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Does this student (the one for which this questionnaire is being completed) walk or ride a bicycle to school on most school days? (If response is “Yes”. Then answer all of the questions. If response is “No”, survey will skip to the next question).
- Yes  No
6. During the last month, I have used a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty...
- Never  Once  A Few Times  On Most School Days  Every School Day
7. Do you regularly cross a street where a crossing guard is on duty on your way to or from school?
- Yes  No
8. Is it more comfortable for you to walk or ride your bike to school knowing that there are crossing guards at some intersections?
- Yes  No
9. Have you changed the route you take to school so that you can cross a street at a location where a crossing guard is on duty?
- Yes  No
10. Did you change from being driven in a car to school to walking or biking because you know there are crossing guards at some intersections?
- Yes  No
11. Do you think the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funds?
- Yes  No

12. **Please provide any additional information or comments.**

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your input is very important to us.

**Appendix B****List of 43 Schools for Focused Distribution**

<b>Index</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hardcopy Or Online</b>
1	Kentfield School District	Bacich Elementary	Online
2	Kentfield School District	Kent Middle	Online
3	Larkspur-Corte Madera	Hall Middle	Online
4	Larkspur-Corte Madera	Neil Cummins Elementary	Online
5	Larkspur-Corte Madera	The Cove Elementary	Online
6	Mill Valley School District	Edna Maguire Elementary	Online
7	Mill Valley School District	Mill Valley Middle	Online
8	Mill Valley School District	Old Mill Elementary	Online
9	Mill Valley School District	Strawberry Point	Online
10	Mill Valley School District	Tam Valley	Online
11	Miller Creek Elementary SD	Lucas Valley Elementary	Online
12	Miller Creek Elementary SD	Mary E. Silveira Elementary	Online
13	Miller Creek Elementary SD	Miller Creek Middle	Online
14	Miller Creek Elementary SD	Vallecito Elementary	Online
15	Novato USD	Hamilton Elementary	Online
16	Novato USD	Loma Verde Elementary	Online
17	Novato USD	Lu Sutton Elementary	Online
18	Novato USD	Lynwood Elementary	Online
19	Novato USD	Olive Elementary	Online
20	Novato USD	Pleasant Valley Elementary	Online
21	Novato USD	Rancho Elementary	Online
22	Novato USD	San Jose Middle	Online
23	Novato USD	San Ramon Elementary	Online

24	Novato USD	Sinaloa Middle	Online
25	Private – Marin Primary	Marin Primary	Online
26	Private - St. Patrick	St. Patrick	Online
27	Reed Union SD	Bel Aire Elementary	Online
28	Reed Union SD	Del Mar Middle	Online
29	Reed Union SD	Reed Elementary	Online
30	Ross School District	Ross Elementary	Online
31	Ross Valley SD	Brookside Elementary	Online
32	Ross Valley SD	Hidden Valley Elementary	Online
33	Ross Valley SD	Manor Elementary	Online
34	Ross Valley SD	Wade Thomas Elementary	Online
35	Ross Valley SD	White Hill Middle	Online
36	San Rafael City Schools	Bahia Vista Elementary	Online
37	San Rafael City Schools	Coleman Elementary	Online
38	San Rafael City Schools	Davidson Middle	Online
39	San Rafael City Schools	Glenwood Elementary	Online
40	San Rafael City Schools	Laurel Dell Elementary	Online
41	San Rafael City Schools	Sun Valley Elementary	Online
42	San Rafael City Schools	Venetia Valley Elementary	Online
43	Sausalito Marin City SD	Bayside Martin Luther Kind Jr. Academy	Online

## Appendix C

### Summary of Responses for Questions 3 through 11

<b>Q3</b>	<b>Have you seen crossing guards at intersections in Marin County on school days?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	98.03%	1,094
	No	1.97%	22
<b>Q4</b>	<b>Do you know that funding for crossing guards in Marin County comes from the Transportation Authority of Marin Measure AA countywide sales tax?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	30.65%	342
	No	69.35%	774
<b>Q5</b>	<b>Does this student (the one for which this questionnaire is being completed) walk or ride a bicycle to school on most school days? (If response is "Yes", then answer all of the questions. If response is "No", survey will skip to the next question).</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	68.19%	761
	No	31.81%	355
<b>Q6</b>	<b>During the last month, I have used a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty...</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Never	7.10%	54
	Once	1.31%	10
	A Few Times	9.20%	70
	On Most School Days	30.35%	231
	Every School Day	52.04%	396
<b>Q7</b>	<b>Do you regularly cross a street where a crossing guard is on duty on your way to or from school?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	86.33%	657
	No	13.67%	104
<b>Q8</b>	<b>Is it more comfortable for you to walk or ride your bike to school knowing that there are crossing guards at some intersections?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	97.63%	743
	No	2.37%	18

<b>Q9</b>	<b>Have you changed the route you take to school so that you can cross a street at a location where a crossing guard is on duty?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	49.28%	375
	No	50.72%	386
<b>Q10</b>	<b>Did you change from being driven in a car to school to walking or biking because you know there are crossing guards at some intersections?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	43.63%	332
	No	56.37%	429
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Do you think the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funds?</b>		
	<b>Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Yes	98.48%	1,099
	No	1.52%	17

## Appendix D

### Summary of Additional Information and Comments Received

The table below includes all of the additional information and/or comments received from the online survey, including comments received with responses that were deemed “incomplete” and excluded from the analysis documented in the Measure AA Crossing Guard Program 2023-24 Assessment Report. The comments are included in this report in order to provide a sense of the respondents’ impression of the Crossing Guard Program.

The comments are presented herein as they were received. No editing (except for some minor spelling, capitalization, and punctuation corrections) has been performed on the comments, but some text has been overwritten as described below. Comments that did not pertain to the crossing guard program or to the survey are not included in this report.

Some of the text from the original comments has been replaced with italics in brackets, e.g. *{text}*. The text in italics within the brackets gives an idea about the nature of the original text which has been overwritten. Any text that could be used to identify an individual guard or respondent has been overwritten since the objectives of the assessment do not include reviewing individual guard performance. Profanity and text describing what is considered inappropriate behavior have also been overwritten.

<b>Additional Information and Comments Received</b>
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We drive to school and sometimes park so our crossing card walks us/our child across the street. His name is {Individual Guard Reference} (sp?) and he is kind, professional and extremely capable. He really watches out for our children. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful crossing guard near our child's school. Thank you!
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<p>I think we need more crossing guards on Tamalpais Avenue at the crosswalks with no street lights. I've seen kids almost get hit multiple times because it's difficult for cars to tell when cars are stopped for traffic reasons or stopped to let someone cross. Very dangerous.</p>
<p>Our crossing guard leaves promptly at 8:30, which is when the school day begins. My son is sometimes late and I would appreciate if the guard would stay until 8:46 to allow for the latecomers to cross safely.</p>
<p>As a parent and taxpayer, I think having crossing guards is imperative. We should continue to offer this. On my way to work in my car I see multiple crossing guards either at work or setting up "shop" This is about 7:20 am ish. They are dedicated and I see them multiple times a week when I am commuting to work. I love that the guards are out and stopping traffic for the kids going to school. I have no idea how it works in the afternoon, I am still at my workplace and don't observe the afternoons. Is it a good idea to spend transportation funds on crossing guards? Yes.</p>
<p>The crossing guards at old mill are excellent. Very focused and attentive on the children's safety.</p>
<p>I love the crossing guards. They're very caring and protective of the kids and they're also very pleasant and kind to interact with. It's just a brief moment of each day, but it's always nice.</p>
<p>We absolutely love our crossing guards (<i>{Individual Guard References}</i>), they have become part of our community. Without them, I would be hesitant to let me daughter walk to school on her own. She is only 1st grade but has had to do so a couple of times. She even walked to school solo once in Kindergarten- all because I knew she would safe crossing with a crossing guard.</p>
<p>I'd love to see an approach that looks at the effectiveness of individual crossing guards and approaches to train them over time to improve.</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at Neil Cummins is absolutely incredible. He knows every student and parent by name, has jokes with them, and is genuinely a highlight of my son's morning every day. We're so grateful for him and the program.</p>
<p>We would love more crossing guards. Specifically, one at the intersection of Paradise and Prince Royal and Paradise and Golden Hind (in Corte Madera). One of the reasons we don't ride our bikes to school is because we can't always safely cross Paradise.</p>
<p>Our crossing guards lately have either not been there, or not doing their jobs properly. Crossing at Tamalpais near the Corte Madera Rec Center is very dangerous and there are tons of kids who cross there so it is VERY important to have a crossing guard, and one that is competent and can actual keep the children safe as they cross</p>
<p>We live in a community where many kids walk and bike to school, and rely on crossing guards to ensure our kids are safe (we see many cars speeding and/or not paying attention). We need more crossing guards at more intersections!</p>

<p>The intersection of Eastmen and Tamalpais needs a crossing guard in order to keep students and families safe. Cars drive incredibly fast on Tamalpais and the cars turning in the intersection often do not look for pedestrians. We need crossing guards to keep everyone safe.</p>
<p>We need a crossing guard at the Spindrift and Prince Royal intersection. Cars come barreling down that street. A parent is currently VOLUNTEERING EVERY morning. It's ridiculous and dangerous not having an official crossing guard there. Give me a break!!!!</p>
<p>A school bus fund would be great, as parents driving individual students to school causes traffic congestion and also makes accidents with pedestrian students more likely.</p>
<p>I'm a neighbor who sees the crossing guard near {School Name} school. Maybe they offer a little protection but it is not full. They only walk part way out into the street, leaving the kids vulnerable when they are on the other side of the median. I'm sure it is a difficult job to fill, but there should be some anonymous auditing being done of the crossing guards.</p>
<p>Our crossing guard {Individual Guard Reference} is amazing. She's helped all of our kids and is a big part of the school community. Please give her a raise!</p>
<p>{Individual Guard Reference} is the best crossing guard. She is so contentious and caring. A huge part of our community</p>
<p>The presence of a crossing guard definitely helps regulate vehicle traffic near the school. When the crossing guards have not been there, drivers have not been as attentive to yielding to pedestrians. I highly recommend the continuation of this program!</p>
<p>Crossing guards are absolutely necessary. Just today I witnessed a crossing guard protect a student on a bike as a car was about to speed through the cross walk and had to slam on their breaks because they saw the guard.</p>
<p>They're very effective and due to traffic and pedestrians, very necessary.</p>
<p>I think the Crossing Guard Program is valuable for our schools.</p>
<p>We have a really great crossing guard at Tam Valley! She really makes it feel like a community saying hi to everyone and giving out high fives etc.</p>
<p>We love our traffic guards, they are the best!</p>
<p>Crossing guards are absolutely essential to our children's safety. Pick up and drop off times are extremely hectic, with lots of cars and lots of people in a hurry. I've seen first hand how crossing guards prevented accidents that could have been dramatic.</p>
<p>It's been super helpful to have a crossing guard!</p>
<p>Blithedale at the bike path is a critical place for a crossing guard. Please continue!</p>
<p>I am more than happy to pay taxes to have school crossing guards for many reasons. I am a strong supporter of this.</p>
<p>We cross a very busy street where there was a crossing guard but there no longer is starting this year. It feels very dangerous not to have one!</p>
<p>I wish the crossing guard did a better job of considering the cars. She keeps the kids safe all the way across, but then continues to block the turning access for the cars until the light turns red. This causes the cars to pile up and get frustrated, and then the drivers make poor decisions, endangering the children. If the crossing guard played more of a mediator role, everyone would be safer and less frustrated.</p>

<p>The crossing guards at Tamalpais and Eastman need to be attentive guards who are more alert, fast moving and direct with stopping the aggressive impatient drivers, especially with left turns. This is a busy, dangerous intersection and the current crossing guards seem unable to actively help get the kids safely across the street. Parents know we have to do it, which defeats the purpose of having the guards there. There was a crossing guard earlier in the year who was so great for this intersection. She recognized her role and the safety issues here. Seems like some of the intersections near school do not have lights or as much cross traffic as this intersection, and perhaps that should be a consideration for the placement of crossing guards. The kids would benefit from also keeping the lights red during the active crosswalk times during school hours.</p>
<p>Strawberry school is on a fast road and cars drive way too fast over the hill. The traffic guard makes a huge difference, and he does an Amazing job at keeping kids safe. I would not let them cross with out traffic guard.</p>
<p>We drive and park, then walk. The crossing guard at our parking lot/ entrance is very helpful for crossing the street.</p>
<p>Thank you for the survey! Please oh please put back crossing guard at the corner of Almonte and Rosemont in Mill valley. This is an unbelievably dangerous corner where near misses happen so many times EVERY morning. Truly, there should be two crossing guards! We were absolutely thrilled to see a crossing guard there this year, and I felt so much safer about having my son walk to school. But now they are gone? Our family truly feels like ALL of the crossing guards we see in Mill valley are saints. Drivers are often rude, many of the kids are overconfident and distracted while crossing the street on their bikes or on foot...But the crossing guards bravely do their best to help. They should be truly revered and well compensated. We so support this program. Thank you so much.</p>
<p>Crossing guard is important especially for crossing between 101. Many motorists do not yield or obey the Stop sign as they should. It adds another level of protection for them kids.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are crucial to protect our students and are not optional.</p>
<p>There needs to be a crossing guard at Camino Alto and Blithedale.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are ESSENTIAL!</p>
<p>Need more crossing guards at high risk intersections</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> is an excellent cross guard and human being. He is fantastic and so attentive. The days he isn't there it is noticeable in both the amount of traffic and mood around the school. I think it would be beneficial if he trained other cross guards. Though I a Have never crossed on foot by the middle school, that cross guard seems great too.</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> - the crossing guard at blackstone and las gallinas – and <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> - at miller creek middle school - are just the best! Our day isn't complete if we don't get to say hi or chat with them. :)</p>
<p>We love the crossing guards near the middle school and Mary Silveira elementary. They're amazing and always there! So appreciative of this service. Back in my youth the kids worked as "safety patrol" crossing guards</p>
<p>It would be great if the cross walk guard engaged and smiled.</p>
<p>We love our crossing guard <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>. He is very personable and friendly and does a great job keeping us safe.</p>

The crossing guard in our neighborhood, { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> }, is truly excellent. He not only protects parents and children on their way to school but greets everyone, often by name, and brightens everyone's day in doing so. Our community is so much better off from his service in this role.
Love our crossing guards and appreciate them showing up for our kids every day in all the weather.
We love our crossing guards! They are the first face kids see on their way into school and go out of their way to connect with kids crossing :)
Crosswalks are dangerous. I work at hook and have almost been hit several times walking in a crosswalk 15 feet from my schools entrance. Parents/guardians are on their phones. Getting to and from school safely is a challenge.
More crossing guards. We need one at Spindrift and Price Royal
My son crosses over 101 from Strawberry. I think we need a light on the other side (101 South). We have a light on Redwood Highway but the intersection on the other side is so dangerous, even with a crossing guard. Its a three way stop.
I feel like we need MORE crossing guards. Drivers are so distracted and just don't pay attention.
Please keep the crossing guards!
It's really busy and crazy during the am through mill valley. With the added complexities of e bikes on the roads, cross guards will support a safer roads initiative.
Need crossing guard at Tamal Vista And Wornum in Corte Madera in the AM. Very dangerous very busy lots of kids.
Kids need a crossing guard! It's not safe without a guard there!!
It's an important job to ensure the safety of our kids and everyone loves the guards at Neil Cummins... They are so friendly!
Crossing guard is not always there and not always having kids cross safely. We also desperately need one at Prince Royal and Spindrift. Because of these issues, I don't let my kids ride or walk to school.
I believe kids on bikes need crossing guards to help guide them through the crosswalks, especially in the mornings. I think drivers can be distracted and rushing more so in the mornings.
I think the crossing guards should be moved to intersections that don't have traffic light crossings to make it safer for kids to get to school.
We actually use a crossing guard that's volunteer and not part of the Transportation authority of Marin. We would love to have an approved/ paid crossing guard at the intersection that we are scraping for volunteers right now because it is an unsafe intersection.
Please put a crossing guard on Chapman Dr. and Tamalpais.
We appreciate having crossing guards at the busy crosswalks especially around Hall since we have seen way too many cats that speed on Doherty. Also appreciate the town park crossing guard. My son goes all the way down to that crossing guard to cross over tam road because he knows there is a guard there. Please keep the crossing guards in place.
Tamalpais Avenue definitely merits a crossing guard. We've seen multiple instances of people running red lights or turning right into pedestrians on our way to and from school.

I love the crossing guards but challenge the locations. I live in Hillview (Larkspur) and the main route to school for my kids have ZERO crossing guards despite two major intersections (Bon Air, Doherty). I only support a program that address the needs of every constituent
We wish there was a crossing guard at a busy street our kids cross near the post office
Thank you for adding more locations in Almonte area
We live in mariner cove and don't have any busy streets to cross to get to school. But we love seeing the crossing guards helping students at the busier intersections!
It gets pretty crazy at drop off and pick up, so I think having a crossing guard makes a big difference.
The Crossing Guards are awesome.
We live 2 minutes walking distance from the school so we don't even have any intersections where we need crossing guards.
Very dangerous crossing even with guard. Busy!
We appreciate the crossing guard at Prince royal and Spindrifft and wish there was one at the entrance to Cove on Golden Hind. My son uses this crosswalk daily and cars fly right through it even during school arrival and departure hours. It can be scary.
We love the Neil Cummins crossing guards!
I'm pleading to have a crossing guard stationed at the no-light intersection of Tamalpais and Sausalito st. So many kids cross here and I've seen some scary near misses. There are no lights at this crossing. It's safer over all for my kids to cross here, once they make it, since the rest of the walk to NC is through the park from the little footbridge over the canal. We skirt crossing over the gas station and walking through the rec center parking lot from going that way. I see kids using this crosswalk daily to get not only to NC but to cut through NE on their way to Hall and Redwood. Thank you for your consideration.
Very helpful for the flow of traffic and for kids safety in and around Tam Valley. Key crosswalk at Pine Hill especially.
Please put a crossing guard on Dolan Ave and Shoreline highway someone is going to get hit there.
As my children get older, they will be riding their bikes to school daily. I believe that crossing guards are extremely valuable as distracted driving is such a problem
Traffic around Hall at pick up and drop off is terrible. Without crossing guards, it would be so very unsafe and hazardous. Thank you for helping the kids.
I think the crossing guards at Neil Cummins are great especially <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> . They're always on it and great with the kids.
it's so important and makes me feel safe and willing to let my child bike to school on days that he asks.
There is always a guard at El Camino and Paradise. The guard is attentive, proactive and take safety seriously. It's a tough job and they do it well.
This is an essential function, and without question, I support funding or crosswalks. The only reason my child doesn't biker walk more, is because I share custody with a parent out outside of Marin county.
Crossing guard desperately needed at Paradise & Prince Royal intersection.

I would be concerned for the elementary school kids if there was not a crossing guard at the busy intersection in front of Tam Valley.
Please have a crossing guard on the corner of Lucky & Doherty drive.
The only crossing guards I've seen for Neil Cummins are right at the entrance to the school. I'd like to see more- especially near the high school where it's particularly dangerous.
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } is the best crossing guard at Hickory
Love our dedicated crossing guards!!
We love our crossing guard { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> }! Our intersection of Hickory Street at the creek bike path would NOT be safe without a crossing guard. Thank you
Crossing guards aren't always present on busy intersections. My son was hit on the crossing near Neil Cummins on lakeside or Mohawk We need more and better guards
The drivers are distracted, kids not paying attention too, so the crossing guards make us all stop and pay attention to safety.
As a driver dropping kids off at school, I am VERY glad that the crossing guards are there to keep the kids safe. It is important to me as a driver to have the crossing guards there improving safety for all at the intersections.
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } and { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } are excellent crossing guards. They are attentive and keep everyone safe. My carpool loves saying hi to them everyday! These two crossing guards in Marinwood are more engaged and are a value add than others in the area.
My child can't walk or bike to school because we don't have any cross guard or any street signs that indicate that kids are walking/biking, is super dangerous! We live in Central Drive in Mill Valley and we need to cross Redwood highway and then Tiburon Blvd. there is not any mark on the road that indicates kids can bike or cars to know that they will see kids. IMPOSSIBLE. It's unbelievable that we live so close and we need to drive to school.
Many, many families walk to school at Lucas Valley. There's an intersection where tons of kids cross - it's also a very busy car route. Our crossing guard is awesome. He's attentive and kind. He consistently both cars and pedestrians navigate what would be a stressful intersection. Because he's there we can all smile and wave instead.
Need a crossing guard to help kids cross Magnolia Ave at Doherty. Many near misses at this crosswalk. The cars turning left onto Magnolia from Doherty get a green light a few seconds after the crosswalk sign is illuminated. Since they are looking to their right for cars they do not notice pedestrians to their left that are crossing at the time they are supposed to cross. Also cars turning right from Magnolia toward the high school often don't see the pedestrians crossing Magnolia. Dangerous intersection for pedestrians heading to and from both Hall and Redwood. Thank you.
We absolutely love our crossing guard in front of Neil Cummins. His name is { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } and he cares deeply about the kids at the school and brightens their day.
We value { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> }, the crossing guard on Hickory, so much. I feel comforted by the fact that he is there every day to ensure my son makes it safely to school.
We need more crossing guards in Larkspur / Corte Madera along the school routes. It also should be explored whether they can play a role at keeping pedestrians and bikers safe on the bike path between the towns as the increase in electric bikers has become unsafe there. Thank you!
The crossing guard outside Tam Valley school entrance is 100% necessary for safety. If she wasn't there it would not feel safe given the intersection and amount of kids and cars.

<p>Would be best to use the funds for that reason, instead we have parents that have to fill the spots that no crossing guards are located at.</p>
<p>{<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>} is an amazing guard with the student's safety in mind.</p>
<p>This survey was hard to answer because we recently lost an important crossing guard in Mariner Cove and the questions did not ask "have you started driving more due to the removal of a crossing guard" to which I would have answered "yes". I'd love to bike the kids to school more but we really need that crossing guard back (or just make Prince Royal/Spindrift a 4 way).</p>
<p>For kids from Strawberry riding to school the crossing guard at the overpass is an absolute necessity. My child will not ride to school without that crossing guard. Thanks!</p>
<p>I love the crossing guards! {<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>} is ours at MPMS, and he is wonderful. The traffic there can be extremely congested both in the morning and after school, and it is very helpful and makes it much safer having the crossing guard there. I think it is very much money well spent for the safety and well being of our children every day. Thank you!</p>
<p>While my daughters route to school doesn't use a crossing guard, there is a very important one in our neighborhood at Prince Royal that keeps a lot of kids safe and I am glad they are there.</p>
<p>{<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>} is amazing. He welcomes students to school in a warm and friendly way. The kids love him.</p>
<p>I think a crossing guard would encourage more parents to have their children walk or bike to school.</p>
<p>There needs to be some way to make shore that the crossing guard is a good crossing guard because I have seen some that are not as good.</p>
<p>I am so thankful that there are 3 crossing guards for Miller Creek Middle School. I know that my daughter is safe when she walks home.</p>
<p>{<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>} is exceptional at his job as a crossing guard for Lucas Valley Elementary. He takes the time to get to know the names of everyone who regularly crosses the intersection he guards and he greets everyone by name and wishes them well, spreading goodwill and kindness. He is a part of the community. He is a great role model for how to go the extra mile every day and be the best you can be at your job. In the years my children have been going to school, he has never been late and rarely taken a sick day. He's very committed.</p>
<p>Crossing Paradise/El Camino to get to the bus or Cove is very dangerous without a crossing guard. Loads of traffic and cars speed thru to not miss the light.</p>
<p>This is vital to the kids safety. We have a new guard at Edna that has saved kids lives in the am drop from being hit by cars. Mill Valley Middle crossing guards are so critical to the safe routes to school and allow our family options to walk, ride, or even drive. The light at E Blithedale should be adjusted so the crossing guard have a protected light and then the cars have time to turn right. Many of our families do this drop from Edna to MVMS and there roads back up because the cars don't get to turn in time. In either case that crossing guard does a great job of making sure all kids have crossed safely.</p>
<p>The crossing guard at {<i>Location Reference</i>} does a terrible job balance both vehicle and student traffic. She is unable to control students and does not keep them within the crosswalk. It's dangerous and causes a massive problem w cars and students not understanding the rules of the road.</p>

<p>I would like an additional crossing guard at the crosswalk of Heatherstone Dr. and Blackstone Dr. My child, and several other neighborhood children cross that intersection on the way to and from school. Many drivers do not stop properly and drive too fast there. It feels unsafe at times.</p>
<p>The Crossing Guard at the crosswalks at <i>{Location Reference}</i> does not safely monitor the crosswalk. He stands in the corner and does not stop traffic in one direction. It is very unclear who has the right of way as he does not stand in the crosswalk but in the corner holding a stop sign. Drivers and walker/bicyclists are not properly protected. Please have him engage in training or hire a better crossing guard. The crossing guard in front of Miller Creek Middle School is great! He is very clear and assertive and keeps kids safe.</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at Hickory in Corte Madera near Neil Cummins is outstanding and is the reason we're comfortable letting our kids walk to/from school.</p>
<p>The crossing guards around Neil Cummins are incredible and make it very safe as well as fun for the kids every day.</p>
<p>Crossing guards help keep our kids safe as parents will prioritize their own student getting to school on time over the safety of other students. Or members of our community get frustrated and drive unsafely around our kids. And our guard is very friendly and part of our school community.</p>
<p>Crossing guards can be very distracted chatting with the parents afterschool or waive cars through despite kids waiting to cross or approaching the cross, presumably to scare kids and teach them a lesson about stopping at the crossings. I don't like the game of chicken. All it will take is one stubborn kid ignoring the crossing guard and bombing into the intersection for a disaster. Please provide some additional training on staying focused and appropriate ways to teach kids the lessons. That said, greatly appreciate their presence and efforts to keep the kids safe. Thanks!</p>
<p>Crossing guard <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> @ Camino Alto &amp; Sycamore is incredible. Thank you <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>!</p>
<p>The location of Strawberry Point School provides some unique challenges in that the entrance to the school is at the bottom of a hill which is at the end of a blind curve. The number of cars turning in and out of the school parking lot causes a great deal of congestion at the school entrance. Even with a crossing guard at the school entrance, cars, come flying down the hill and around the blind corner and there have been a number of near misses with parents and children inside the crosswalk assisted by the crossing guard. It feels like more could be done at the top of the hill to both alert and slow traffic during peak drop off/pick up times and/or while the crosswalk light is active. Thank you.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are essential to the safety of our students...from elementary through high school. Drivers are more distracted now (due to devices) than ever before. This funding is crucial to keep our kids (and adults) safe while getting to school. Our kids go out of their way to use intersections where guards are posted. Thank you for keeping crossing guards a priority for our schools!</p>
<p>The crossing guards are critical and much appreciated for our kids safety.</p>
<p>Very important! Even as a driver.</p>
<p>Most of the crossing guards are very lovely and kind in addition to providing safety to our students. My daughter specifically appreciates the one who high fives each student and gives a positive message to her. He has been regularly scheduled at Hickory and the bike path along the canal in Corte Madera.</p>

<p>My daughter's usual/fastest route does not have heavy vehicle traffic and does not have or need a crossing guard. But when she comes from the main intersections on occasion (Lomita &amp; E Blithedale or Sycamore &amp; Camino Alto), crossing guards are there and so important. I would not feel comfortable with her walking those routes if crossing guards were not there. As a driver through those intersections, I see how valuable the crossing guard presence is to regulating vehicle flow. Next year my daughter's route to high school will involve 2 major intersections (Sycamore &amp; Camino Alto and Camino Alto &amp; Miller), and I'd hate to see crossing guards disappear from those critical points. Please keep it up!</p>
<p>We need a crossing guard at the corner of Spindrift and Prince Royal in Corte Madera. We live in one of the safest little neighborhoods and now parents don't feel comfortable letting their kids ride to school on their own in the older grades because there is no crossing guard.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are incredibly important and invaluable for our kids walking and biking to school. One has been removed on our route (Spindrift and Prince Royal) and our community has had to take the issue into our own hands. I would support and increase in taxes, anything to ensure competent crossing guards wherever needed.</p>
<p>We need a crossing guard at the other intersection near Mt Tenaya please.</p>
<p>The crossing guard near Tam Valley elementary is CRUCIAL. She not only keeps pedestrians safe, she also keeps vehicle traffic flowing by stopping pedestrians at times. She is SO important and the most skilled crossing guard I have seen in Mill Valley.</p>
<p>Even though we drive to school, my student still needs to cross a street from the drop off location. I appreciate the crossing guards at all the school crosswalks.</p>
<p>Please consider placing a cross guard on the Lakeside Ave before Birch Ave (in Corte Madera) A lot of kids cross the pedestrian crossing path and there are a lot of cars passing through in the mornings.</p>
<p>It's such an immense comfort to have a crossing guard at the busy intersection by our school. We use it every day. I like knowing it's usually the same person as we have a relationship and he knows the children that usually take the route. This is vital for our school day to have the crossing guard there.</p>
<p>very helpful to keep kids safe - so many kids are riding/walking in our community. It helps foster kids' independence, keeps them safe, and allows parents to feel comfortable/confident in kids getting to school independently. And good for the earth!</p>
<p>We really need a crossing guard at Prince Royal Passage and Spindrift Passage</p>
<p>Our crossing guards are super friendly!</p>
<p>There is a crossing guard at Marinwood Ave and Miller Creek who does nothing. I support crossing guards but please place them more wisely.</p>
<p>Crossing Guards are definitely a needed resource to help safely get kids to school. Especially with how parents often rush to school on busy streets.</p>
<p>Crossing Guards are very important, especially with the number of E-bikes that are ridden these days.</p>
<p>We appreciate having a crossing guard.</p>
<p>All crossing guards at Ross School are members of our community. I appreciate the service that they provide.</p>

Critical to promote safe street crossings from distracted and rushed drivers around schools. Money well spent for sure!
We live just 2 blocks from the school and my daughter likes to walk herself to school and I definitely feel better about her being alone knowing the crossing guards are there!
The crossing guard program is essential for the safety of our children. I give it my strongest support.
Crossing Sir Francis drake is extremely dangerous and cars regularly try to speed through. Crossing guards have a huge impact on my and my daughter's safety. Would definitely use the car more if this were not in place.
The crossing guards help all that are walking and riding before and after school. I have seen this help traffic and I feel leave my daughter safer to cross the street with her friends. Kids don't pay attention and it makes me more comfortable having someone at the crosswalks to be another set of eyes.
We love our crossing guards at Green Valley Ct and Butterfield, thank you!
I believe they are currently in good locations (within the nearest intersection from schools) but dont feel any additional resources or guards would be of greater benefit.
Would love for an additional crossing guard at Wade Thomas school at Foss and Sunnyside intersections as many parents drive fast there without a stop sign.
Crossing guards are essential on hidden valley where there is no other traffic control (stop signs or traffic lights) and do far more than just ensuring safe crosswalks (which they do a great job of)
We LOVE <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> !!! He greets my kids by name every morning with a smile and joy. He makes us feel safe and is absolutely VITAL!! Please do whatever it takes to continue providing crossing guards for our children. Thank you!!
Would have children walk more to school if there was a crossing guard on Sir Francis Drake. SFD and Ross seems like the most dangerous location for children to walk unassisted.
I see the axing guards as our best defense against drivers who are not fully awake or aware.
We would not feel comfortable allowing our 4th grader to bike to/from school without a crossing guard. Tim is THE BEST (although we did also love Jorge): knows the kids by name and spreads joy. Thank you for funding this critical community necessity.
The crossing guards do a valuable job keeping our kids safe. Thanks for their hard work and friendly smiles.
Would be nice to have one at the Rutherford/Meadowcroft crossing.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> - our beloved regular crossing guard is part of our community as was <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> before him. Another adult to know kids, see them, and keep them safe on Butterfield corridor. Thank you for this program!
More of these please! And I hope they get paid well...dealing with the drivers on SFD is no joke.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> and <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> on Butterfield are fantastic.
They are a requirement for Sir Francis Drake in Fairfax
We generally meet 3 crossing guards on our daily route. Two (closest to my daughter school) are amazing! I wish I could say the same about the 3rd one.

<p>While we don't regularly cross at Butterfield &amp; Green Valley Ct <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> (the crossing guard there) is so incredibly valuable. Not only does he ensure the safety of everyone on foot and bike, but his presence helps with flow of traffic and general safety around a very small and congested area. He's also just a lovely human and I'm grateful we have him.</p>
<p>We look forward to seeing our crossing guard, <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>, each day. Having him in front of school in the morning and afternoon makes it possible to walk to school with small kids and a very busy intersection.</p>
<p>There needs to be a guard at Butterfield and Rutherford. This is a dangerous intersection (lots of impatient cars) with a high volume of kids crossing.</p>
<p>I think it is imperative to have a crossing guard at White Hill as people speed down the hill from Woodacre to Fairfax and it is dangerous. Thank you</p>
<p>My kids need to cross the very busy Sir Francis Drake Blvd to get to school. I don't even like crossing it in a car, let alone allow my kids to walk or bike across without the crossing guard. Drivers have no respect for the right of way of pedestrians at the crosswalk even with the crossing guard. I can't imagine what it would be like without a guard. As it is police presence is often also needed to ensure the safety at the crosswalk walks.</p>
<p>Given the sheer number of cars, e-bikes and the speed at which these travel on SFD - crossing guards are a critical necessity at all school crosswalks especially on SFD. We would choose to drive to school if crossing guards were not present- given safety considerations.</p>
<p>The crossing guard at Green Valley Court and Butterfield is extremely engaged and present while working the crossing. He is a gem and we are so grateful for his attentiveness.</p>
<p>The crossing guards would be more effective with better training and directions. For example, at Brookside school most crossing guards stand on school property in the morning, walking out to stop traffic. This creates two issues, they are standing in the entrance to the busy parking lot, blocking traffic, and frequently have to step out of the way of cars. They also are on the opposite side of the road to the children who need to cross the road. If the crossing guard stood across the road from school, he would have better visibility and be on the same side of the road as the children who are waiting to cross, and better able to help them. he also wouldn't be blocking the road/entrance to the parking lot.</p>
<p>We drive our child because of a dangerous crossing/intersection on Sir Francis Drake that does not have a crossing guard. We have seen too many close calls with kids and cars at SFD and Sierra.</p>
<p>The crossing guard in front of <i>{Location Reference}</i> needs additional training. He is too aggressive, stopping traffic long before a person has actually arrived at the crosswalk and pressed the button, at peak times just stop in traffic for long periods of time and causing unsafe traffic back up conditions through downtown Fairfax.</p>
<p>I think that there is more foot traffic at Meadowcroft and Butterfield than Rosemont and Butterfield (north of Butterfield doesn't have any sidewalks on the west side), so it's really only supporting Rosemont and anybody who drops off there). I would love to see a crossing guard there instead (maybe people drop off across the school but to me it's really only serving those that live on Rosemont and north of Butterfield (in which it's only a half block). The Meadowcroft cross would help Suffield, Hawthorne, Rutheford, Camino de Herrera or anyone else coming from the southwest side of Brookside.</p>
<p>I have seen our crossing guards save lives! They are essential to our safety and our children's safety and security getting to school.</p>

I think this program is essential. Sir Frances Drake is a busy, dangerous road. The crossing guards take care of our children. We are grateful.
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } at Brookside/Butterfield side is awesome! So much more comfortable knowing he is there, safety-wise.
I drive my daughter school on most days, but this school year the crossing guard for White Hill was often late or missing in the morning. It seemed strange to me as there were many kids riding or walking to school and cars turning into White Hill and there was no crossing guard for the 810am start time.
Crossing guards are important for keeping kids and parents safe at busy drop off/pick up times
The crossing guard is essential for our location which requires crossing Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. We only walk to school and it is much safer with the assistance of the crossing guard. I also would not allow my child to walk home by herself if there was no crossing guard on duty. It is too dangerous and cars speed and do not always stop.
A crossing guard at Butterfield and Green Valley Court is absolutely necessary. Drivers constantly speed down Butterfield trying to get deep into sleepy hollow. It is appalling. I would not allow my child to walk or ride to school alone without a crossing guard at that intersection.
Our crossing guards are so friendly and we have to cross a very busy street (Sir Francis Drake) so we are grateful to have them!
So happy to finally see crossing guards on SFD by AW!
Thank you for providing crossing guards. SO important, especially across SFD.
Crossing guards must be trained to stop pedestrians and allow cars to pass sometimes. Often some guards are stopping traffic (Kent and Woodland specifically) before a pedestrian is at the crosswalk and holding traffic even after the pedestrian has cleared, causing unnecessary delays and frustrations during key commute times. One guard in particular yells at cars. I pass 6 crossing guards dropping my high schooler off at school, the Kent/Woodland intersection is the worst during morning and afternoon school commutes. Other guards seem to have an understanding that pedestrians can wait 2 seconds for a safe passage.
Please keep our wonderful crossing guards! If anything, add more! We became a biking family instead of a car family because of the multiple crossing guards making it safe to get to school on bikes :)
It is extremely necessary to have school crossing guards at our sites more now than ever due to the amount of traffic and distracted drivers. It is a mess out there!
I think the good ones are really good and helpful. Some are less effective. There's one near { <i>School Name</i> } in Fairfax who can barely move, stops traffic way too early (when crossing parties aren't close) then is aggressive with cars who go after parties have crossed when he is one foot out in the lane (on other side). unnecessary.
Our crossing guards are VITAL for the safety of children and adults trying to cross Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Without them the cars don't even stop.
Having a crossing guard on Drake Blvd. at Glen Dr. is essential for the middle kids to cross the road safely and for traffic during commuting hours.
Previous to having a designated crossing guard at SFD & Glen, I witnessed at least 10 close calls of kids getting hit in the crosswalk by drivers. No one pays attention. Grateful for this program!!

<p>The crossing guard program is a critical safety need. People in cars don't make good judgment calls with regard to crosswalks and small children can be difficult to see. It also provides jobs to locals. Win Win.</p>
<p>I walk my daughter to school currently, but soon she will be old enough to go on her own. I would love to get her to bike to school, but she is anxious about learning to bike. I really would like to get her to learn to bike, especially before going to Hall middle, which is further away. It would be wonderful if the TAM could help fund or identify programs for elementary age kids to help them learn to bike. I think she would be more interested in biking if she were with friends and in a class together and they could do something fun like bike to a park. I have been trying to help her learn biking since she was a toddler and got the strider bike and all that, but so far, it hasn't helped. I would be happy to volunteer in a program like that or help pay or do whatever I could to help make it happen.</p>
<p>We would not feel comfortable walking to school without <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>, our crossing guard supporting our safe passage across Sir Francis Drake.</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> and the other crossing guard at Old Mill School in Mill Valley are amazing. The school is located at a number of busy intersections and their presence is so important to keep kids and parents safe.</p>
<p>Wade Thomas crossing guard (<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>) is fantastic. Never on his phone or smoking cigarettes as I've seen other guards doing before.</p>
<p>The crossing guard at White Hill is absolutely necessary. He does an amazing job. It's very challenging to turn left onto Sir Francis Drake when leaving White Hill. The crossing guard keeps both the walkers and cars safe. I am very grateful to him!</p>
<p>The Hidden valley crossing guard is awesome.</p>
<p>I think for all schools they are very supportive/especially on SFD by Archie Williams.</p>
<p>It sounds great but where are the crossing guards? Have never seen one in Sausalito.</p>
<p>The safety of our students is paramount and crossing guards are an essential part of keeping kids safe.</p>
<p>Please spend transportation funds on school buses for all students. Get private cars off the road and get an electric powered bus. TAM should help schools get Clean School Bus Program rebates from EPA. Our school only provides bus service for some students. Students living over 2 miles away from school do not receive bus service!</p>
<p>With the increase in population and traffic on all Fairfax streets, I think crossing guards are imperative to keeping our children safe.</p>
<p>Crossing Guards not only keep pedestrians and cyclists safe but also keep traffic flowing much better than if there weren't crossing guards. The more the better! Great use of funds that impacts everyone.</p>
<p>Can you clarify how school buses such as those to white hill middle school are funded?</p>
<p>Would like a crossing guard at the intersection of Butterfield and Rutherford.</p>
<p>Great program! Always very friendly and helps keep our kids safe.</p>
<p>As a driver, I think the crossing guards for Archie Williams' students on Sir Francis Drake are brilliant. It makes it much easier for us to know students are crossing the road and that the community is watching out for them. Thank you!</p>

Despite having one crossing guard on our way to school, there is a huge gap with absolutely no crossing guards on our busiest street of Sir Francis Drake. The one on Oak Manor is not necessary but what is necessary is helping the children on the south side of SFD cross safely from west of Manor school. The guard at SFD and Oak Manor was removed this year and I feel strongly that we should have either someone there or at the Village West/Victory Village/Mitchell Dr crosswalk to help those on that side of the neighborhoods cross.
Intersection of Bridgeway/ Donahue/ gate 6 is dangerous, actually all crossings on Bridgeway in Sausalito are dangerous for students.
We don't need it, but it's great having it in the neighborhood.
We used to have crossing guards but they were eliminated this school year. Miss them.
Student rides the bus most days
I love our crossing guard!
Ou HV guard is friendly, safe and does a great job of managing traffic flow, in addition to helping all parties cross safely.
My only wish is that the crossing guards would walk at least to the middle of the Street while allowing pedestrians to cross safely
I have known many crossing guards over the years. Right now we have <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> who is AMAZING. He is friendly and happy with the kids and he is totally ON IT with his job.
Our crossing guard is fantastic. We've also noticed others on Butterfield as well as Sir Francis Drake and they all are super engaged and take their job very seriously. Please keep them funded.
Will you install any crossing guards in Sausalito?
Would be nice to have crossing guards stay a little bit after the start of school, since it seems like some of the most dangerous driving behaviors happen then (i.e., drivers in a rush, distracting, parking where they shouldn't "for just a minute" because they are late, etc.)
We appreciate the crossing guards themselves, and their presence at intersections where traffic is not calm and that we must use to get from home to school (SFD and Butterfield, for example).
On about 4 out of 5 days I will see a crossing guard and she is very kind.
I've requested a crossing guard many times to cross Sir Francis Drake @ Barber Ave several times as this intersection has no crossing guard and is extremely unsafe for pedestrians. My son and others have been nearly struck several times via vehicles at this dangerous intersection. PLEASE look into having a crossing guard to cross Sir Francis Drake @ Barber Ave!
Very important program for the safety of our kids.
We love our crossing guard!
The crossing guards ensure a safe transition for students to/from school.
The crossing guards for Manor are lovely people. We are so happy they are here to make sure that cars stop for our kids.
We are thankful for the crossing guard at White Hill. <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> is an extremely dangerous intersection and the kids need as much help with safety as possible. We really could use a traffic signal/stop light there.

It is very dangerous near Hidden Valley elementary school when kids ride their bike on Butterfield. How many accidents and close calls need to happen before we actually do something about it that is not a survey?
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } is amazing. He has a lively spirit and is very animated and takes good care of the kids but also makes sure traffic is moving along without getting too backed up.
We have a road where cars easily zoom down and can hit children so I appreciate having someone there to ensure the safety of our children and us when we cross it.
The crossing guards create sense of safety and awareness at school intersections. Especially those with no stop light. Many elementary schools are in neighborhoods that fall within this definition.
Thank you for funding this important job!
Get crossing guards who are reliable and at the crosswalks when they are supposed to be. Drivers and students both are accustomed to the level of safety provided by the guards, and when they don't show up it creates confusion and a hazard for everyone.
We are thankful for the crossing guard at Butterfield, it makes a huge difference as a lot of cars run the red lights daily. Having a crossing guard puts me at ease with my children walking to school.
I feel that every crossing guard that I see is very aware and responsive to pedestrians and bicyclists. I think that the crossing guard presence makes the car drivers more respectful and responsible.
To answer number 11, we'd need to understand the cost of the program. Also, my girls would benefit from a crossing guard on Center and Madrone.
We are so grateful for the crossing guard program. If it weren't for this program, we would be driving our child to school (because of this program we feel comfortable with him walking to school with his friends).
Our crossing guard is very helpful to the children on a very busy street where drivers are in a hurry and not always paying attention!
They are very kind and always helps students and parents feel safe
Maybe the crossing guards can also advise kids on bikes or e-bikes who they see? Put that helmet on, latch the strap, don't ride without your hands.
There is no crossing guard at the intersection of SFD-Barber and Ross Avenue. This is a complex and busy intersection and most families who live on the east side of SFD at this intersection walk or ride a bike. There is one crossing guard near the school, but in my opinion they are at the safest crosswalk. Please consider adding a crossing guard at the location described above, one of the busiest for kids and most dangerous in the County.

<p>There needs to be a crossing guard at Sierra and Broadmor. As pedestrians, I, my wife and our daughter as well as other adults and children we walk to school with have all nearly been hit multiple times by motorists while we were using the crosswalk at Sierra/Broadmor. I have personally witnessed multiple children struck by drivers at Sierra/Broadmore and MANY near misses. As a driver who lives in the neighborhood, I have nearly hit children crossing at improper times at the intersections at Sierra/Broadmor on multiple occasions (on ebikes, on foot, on regular bikes, on skateboards). Most of the near misses that I have been involved in as a pedestrian were because drivers were looking down in the laps and large vehicles are blocking site lines at the stop sign and drivers drive right through the red light, nearly striking myself or others in the crosswalk. Many, many incidences of near misses of drivers nearly hitting pedestrians crossing improperly are from children crossing Sierra on the red as cars are racing down the hill at Sierra to make the light. And, as a driver who has nearly hit children as I drive down Sierra on the green light, children do not obey the red light along drake near Sierra and ride their bikes, run, skateboard or walk on the red as I have been driving slowly down the hill and they dive over my hood or swerve out in to traffic lanes to go around my car as it comes to an abrupt stop (on the green light).</p>
<p>with drivers more distracted than ever, the crossing guards are visual reminders that there are a lot of kids walking to / from school.</p>
<p>There needs to be more crossing guards</p>
<p>Really appreciate extended time to cover early drop off</p>
<p>I'm concerned about the crossing guard in front of the {Location Reference} on SFDB in Fairfax. He has limited mobility and walks with a severe limp. He unnecessarily holds up long lines of cars as he limps back to his chair after assisting students crossing. He should not be assigned to this very busy route in my opinion. Thank you for considering moving him to a more appropriate location considering his mobility issues.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are exceptional community members who keep our streets safer. How else could you better spend that money? Putting speed bumps along road ways...clear marked, smooth, continuous bike paths...but fishing crossing guards are exceptional ways to use money.</p>
<p>At white Hill, I think it is necessary to have a stop light. Traffic gets completely backed up leaving the school and it won't be safe in the case of an emergency. The crossing guard only cares about the walkers. There needs to be a better way to move traffic out of there. And there should be a middle turn lane to move into. It's very dangerous!</p>
<p>Not really sure who/what should fund crossing guards, but they are very important. Morning and afternoon drivers are rushing and not paying attention. Sometimes the blinking light is not enough. Cars even swerve by the crossing guards!</p>
<p>The Crossing Guards are absolutely a necessity. They slow drivers down and ensure that everyone is following the rules. We are completely in favor of the crossing guards at all the places that the kids cross for White Hill, Brookside, Hidden Valley, Wade Thomas and Manor.</p>
<p>More crossing guards are needed, one at Ross Ave and Sir Francis Drake, and one at Sequoia and Red Hill. The reason I won't let my child walk or bike to school is because of how dangerous these intersections are.</p>
<p>We need more crossing guards! And coverage for those we have when they're out sick.</p>
<p>Our regular crossing guard at Green Valley Ct and Butterfield is FANTASTIC! we love him. He's doing a great job</p>

Butterfield is a very busy street. Without the crossing guard, cars would never slow down for our kids. It's that simple.
Outstanding guard at Butterfield and Green Valley. He's on it.
The White Hill crossing guard is amazing. He helps everyone, cars too. I wonder if a traffic light is needed at that intersection.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> on SF Drake at White Hill is awesome. That crossing could be deadly for motorists who treat Drake like a freeway and clueless middle-schoolers who cross it on bikes or e-bikes insufficient spatial awareness.
I actually drive my child to school in the morning because the cross guard is not consistent. Many times I do not see the cross guard and on numerous occasions I have seen students almost get hit when walking or biking with no cross guard. I wish the cross guard was there daily earlier in the morning to ensure safety.
The crossing guard at our school is essential! There is so much traffic on Butterfield I can't imagine what would happen if there wasn't a crossing guard.
Our crossing guards are amazing and they truly care about the safety of our children. Thank you so much!
Should absolutely have crossing guards for Sir Francis Drake Blvd at San Francisco and at Ash Street. Many kids have to cross Sir Francis Drake Blvd to get the bus for White Hill Middle School and to get to Brookside Elementary School.
It's great when there is consistency with the crossing guards. They learn the traffic, crossing patterns and bus schedule. <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at Hidden Valley is great!
Crossing Guard duties must be for young people, older people have more risk to get hurt or hit by cars or bicycles. Their salaries should be improved, their lives are at risk every single day. Some Crossing Guards have a small chair where they sometimes fall asleep.
It is my opinion that a crossing guard should not be stopping traffic in one direction in order to ease congestion in another direction. If traffic is so backed up in one direction, that should indicate the need for a traffic light. (Butterfield Rd. and Green Valley Court)
Wonderful program. Thoughtful people. Crossing guards are a valued resource in our community. They make our children more safe and slow down cars in school areas. I cannot imagine not having crossing guards around White Hill. Thank you for the support.
We cross at a critical point where a guard is absolutely necessary. Even the crossing guard gets "zoomed" as he calls it by cars and e-bikes. Even with his stop sign up, my son and I are nervous the cars will not stop. We cross at Butterfield & Rosemont
Having a crossing guard makes it possible for my child to safely ride a bike to and from school. Without this we would need to drive.
More crossing guards on Sir Francis Drake Blvd please! For Brookside and Archie students
I wish that there were more crossing guards on SFD in front of Archie Williams high school. It is like a freeway and people are driving too fast.
My son has almost been hit by cars multiple times while riding his bike to school, both at the intersection of SFD and Butterfield and along Butterfield. There are no crossing guards along his route until he reaches the Brookside parking lot where there is a crossing guard for the neighborhood street, Rosemont Avenue. This street is not a thru street and is therefore not a realistic alternative to Butterfield.

The cross guard at Marin Road and Sir Francis Drake is amazing. I believe her name is <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> .
The crossing guard at Hidden Valley in Butterfield Road is what makes walking & biking to school possible! People regularly drive over the speed limit on this road, and without an adult to guide the children across (and direct drivers to stop for them), there would be no safe way to cross. Thank you for this service! Please, please keep the crossing guard there to keep our kiddos safe.
This is an essential service. When parents are picking up and dropping off kids at school it gets very very busy and it would be easy for a hurried parent to miss a small child walking across the street. Again, I see this is an essential service.
My daughter crosses many streets without crossing guards on her way to school and drivers regularly roll through those stop signs, nearly hitting people walking and biking (who do not have a stop sign so have the right of way). The intersection where there is a crossing guard is the only one where people consistently make complete stops. Also, people jaywalk and mess up traffic and make dangerous situations around the school where there is not a crossing guard. There should be more crossing guards (especially around busier areas).
Crossing guards are essential for student and pedestrian safety.
We need a crossing guard near Woodside/Butterfield & Caleta Ave/Butterfield
My child rides a bus and must cross Sir Francis Drake to catch the bus. I very much appreciate the crossing guard supporting a large number of kids crossing this busy street.
There are some very dangerous cross walks in Mill Valley. We particularly appreciate having a crossing guard for crossing Miller Ave at Evergreen as this is the only safe way for kids to cross Miller Ave
My children rely on the crossing guards to arrive safely at school. I feel that additional crossing guards are needed at the boardwalk access on Tennessee Valley Rd.
There are no crossing guards on the Pixley Avenue side of school access. Cars move blindly through the parking lot and it seems unlikely that having crossing guards will do anything to those. It'd be a definite improvement to have more zebra crossing points with flashing lights rather than manual labor as crossing guards that are not very efficient use of our taxes.
A crossing guard is badly needed at the intersection of Butterfield and Meadowcroft - it is a very busy intersection where many kids cross the street.
Safety is a top priority, and if there are students that need this service at our school, funding should be provided.
I have seen the crossing guards stop cars from barreling through the crosswalk on multiple occasions. They are absolutely necessary to ensure the safety of our children (and of ourselves, even) en route to and from school.
Hand crossing guards is the only way we feel comfortable having our children bike to school rather than giving them a ride. Please keep this important program going.
Very important service for no our 2 kids and their safety
"Do you think the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funds?" That depends - what's the cost of the program vs. the benefit? Are more kids walking/riding to schools on their own? It doesn't work for our young kids having to cross Sir Francis Drake Blvd only to walk/ride on a very narrow sidewalk while still on Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

I like the fact that there are crossing guards at the streets. their presence makes me feel better and safe
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } and { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } are thoughtful in their approach and keep kids and parents safe while helping the safe flow of traffic. Very supportive of this program, and would like to see it continue.
Hidden Valley Crossing Guard { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } at Butterfield and Green Valley Court intersection is FANTASTIC!!! Please keep him on staff in this location!!!
Please bring back the crossing guard on Sir Francis Drake and Oak Manor! { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } is greatly missed. Thanks!
Crossing guards are so important to our children. Such busy intersections with cars in a rush. We cannot be more grateful to have them during peak hours!
People drive crazy in the morning. They are distracted drivers, who frequently run stop signs, make illegal turns or are texting. I CAN NOT imagine not having crossing guards helping kids get to school safely. In Ross we even have police out most days giving warning or citations. The number of times that our crossing guards have either stopped bad drivers or kids not paying attention is staggering. Thank goodness for our wonderful crossing guards.
Please apply this money elsewhere or stop taxing and spending so wastefully. This is totally unnecessary in a safe, slow environment. The guards can be cranky and rude and yell. Thanks.
I would not feel comfortable with my children walking to school without the crossing guards.
Love, love our crossing guards. Grateful for how they take their jobs seriously and keep kids (and parents) safe.
The crossing guards in our community are amazing and make our community a safer place for our kids.
Please keep crossing guards. They really help make it safe for us to cross with little kids and so many cars.
We love the crossing guards and feel much safer having them on our school route!
This program is imperative to our children's safety especially since there is not a car drop off line.
There needs to be a crossing guard in front of Village West condos, it is on Sir Francis Drake. There is a crosswalk but I have to watch and help kids cross as people do not stop even with lights flashing. I think the address is Alhambra Circle and Sir Francis Drake.
Crossing guards will become even more essential as our three children age into walking and riding to school by themselves. Right now they are too young but soon some of them will be old enough to transport themselves and crossing guards will be essential to safety.
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } is a wonderful crossing guard. We've become friends over the past two years and I can't say enough about how much I appreciate his attentiveness to our safety as we walk to and from school. He is on duty in Ross.
They keep the elementary school kids safe and help with the flow of traffic.
The crossing guards make our children safe and give parents flexibility to allow for child independence.
We see { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } the crossing guard every day near Ross school. He knows my son's name and is very attentive, ensuring it is safe when we cross.

The only crossing guard and sign that seems unnecessary is the left turn from Bolinas onto Shady Lane. All other are terrific!
We are very grateful to crossing guards helping kids get to school safely outside Neil Cummins, Corte Madera.
The crossing guard outside Marin Primary and Middle School is a MUST. They keep our kids safe on a very busy Magnolia Avenue. If there was no crossing guard here, I am sure there would be accidents. We love this crossing guard and their incredibly valuable use of funds.
The crossing guards need training. They'll generally are way too aggressive and don't fully understand how to manage traffic flow while also keeping kids safe.
Having a human that students make a connection with and adds a level of safety that would not otherwise exist. Drivers are more likely to slow down if there's a human there with a face that they recognize.
Missing crossing guard on Sir Francis Drake near Winship.
The crossing guards at Ross school are essential to the safety and sanity of the drop-off and pickup processes.
It's great having full-time permanent crossing guards because they have become fixtures of the community and know the parents and kids and traffic issues/patterns at their individual intersections. Much better than rotating locations or volunteers.
The crossing guards do a great job, but often prioritize holding up traffic to give pedestrians the right of way. In theory, this makes sense, but traffic ends up backing up all the way down Arias. The crossing guards should focus on groups crossing and if one person is running from 1/2 way down the street, they should have to wait and the crossing guard can allow multiple cars turn in that time.
We love and value our crossing guards. Thank you for ensuring they remain a part of our community!
Should review all crossings where guards are positioned. Seems like some crosswalks are not frequently used but still have guards.
We need more/safer ways to get bikes past the shopping mall, through the interchange with the highway, and through the underpass, without going on the sidewalk and endangering pedestrians!
Would strongly prefer more guards at high-risk intersections
Very grateful for the crossing guard program. It makes it possible my children to walk and bike to school on their own.
The crossing guard is great and very necessary. There are cars that go too fast. The crossing guard chats too much and should move people along more quickly. More signage and communication is needed so new parents know that the cross walk on one side is closed. Sometimes he will start yelling at parents who don't know.
There is no longer a crossing guard at Bel Aire too which was helpful.
Most crossing guards in Tiburon are great, but <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> on Trestle Glen is excellent. She's great at her job and very kind to everyone.
A familiar happy face builds connections. Safety is a priority.
Would love more crossing guards in San Anselmo please. Thank you.

My student rides a bike to and from school sometimes. I would like to do this more. Having crossing guards means that I can confidently allow my child to bike from school. The crossing guard at Reed School is terrific, and has kept my son as well as niece and nephew--10+ years ago--safe.
While I appreciate the crossing guards in our area, there is an elderly crossing guard at the corner of {Location Reference} who often continues to stand in the crosswalk after pedestrians have safely crossed. She attempts to direct traffic around her but it is quite confusing to have her remain standing in the street.
In San Rafael - walking & riding bicycle on snake path and over Smart train tracks, past bus depot, through downtown SR to the high school is a traffic nightmare for pedestrians and bicyclists. Please look at this route for safety measures & crossing guard options. Thank you.
While my child rides the bus to school - As a driver I appreciate the extra support that our cross guards provide in keeping students safe on their way to school.
Crossing Guards is a great way to keep our students safe and drivers aware of school crossings.
Brookside school needs a crossing guard at the intersection of Brookside Drive and Broadmoor. Our family and lots of other families use this route to get to school from the Morningside neighborhood and surrounding areas. Kids are biking and walking and I'm concerned for our safety if someone runs a stop sign or fails to yield. Thank you for this survey and supporting crossing guards at schools!
Strawberry in particular with Strawberry drive is dangerous- just crossing the street is dangerous in that spot. The crossing guard is very important to the safety of the students and their families.
Keep up the good work! There are many stupid drivers out there, we need you guys!
We NEED. A crossing guard on golden hind near paradise. The cars turn onto GHP very fast and are often distracted . There are no sped bumps or lights at the crosswalks and it is very unsafe on busy mornings - people do u turns to park and park too close to cross walks and it's a matter of time before something happens. I still cross my 4th grade kids because of this . We live very close to the school and I see it every day.
We only have one road for 500 students to enter and leave school with no where for kids on bikes to safely ride. We only have one guard, we need one more for 5th street and Racquet club drive.
Crossing guards are still very much needed - thank you for funding!
We love and appreciate our crossing guards! It is so helpful during the busy school drop off to have additional eyes out for kids walking and biking while I drive my son to school.
Cars drive so fast and some don't stop at crosswalks when pedestrians are there so when there is a crossing guard hitting the button for us to cross and holds up the stop sign, the cars immediately stop. This is peace of mind for myself as a parent for when my daughter and son eventually will ride their bikes to school on their own.
Both of the crossing guards for Glenwood Elementary are wonderful!! They do an amazing Job !!
I would not allow my children to walk to or from school because it involves crossing Sir Francis Drake Blvd unless there was a crossing guard. The play an essential role in the safety of our community. I myself rely on them to stop traffic. Additionally, they are friendly and kind.

We have 1 crossing guard who manages one (the most used and most important) cross walk, he does an incredible job keeping our students safe. We could use a second crossing guard to monitor a second cross walk that is heavily used by families walking to school and also families that park in the community and walk to school from their cars. We use this second cross walk every day, most days I feel my students are safe crossing the street because we have taught them to look for cars (especially cars who aren't following the rules and driving safely), but it would be much safer for my children as well as dozens more who also cross this street to school, if we had a second crossing guard who was stationed at this cross walk.

As residents of the Brookside school neighborhood, we feel it's necessary for a crossing guard at the intersection of Brookside Drive and Broadmoor Ave. There are too many instances of drivers running the stop sign or not waiting their turn. Pedestrians on the NE corner are difficult to see and young bikers are at risk of being hit.

I was told the funds come for our GSF-- parent donation to school funds. We NEED the Crossing Guards and they are doing a great job!!

Crossing guard vital for safety at Miller Creek and Mary Silveira!!! Otherwise, people wouldn't see kids and would blow through stop signs.

Please consider adjusting the Crossing Guard times earlier after school so the elementary students have crossing guards! Currently some days the elementary students at crossings further from school have to cross without the benefit of a Guard who comes on duty for Middle School release.

Crossing Guard Program is great!! It supports our community of biking students to and from school! Please make sure the Guards duty times cover both the elementary schools and Middle School in Mill Valley.

I have concerns about the quality of the crossing guards and the training provided. I have witnessed poor crossing guard ability to ensure child/adult safety. I think that using these funds for hiring additional law enforcement with dedicated and regular patrols around the school during start and end times would be of greater value than hiring more crossing guards. The crossing guards do not change behavior of the drivers speeding around the schools. However, ticketing speeders and drivers not aware of the danger they put pedestrians in would change behavior. It is a temporary change with no lasting change. We need speed and traffic enforcement not crossing guards! A crossing guard was on duty and killed in the East Bay, however, if there was a police or sheriff ticketing speeding and reckless drivers around the schools and dangerous intersections, this crossing guard may be alive today. Crossing guards give the illusion of safety; however, they don't change overall behavior of the drivers.

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Fix the White Hill bus system... and crossing guards are great.
Cars and E-Bikes constantly run through the stop sign at Butterfield/Rosemont even with our crossing guard. Need higher visibility like flashing lights crosswalk, or intermittent police presence.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at the SFD & Manor Road intersection in Greenbrae is the best.
I would feel completely uncomfortable with my child biking to school without a crossing guard being present. I have witness numerous incidents that would have resulted in injuries to students if there had not been a crossing guard present. There is too much traffic, too many aggressive drivers. It is simply unsafe to not have crossing guards present during all school hours. We value our neighborhood crossing guard very very much. He is critical to the safety of everyone walking and biking to school. For reference, we utilize the crossing guard at the intersection of SFD and laurel grove. It is an extremely busy intersection.
My child arrives at school at 7:00 am - i.e., before most children. If there was a crossing guard there at that time, that would be amazing (but I get it probably won't be possible).
Crossing guards are an essential part of our community, and without them, we would not be able to send our young kids to school on foot!
The crossing guards have been instrumental in helping my child transition to school in the mornings. My child has extreme anxiety and they go out of their way to calmly check in, welcome, and encourage my child. We would not be as far as we are on our journey without them.
Roman bikes to and from school every day and it gives me feeling of safety and community to have the crossing guards there.
This is such an important program given my child crosses Sir Francis Drake every day.
I do not walk my child from our home on South Eliseo to Bacich because there is not crossing guard at the South Eliseo and Bon Air intersection anymore. It made it much safer when I used to take my older child to school. Now I drive to Hal Brown Park on Bon Air and we walk from there for my kindergartner.
We are grateful for them!!
More crossing guards would be great.
Please add more crossing guards. They are really important and appreciated.
My kids ride their bikes to school and cross Sir Francis Drake at Laurel Grove. It is a very busy intersection, and I would not let my kids ride bikes if there was not a crossing guard. I talk to the crossing guard frequently, and it's not unusual to have a red-light running incident. People are rushing to get to work, the drivers going east have the sun in their eyes, and it's mayhem. I feel strongly that these crossing guards are critical to ensuring that kids get to school safely. With no buses at Marin County public schools, we need crossing guards to give an option other than every parent driving his/her kids to school every day.
We love our crossing guards! They work hard to keep us safe and let us bike to school. Please keep funding them!
Please find our crossing guards to keep kids safe!
Thank you for keeping our kids safe!
Crossing guards are very important for keeping our kids safe.
Please bring back the crossing guard at Bon Air and S. Elisio.

<p>My sons (one in 10th grade, one in 7th grade) have been crossing at an intersection with a crossing guard for up 10+, it's the only way they feel comfortable crossing Sir Francis Drake. Just recently, my one son (7th grade) said that it's even scary walking on (let alone crossing) SFD because the drivers are going way too fast and are angry. The thought that eliminating crossing guards along SFD is even being considered is ludicrous! This survey shows that the TAM Crossing Guard Program is more concerned about saving money than caring about the safety of all children going to Bacich/Kent and the surrounding schools!</p>
<p>The intersection of McAllister and Sir Francis Drake closest to Bacich elementary School is unguarded and dangerous in the mornings. Many children go zipping along SFD across McAllister and at the same time there is a line of cars anxious to make left turns across two lanes of traffic onto McAllister. Observing this intersection for just 5 minutes between 800 and 805 will make it clear that it needs a crossing guard. Left turns are dangerous to pedestrians and this is an especially bad one.</p>
<p>We love the crossing guards on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. thank you for continuing this program!!</p>
<p>We need crossing guards to protect our children.</p>
<p>Crossing guards provide additional safety for our children and should continue to be funded.</p>
<p>Our kids bike to school from Greenbrae to Kent. We would not be comfortable allowing them to do so without all the crossing guards in place.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are essential to keeping our kids (and parents/caregivers) safe as we walk and ride the streets during busy commuting times for school families.</p>
<p>We could use more of them. There are no crossing guards on either of the McAllister Ave. entrances from Sir Francis Drake. These intersections have Bacich and Kent kids crossing at every drop off and pick up.</p>
<p>Drivers exiting the McAllister neighborhood from Rosebank Ave. have serious blind spots for kids walking on sidewalks. A driver has to stop 5 feet before the stop sign and inch it's way forward constantly looking left and right to watch for pedestrians - as the car gets closer to the crosswalk the driver is able to see further down the sidewalks but there have been many close calls of kids being nearly hit because of the blind spots from these roads.</p>
<p>They are the best- make us feel safe when our children are going to school</p>
<p>We cross an intersection with a stop sign for cars going onto Sir Frances Drake. A crossing guard seems imperative to help manage the kids being able to cross since there is so much traffic trying to get onto Sir Francisc Drake. I can see where there are stop lights and walk symbols, it may be less necessary because there is a regulated "walk" time.</p>
<p>I would say that #10 should have an answer - "the crossing guard was already a part of my route." We love our crossing guards. They are part of our community. And we NEED them... they keep our kids safe and the crazy, texting drivers at bay.</p>
<p>Please keep funding the crossing guards. Not only do they provide safe passage across some major roads but they also keep an eye on the safety of the children and provide a "safe adult" that kids can check in with if they need help. With the increase in attempted child abductions across the county the past year this is an important way to spend our tax funds. In the past year, there has been a significant increase in the amount of children approached by strangers and asked to ride home with them to/from their way to school. The presence of crossing guards helps provide safe spaces for kids on their route to/from school.</p>

<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i>, The crossing guard at the SFD and Butterfield intersection, has been a fantastic and much needed addition for getting to school safely. That intersection is dangerous and intimidating for pedestrians, having a crossing guard there is vital and is a great use of TAM funds. Rudy is also so friendly and awesome!</p>
<p>The crossing guards add a number of safety measures to the route to school for my children. Not only do they make it safe for them to cross the street. They are another set of eyes in the community that are aware of what is going on around the school premises. Having the crossing guards, where they are stationed, gives Me a tremendous comfort in allowing my children, to travel to school by themselves, and with their friends.</p>
<p>We utilize the crossing guard in front of Kent between the College of Marin parking lot and campus everyday before and after school. Very helpful and extra level of safety as the kids, as well as, people driving the cars and trucks on College Ave are not always paying attention.</p>
<p>For the safety of the guards (and of course our kids!) I encourage the police/hiway patrok to get involved. So many people run red lights and/or turn right without yielding to crosswalk. We're at SFD and Wolfe Grade and the guards are critical, wonderful people. Please keep this program up!! And consider more signs to drive awareness of crosswalks.</p>
<p>We love our crossing guards!</p>
<p>Crossing guards keep our children safe as they move around school and sir Francis drake which is like a highway. Please know how important they are to our school and child's safety.</p>
<p>We love our crossing guards</p>
<p>We are SO grateful for the crossing guards at Laurel Grove and SFD, Wolfe Grade and SFD and McAllister and Stadium Way. Knowing there is a responsible adult at these busy intersections gives me great peace of mind when I walk my kids to school, and when my older 9 year old twins walk themselves to/from school. I would not allow them to walk alone if there were no crossing guard, and this solo trip to/from school gives my children a sense of independence, maturity and responsibility. All characteristics we are actively developing in our kids to help to become valuable members of the community. Thank you so much for funding the Crossing Guard Program!</p>
<p>The crossing guards are vital to the students getting around very busy streets of Kentfield safely.</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> is the best!</p>
<p><i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> the crossing guard at the corner of Lyford and Tiburon Blvd is the absolute best. He is the nicest person, he greets all the students, chats with the adults and always has a smile all while keeping everyone safe. It's a joy to see him each morning, he should win crossing guard of the year.</p>
<p>The crossing guard program ensures safety of our students every day. I have seen near accidents between vehicles and children at busy intersections near schools without crossing guards. Thank you for funding this extremely important program.</p>
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The crossing guards are wonderful and I appreciate their presence and support!
Our crossing guards are a joy to encounter, and super helpful in keeping us safe during pickup. It's easy for the kids to get excited or the parents to want to jump ahead if they're running late. When one person does it, others follow just out of auto pilot and creates a safety risk for the kids who follow the crowd. Having the crossing guards keep us all in check and crossing at the right times, aware of cars turning on red, etc is so vital
they do an amazing job keeping our children safe!
I think a crossing guard is imperative for the safety of all the children as well as drivers on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. it is 100% effective.
The crossing guards force speeding drivers on Sir Francis Drake to slow down or stop - which then allows cars to turn left from Glen Drive onto SFD. So it's safer for students to cross and also gets the cars moving so traffic doesn't back up on Glen Drive.
Crossing guards allow my kids to walk/ride to school. The shortage of crossing guards in Tiburon. Is a dangerous problem.
Please increase funding so to address guard shortage. Safe route access reduces traffic!
There are some very dangerous intersections close to Bel Aire. Crossing guards, especially at this age, are very helpful and appreciated.
the crossing guard was removed from our main intersection this year due to budget which is concerning. We advocate for more funding to support crossing gaurds.
the crossing guard at our intersection Bon Air/S. Eliseo was removed this year due to budget which is concerning. We support additional funds for crossing guards.
Crossing guards are a MUST HAVE for Sir Francis Drake. As it is, SFD is too busy and too fast already, and commuters do not pay sufficient attention at the major intersections. If SFD is to continue with its current use, then we must have those guards in place.
My son feels significantly safer with the crossing guard and specifically takes routes where there are guards. He has been riding his bike every day since 4th grade and we only allowed this because of the crossing guards. The guards have allowed us to keep at least one car off the road at peak traffic times! Please continue this program and keep our guards. There is no better way to spend our tax dollars than to protect our kids during commute hours and make sure they are able to get exercise and fresh air every day, safely. Thank you for all that you do!!
Crossing guards at busy crosswalks when more and more drivers (and e-bikers!) are in a rush and distracted is critical. In addition, I appreciate having a responsible/trusted adult posted on the way to school for other safety concerns. I know my son could ask for help if needed along the way to school. An added bonus is the friendly greeting every morning which is a positive way to start the day on a positive note!
Thank you for the crossing guards. I have seen them save children on 2 separate occasions. It gives kids independence and parents peace of mind.
Sir Francis Drake is extremely busy so the crossing guards are extremely important.
I wouldn't let my daughter walk to school without the crossing guards she uses on her way!
I am grateful they are there on the days that she rides.
Currently bike with my son - in future he will bike alone, and would not be comfortable with doing that if it weren't for the wonderful crossing guards

The crossing guards play an important role in getting the children to school safely whether they are riding bikes or walking the guards are keeping children safe everyday.
Our crossing guard <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> and <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> are awesome and know my son by first name and we have each other's phone numbers. They are a very important to keep our kids safe.
We have a handful of very busy intersections on SFD, the crossing guards, especially the one on Manor at SFD, and the others at Wolfe Grade and Laurel Grove, do so much for the kids and community! They are really amazing and we need them!
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> and his son are AWESOME. Great for the community.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> , crossing guard at Manor and SFD is amazing.
Even with the crossing guards there are still some areas not covered that could use more crossing guards to feel safe.
Great program.
The crossing guards give me peace of mind.
We are concerned that there is no longer a crossing guard at the Stadium Rd intersection near Kent. We hope you will change your mind and replace him in the future. Thank you. Crossing guards are vital in our community to protect our children.
TK does not do car line so we have to park off campus and walk to her class. The crossing guards are very important and helpful since there is a ton of fast traffic on SFD. My biggest concern is bikers riding so fast on the sidewalk. I have almost been hit twice in 4 months by an e-bike walking on the sidewalk! My daughter is only 5 and I'm terrified of a bike hitting her.
We miss our old crossing guard at the corner of Sir Francis Drake and College Ave. the girls had gotten to know him for years and very disappointed that he is no longer there.
The intersections on SFD near Bacich and Kent must have crossing guards to protect us. It's like a highway on SFD and can be very unsafe.
Crossing guards are absolutely critical and the only reason it is safe for our children to walk and bike themselves to school.
We love the crossing guards, huge thank you to the community for running this survey.
In addition to the safety contributions, the individuals who work these crossing build and maintain a connection to the community. I find they presence to be an excellent touchstone for the school community.
We have lived at <i>{Location Reference}</i> for 10 years with both kids going through Bacich and Kent. SFD is a speedway without these guards. They are CRITICAL for the safety of our children.
Need better signage for vehicles to know which routes are "Safe Routes to School" and therefore may have more children riding bikes on the vehicle traffic flow around Bacich is not good. Turning left from Sir Francis Drake onto McAllister is difficult. Perhaps need a crossing guard at that intersection.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at the corner of Manor and Sir Francis Drake is wonderful. He's so friendly and kind and always has a smile on his face. He's really become a positive part of our community!
The crossing guards at Bacich are wonderful!

The crossing guards at our school are such an important part of the community. They are kind, know the students by name, and are there even in the worst weather.
Our crossing guards are indispensable for families safety, especially given the lack of enforcement around speeds and careless driving in Marin.
Crossing guards are critical for ensuring the safety of students near Bacich, especially since there are intersections with limited traffic control (i.e. Manor merging to Sir Francis Drake).
The amount that is "good to spend" depends on other needs.
Crossing guards are one of the best investments the county can make with payoffs on various fronts - 1. Getting more kids to bike / walk and hence exercise 2. Take cars off the road and help in the fight against climate change 3. Provide peace of mind and a sense of security to parents.
As a parent that drives my kids to school, I rely on our crossing guards to direct drivers and pedestrians (and cyclists) so that everyone is safe.
We need our crossing guards to keep these kids safe. The amount of cars/traffic on SFD mixed with the loads full of children walking and bicycling to school makes for a dangerous situation without our crossing guards.
Crossing guards are essential to the safety of our children along the very busy, traffic-ridden Sir Francis Drake Blvd., at peak traffic hours. Crossing guards not only assist children and families in their own crossing, but their physical presence and appearance at these busy crossings provide a vital visual cue and warning to motorists on SFD Blvd.
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This is vital to keeping our students safe as they commute to school in a environmentally friendly way. Sir Francis Drake is a busy thoroughfare and providing them with additional protection for safe arrival to school is necessary.
The crossing guards are great, we are lucky to have them.
N/A
Sir Francis Drake is a busy street, we should be taking all available measures to keep our kids safe.
Sir Francis Drake is a busy street, we should be taking all possible measures to keep our kids safe.
With todays distraction for drivers and the anger in the world, to have a guard protecting our children who are going to school while crossing intersections is vital. My child uses them all the way from Greenbrae so she uses, I believe, 5 or 6 guards. I would be very uncomfortable with her crossing some of these streets as a lot of drivers are not paying attention. Thank you for providing this service.

Urgent to have crossing guards on SFD at Wolfe Grade and Laurel Grove. Traffic routinely speeds by at 50mph+. Speed limits should be reduced to 25 on SFD between 101 and the hub too.
Crossing Guards on Sir Francis Drake are absolutely essential for the safety of the students. We encourage students to walk and roll to school in partnership with the Safe Routes Program. We NEED crossing guards, traffic on SFD is unpredictable and drivers need the extra safety signal.
The crossing guard at Sir Francis Drake and Wolfe Grade is critical. Traffic in particular coming from SR down Wolfe Grade is often at high speed and cars trying to make the light are putting everyone in danger, including cars trying to cross Sir Francis Drake and go up Wolfe Grade. In addition car line impacts this intersection and makes it a challenging job for crossing guards to keep all safe.
The Wolfe Grade and Sir Francis Drake intersection is congested and cars speed. Without crossing guards a life will be lost. The finding is critical.
The crossing guards are critical to getting our kids to school safely. I walk my son to school every day and we are so thankful that the crossing guards are there to help. And once my kids are a little older they will be able to walk to school without me, and it will be even more important that we have our school crossing guards. We are so grateful for them.
Appreciate the crossing guards, especially <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> . Grateful they are on duty and protecting the kiddos!
These crossing guards are so important for our safety! They are crucial to our community and promote safety, laws, being healthy and environmentally conscious by walking/biking to school.
We live near a very busy intersection right in front of Bacich Elementary School and have witnessed many occasions where the crossing guards have saved a potentially tragic situation. I let my daughter ride her bike to school because of these individuals, knowing she is safe. They are also extremely caring and engaging people.
The crossing guard at the intersection of Laurel Grove and Sir Francis Drake is a crucial part of the walk/bike experience to school and the only way that I feel comfortable letting my Kinder and 3rd grader walk home/school.
Our family totally relies on the crossing guard <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> to get our kids and family across Laurel Grove and SFD almost every morning!
Make us feel safe for our kids knowing that there are crossing guards.
We live on Laurel Grove, and my kids cross Sir Francis Drake at Laurel Grove. I would not let them ride bikes to school if there was no crossing guard. It's a very busy intersection, and people run the light rushing in the morning.
I do think there needs to be additional training set up through the schools for students on e-bikes or e-scooters given the high risk this causes especially seeing students double up on one scooter without helmets, etc.
I think the cross guard who is seen on Sir Francis Drake (the entrance of Bacich School) takes his role and responsibilities very seriously and is great with the children. He is very passionate about his job and it shows!
Crossing guards are essential in keeping the routes to school safe. The intersection at Kent Ave, College Ave and Woodland Rd can be very busy and confusing. My son usually rides his bike and crosses the street where a crossing guard is to ensure his own safety.
I love that they are there to help all of the kids get to school safely.
Grateful for them.

Crossing guards are essential to our children's safety. Please continue the program.
Crossing guards are essential to student safety. So many adults or teens are driving fast near schools.
With busy parents on cell phones, EVs that don't make sound, construction crowding out sidewalks, we need MORE crossing guards.
Crossing guards are absolutely essential to safety of all people who are entering Bacich Elementary.
Very, very scary to think of how many kids would get hurt without a crossing guard.
We live on Wolfe Grade which is a very busy street in the morning. The intersection on Wolfe Grade and Sir Francis Drake is very dangerous as a lot of drivers do not stop at the red light when they turn right from SFD to Wolfe Grade. Every year I see some very close calls with kids getting hit by a car that is not paying attention or rushing through the light to get up Wolfe Grade. It is critical to have a good crossing guard there. Somebody should talk to the Sherriff/local police about watching that area more frequently too. So many people speed on Wolfe Grade during school hours and there are a lot of kids that use that street to get to Bacich and Kent.
We love our crossing guards - and having them during rush hour when crossing Sir Francis Drake Blvd is very important. Thank you.
The crossing guards are a vital part of our school community. They are friendly and know the children which provides comfort for parents knowing that there are more eyes supervising our children just outside of campus. We have to drive down a hill to get to school but with so many cars trying to do drop off we have shifted to dropping our daughter off near a crossing guard stop so she can walk the rest of the way to school. This has helped alleviate car congestion at the school, allows my daughter some independence for the last stretch before school, and a sense of community for both of us. With the amount of e-bikes and people driving while distracted/rushed/on phones, crossing guards are necessary for our school district.
We drive past two crossing guards on SFDB daily. I believe it would be incredibly unsafe for the school kids and drivers to not have a crossing guard. Thank you for funding them! I absolutely feel it saves lives.
Although we do not require a crossing guard on our path to school, we are just one block away from needing one. The quantity of children protected by these selfless guards is immense and I unfortunately feel certain there would be at least 1 if not more major injury to a child without them. Essential for school safety!!
Bike to school is mostly weather dependent. We have noticed less consistent/changes in staffing
Car speed down SFD, crossing guards are necessary for the safety of the students.
My kids count on the crossing guard being their daily to help them cross the street. Most days they walk or bike to school alone, so this is a critical to help the kids in the community stay safe. Thank you!
We're very grateful for our local crossing guards!
Thank you to our crossing guards!
The crossing guards are great!
Our crossing guard is incredible and I would not let my kid walk to school without him due to heavy traffic on sir Francis drake.

My kid would not walk to school (near sir Francis drake) without a cross guard present.
We appreciate and value the crossing guards that are around and near Bacich elementary. I feel much safer - both as a driver and for the kids - knowing there is someone there to help the kids cross. We do not happen to cross on the particular streets where guards are on our way too or from school - but I wish we did!
They are always so friendly and make our days even brighter!
Always so friendly and help make days even brighter.
We will be transitioning to walking to school this spring and i look forward to the security and oversight crossing guards provide.
Would like to see the crossing guard put back at SFD and Bon Air Road.
The crossing guards on Sir Francis Drake are critical to safe walking or biking to school. They also keep drivers safe and prevent freak accidents that can destroy lives.
Crossing guards often stand on the wrong side of the crosswalk. They should be stationed at the side students are crossing from. So they can have students wait and be safe.
Considering all the money TAM has wasted coming up with bad plans for the freeway interchanges, etc., keeping these crossing guards is the least that citizens should expect.
All intersections where I see crossing guards are critical for the safety of children getting to school. I hate to imagine the problems if the crossing guards were not there! This is an important program.
All the cross walkers at Lome Verde have been very nice and friendly to my kiddos.
Make sure crossing guards are not on their phones while on duty.
{ <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } is awesome! She does a great job making sure our kids are safe and is always so kind!
We love { <i>Individual Guard Reference</i> } our crossing guard!
The crossing guards at all Novato schools are great with the kids. They make friends and keep our kids safe.
I think adding speed bumps is necessary. I, as well as several parents, have seen on several occasions drivers race through the intersection to the point where we've had to grab kids who were about to cross the street to avoid a getting hit. It's extremely scary and speed bumps would make a difference.
The loss of the crossing guard at the corner of Tamalpais and Center has made a huge impact on many families at our school who walk and ride from the other side of Tamalpais. Additionally, I know that a staff member at the school has almost been hit in the crosswalk at least 2 times at that intersection. She is an adult and knows good crosswalk safety skills but worry about children walking/riding alone without a crossing guard at that intersection.
The crossing guard added to the back of Loma Verde has literally been a life saver! And the crossing guards are always so friendly.
We love our crossing guard at Loma Verde — she is caring, helpful, and always cheerful and careful with our kids. Crossing Guards are a valued necessity.
The crossing guards help keep our kids and community safe. I have seen several instances where they have prevented accidents.

<p>A crossing guard is desperately needed on Ignacio Blvd. at the entrance to Pacheco Plaza near Entrada Drive. We live in Pointe Marin and walk to school every day. We cross Ignacio every day, and almost every time we cross that street, a car drives through the crosswalk while we are crossing in the crosswalk. I have seen numerous people nearly hit by a car in that crosswalk.</p>
<p>Helps with traffic flow out of White Hill, and with drivers seeing kids. I respect that the guard is there early in all weather.</p>
<p>The ridiculous location of White Hill, down a narrow cul-de-sac off the most traveled road in Marin necessitates a crossing guard on Sir Francis Drake. If the guard is not there in the afternoon there is high risk of children being hit by the high-speed cars heading up Whites Hill or a traffic collision from cars attempting to cross over SFD with a left turn. It's a dangerous intersection and the campus is overloaded with students. Like many parents, we are forced to drive our son to school because the bus tickets are expensive and hard to get. The lack of equitable resources for public transportation to White Hill has increased the traffic tremendously. The guards keep kids safe especially along SFD.</p>
<p>Cars speed up and down SFD. Crossing guards on school days save lives.</p>
<p>We are so grateful for our crossing guards! So many drivers are driving too fast or are inattentive, so the crossing guards provide a necessary and important service to protect our kids!</p>
<p>We love crossing guards! Thank you so much for providing such a valuable and important service to our students!!!</p>
<p>{<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>}, the crossing guard on SF Drake Blvd for Bacich Elementary, is excellent.</p>
<p>Crossing guard is stationed at busiest, but not most dangerous, intersection (Calle Paseo vs. Via Escondido).</p>
<p>White Hill MUST HAVE a Crossing Guard five days/week both mornings and afternoons. It is such a busy, dangerous and fast intersection.</p>
<p>I think the crossing guards are great. They are always paying close attention and watching out for pedestrians.</p>
<p>The crossing guards are critical. They alert drivers/traffic that students are near and to pay more attention. They support youth to follow rules and be more conscious of traffic and safety. Youth need supervision. Some cars do not pay attention! Yes, the crossing guards are critical.</p>
<p>Olive Avenue is a very busy street. Without the crossing guard, it would be unsafe for children and adults.</p>
<p>Crosswalk {<i>Individual Guard Reference</i>} is the BEST! He is an integral part of our daily school experience! He cares so much for the kids and families and keeps us safe every day. There are so many times when drivers speed down Olive and he's kept us safe!</p>
<p>We are so appreciative of the crossing guards at Whitehill and RVC (by the Fairfax library)—thank you!</p>
<p>Having crossing guards around school intersections are a great way to ensure safety of our students and adults who accompany them.</p>
<p>THANK YOU for adding back the crossing guard to Cambridge &amp; Arthur streets in Novato this school year. (I believe the last time someone was there was the 2018-2019 school year.) That intersection really needs one and I feel much more comfortable letting my 5th grade son bike by himself to/from Rancho with the crossing guard there. Thank you!</p>

In my opinion, our crossing guard on Sunset Parkway would serve more students if moved to Leafwood Drive.
A crossing guard is needed outside San Marin high school
Appreciate the addition of the guard at Center and Sutro this year! Much needed.
I greatly appreciate our guards. Our school is on a busy street where cars regularly speed. I am also glad to see the added guard at vineyard and Trumball this year. I wish that the local PDs would increase escorts to enforce the speed limits
Crossing guards are crucial, though it seems two crossing guards would be beneficial at certain busy intersections. Wilson and Center Blvd being one of them. It's chaos on early release Wednesdays. A crossing guard would be useful at Center and Western or Paladini too. The middle schoolers on bikes fly across Center without even looking for cars.
We need a crossing guard on Leafwood Drive behind Lynwood!! Drivers cannot see pedestrians in the beginning of the crosswalk due to parked cars. It's a huge safety issue and many kids use this crosswalk every day to get to/from school.
The Sinaloa crossing guard needs to be better trained to relieve congestion at pickup. They also need to be reprimanded for parking their own car in a bike line, directly next to a sign reading "NO PARKING IN BIKE LANE"
Two guards are needed at San Ramon Way and San Marin Drive. A single guard can not manage crossing all 4 streets in this busy intersection.
Giving the crossing guards practical training would be wonderful some are naturals and some are not.
Safety first. Also, my kid is diagnosed with PTSD, depression and anxiety from bullying in the 5th grade that the school ignored until end of the year (San Ramon. So disappointed) now as we work with this diagnosis, I will say driving my kid to school every day there is a grandma who is a crossing guard. Every day they wave to each other and it brings comfort to my kid and the day is better. I appreciate her with all my heart and soul because a suicidal 12 year old is heartbreaking.
Our crossing guard is very much needed. The street students cross, Olive Ave, is very busy and cars often do not slow down. I have witnessed many near misses due to this dangerous intersection. There is no stop sign or stop light where the children cross. Thank you so much for providing such a service
Crossing guards are needed in Novato. It would be too chaotic and dangerous in the mornings without the crossing guards navigating the kids, bike, and cars.
There should be crossing guards outside San Marin at dismissal.
Our crossing guard is a wonderful member of our community. He knows us all by name and makes us all feel so much for comfortable with the idea of our kids walking to school on their own when they're old enough.
The crossing guards are so vigilant and attentive, they are so essential to the safety of the children and adults who cross during busy rush times and careless drivers. I haven't seen any guards who weren't paying attention or relaxed. They're amazing!
Definitely yes, the crossing guards are helpful. Even if they are not all well trained, their mere presence is a strong reminder to drivers and others to be watchful as kiddos are making their way to school. If anything, it would be great to see more crossing guards at a few more intersections, like Novato Blvd at Wilson, and Simmons at Virginia is a tricky one, too.

<p>Please consider adding a crossing guard on Paladini and Center in Novato. Kids on bikes are highly problematic here and any help that can be provided to try to help there would be greatly appreciated by many parents.</p>
<p>The placement of a crossing guard at Cambridge and Arthur has made a huge difference in the safety of that chaotic intersection. My son used to not want to cross the street and stressed that he was too afraid to cross without an adult but now runs down the street to cross without fear. I have seen countless drivers enter the intersection while someone is crossing to get through as fast as they can - many are teens but also adults. THANK YOU for putting a crossing guard back at this location.</p>
<p>I am extremely frustrated that there used to be a crossing guard at the corner of Tamalpais and Center, however that individual has been moved to the intersection of Diablo and center. This makes no sense as the elementary school children must cross the former intersection prior to reaching the ladder, and the majority of students never reach that second intersection. Tamalpais and Center needs a crossing guard. On multiple days coming home I have seen cars start into the intersection before realizing there are kids trying to walk. We are all lucky no child has been hit yet.</p>
<p>Does NUSD partner with AAA (American Automobile Association) to promote pedestrian children's safety and with the NPD (local police) for public safety, near our school sites?</p>
<p>Drivers are extremely dangerous and the crossing guards are essential to prevent casualties. Drivers are in their phones always and even parents after their own drop off get on them. They are a must at elementary schools.</p>
<p>Appreciate the safety provided when children are walking to school.</p>
<p>Yes, crossing guards are a definite help for safety. Some could use more training to learn how to encourage reasonable traffic flow. Traffic congestion can lead to frustrated and impatient drivers making illegal moves, and a well-executed pedestrian crossing can keep things moving a bit more smoothly than some of the crossing guards seem able to manage. Keep the program going, please!!</p>
<p>Crossing guards at major points of congestion is vital for kids safety AND allows for a more consistent traffic flow for drivers (which I believe lowers possible "traffic rage.") And an extra benefit is watching crossing guard-to-student connections grow (I think it's wonderful to have addition adults interacting with kids off campus! Thank you for providing this important community support!</p>
<p>People drive crazy fast on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Crossing guards are absolutely necessary to remind drivers to slow down because kids are present and to make the road safer to cross. They are imperative to the safety of the community.</p>
<p>Given the motorist behavior in Marin and lack of traffic law enforcement, plus the lack of protective infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, our crossing guards are are only help.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are 110% needed. They keep our kids safe on dangerous roads. They also keep traffic moving that would otherwise be backed up from cars driving to/from school.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are so important. My son bikes to school everyday and has to navigate so much traffic near the school with distracted drivers trying to drop kids off everywhere. I am so grateful knowing he can cross safely to the school with the crossing guard.</p>

<p>Crossing guards are so needed! Thank you! We would like to see a little more consistency in training though. The one who works at Center/Wilson starts at the corner farthest from the kids approaching after school and sometimes blocks all lanes of vehicles for a kid to cross when that is unnecessary. This then causes backups and confusion. Also since he is farther from the kids, they sometimes start without him.</p>
<p>San Marin High School is in desperate need of a crossing guard in front of the school during the morning rush and during the school 6th/7th period. Also police presence or a crossing guard in the intersection of San Marin Dr and North Novato Blvd in truly needed. It will help with the flow of both cars and students.</p>
<p>My student requests a crossing guard at San Marin Drive and Novato Blvd. she will be biking to San Marin as a freshman next year and worries about the traffic and congestion at that intersection. We have heard from others that it is dangerous. We want to support her desire to ride to school as long as she feels safe to do so. Currently she does not want to ride unless they get some crossing support at that intersection because of things she's heard about the congestion and lack of safety crossing before and after school. She has ridden her bike to school every day 6-8th grade so this would be a great loss to her physically and psychologically as biking to school has been such a positive experience for her.</p>
<p>Crossing guards help immensely. Parents in cars will drive more carefully and students on bikes travel across roads more safely. Please keep crossing guards for heavily used school crossings. I would request that on be implemented in front of San Marin. It's an area that needs a crossing guard too!</p>
<p>A crossing guard is needed at San Marin and Novato Blvd. very dangerous to students and drivers</p>
<p>Crossing guards are really important.</p>
<p>My daughter will walk to San Marin HS next year because we live nearby. The crosswalk at San Marin Drive and San Carlos desperately needs a crossing guard. I drive through here every morning and kids are not looking for cars. Even though it is closer for my daughter to go this way next year, I am going to tell her to walk around and cross at San Ramon Way across from Kaiser because there is always a crossing guard at that intersection. Thank you!</p>
<p>I work at Sinaloa, and we have 3 crossing guards on my route home. They have been wonderful and have helped keep the roads safe for the students. When they aren't around it's pure caos! SOO many students walking and riding bikes. It can get crazy when schools let out and the stduents just disperse all over the place.</p>
<p>It is really important to keep the CGP since drivers don't always obey the school signs or stop for pedestrians.</p>
<p>Been wanting a crossing guard right at a bus stop and crossing area.</p>
<p>I think crossing guards should have bikers walk their bikes on cross walks, because when I walk my bike, I almost get ran over by other bikes.</p>
<p>Crossing guards are extremely important in helping students and parents safely cross Sir Francis Drake.</p>
<p>Some are very friendly and engaging while others I see sitting in chairs and not really being helpful.</p>
<p>Parking can be difficult around st pats and we do rely on the crossing guard often to help us cross that busy intersection. So much safer.</p>

Important to have crossing guards as kids are walking/riding to school during heavy commute times when drivers are in a rush and potentially not paying attention
It's very important to have crossing forwards during school arrival and dismissal.
When I was growing up older students were the crossing guards. I think having adults do this is safer for all.
The crossing guard is essential on Magnoila to ensure drivers slow down and students are safe before and after school.
Fantastic way to spend money. Keeps kids safe and commuters cordial.
I am most impressed with the crossing guards at Corte Madera Ave and Magnolia (Marin Primary). Drivers traveling through Larkspur and Corte Madera have no regard for other cars stopping for crossing pedestrians. I am most worried about the children on bikes. They don't have time to react to drivers who go around cars stopped for crossing of pedestrians. At least 3 times a week someone goes around me to the right when I have stopped for crossings. I am on that specific road twice a day for drop off and pick up at St Patrick. I am actually also afraid for the guards! We need guards and a police enforcement set up during school drop off and pick up hours.
I hope we consider adding a crossing guard at the corner of King and Locust. It is an extremely dangerous corner that my son uses daily. The pickup traffic backs up which blocks the crosswalk and he is little so it's hard for cars to see him. It is quite an inconvenience for him to walk down to the corner of Magnolia to be crossed by the only crossing guard on duty only to walk all the way back up King to get home. There are many students that use this crosswalk with no supervision after school. Thank you for your consideration.
Our crossing guard in front of St. Patrick School, <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> , is great! It's a busy four-way stop and she always makes sure we get across safely. It would be a lot more hairy without her!
I have witnessed a crossing save a life at intersections near Neil Cummins, MPMS and St. Patrick School more times than I can count. Bravo to the brave men and women who keep our kids safe.
<i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at Magnolia and King Streets in Larkspur is the best crossing guard!!
I think they are better than lights and stop signs in keeping drivers accountable. In addition to their safety purpose, crossing guards help create a feeling of community.
While we don't walk to school, we use the crossing guard every day as we park on the street and walk onto campus. We have a four-way intersection and I believe that this is a very important intersection that requires a crossing guard.
We love <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> at St Pats. She makes our morning. Thank you for all that you do for our community!
You can't put a price on safety. There are too many distracted drivers. The crossing guards are very important!
The Crossing guard for St. Patrick's ( <i>{Individual Guard Reference}</i> ) is wonderful!
Crossing guards are critical for ensuring everyone's safety during peak school times. Yeh program must continue.
Presence of the crossing guards is one the best uses of tax payer funds

Guards need more training. More often than not, they cause confusion and traffic back-ups. For example, should not lead kids into crosswalks after a car has already entered the intersection. Also gather up kids and make a crossing as opposed to multiple one and two groups.
Keep the crossing guards!!!
Our daughter has to cross SFD at a crosswalk with flashing lights and still finds it terrifying without a crossing guard as people blaze through without any regard to the pedestrians crossing, lights or no, when the guard is not on duty. We live in fear of her crossing to get to her school bus and she and we (her parents) were so relieved to see a guard stationed there regularly this year after no guards in the past 2.
Our son bikes to White Hill from San Anselmo. We are uncomfortable with him biking on Sir Francis Drake, so he uses the safe bike route (marked in green on the pavement) from downtown Fairfax to Olema Road, and then uses the crosswalk at the public bus stop across SFD.
Crossing guard program is a good use of funding only in certain situations. In a regular intersection with a four way stop it may not be the best use of funding, but on a street where the cross walk is not at a stop sign or not obvious it is a good use of funding.
The people who help the kids cross are great.
Yes, it is very important that there are always crossing guards since most of the time cars do not stop completely and do not respond.
Excellent use of funds.
It is a great help that there are crossing guards to control the traffic for the students.
For me it is very important that there is a crossing guard for the children, making us feel safer.

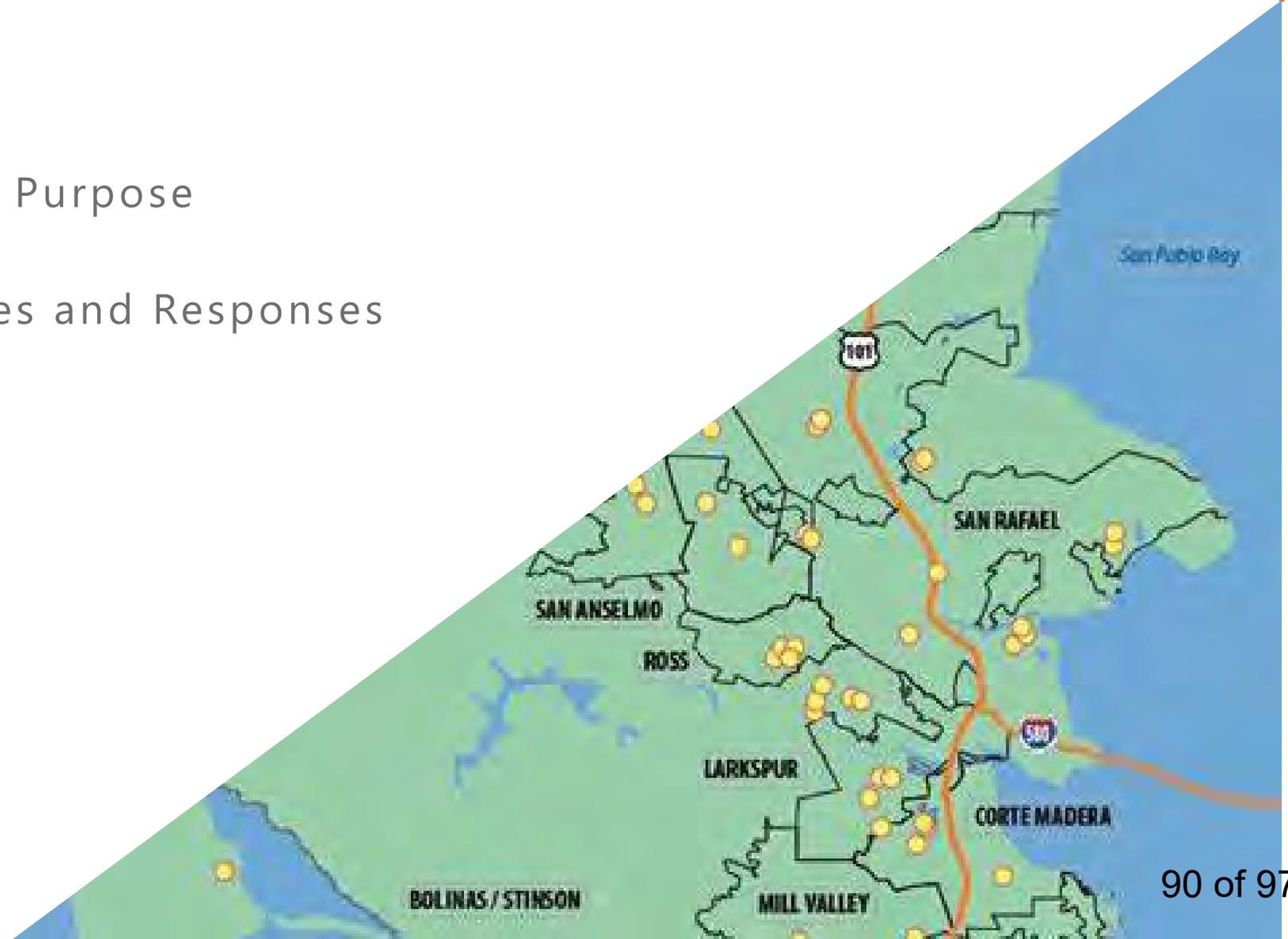
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# Crossing Guard Program 2023/24 Assessment Report

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# Introduction

TY Lin conducted a survey as part of the required assessment for the Crossing Guard Program (Program) during the 2023-24 regular school year. The 2023-24 Assessment Report documents the assessment, and the findings based on the survey.

- The Fourth survey since the passage of Measure A, B, and AA
- Previous assessments were conducted during 2008-09, 2012-13, and 2016-17 school years

TY Lin coordinated the 2023-24 assessment with the Marin County Office of Education, School District offices, the Marin County Schools Superintendents, and individual schools.

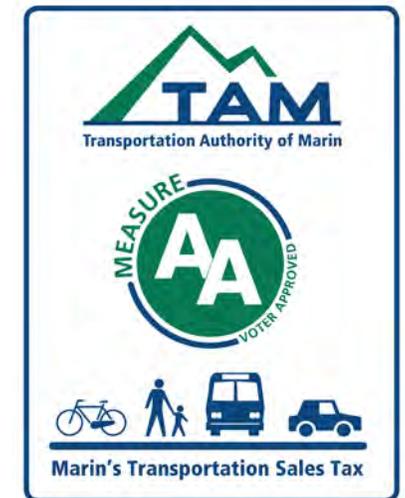
# Background & Purpose

TAM has been funding and managing the Crossing Guard Program since 2006. The Program provides trained crossing guards at key intersections throughout Marin County making it safer for students to walk or bike to school.

The Program was approved in 2004 and funded by Measure A in 2006 to provide the initial 54 crossing guards. Since then, the Program has grown and currently uses a mix of **Measure B & Measure AA** (Primary) funds to provide 96 crossing guards throughout Marin County during the school year.

## FUNDING

2006 – 2019	Measure A – MC Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan
2010 – Current	<b>Measure B</b> – Vehicle Registration Fee
2019 – Current	<b>Measure AA</b> – MC Transportation Sales Tax Renewal Expenditure Plan



# Survey Objectives & Responses

Increased sample size from 9 to 43 schools in which 23,377 surveys were distributed to parents, students and faculty (29 elementary, 12 middle, and 2 combined). Below are the primary objectives of the survey:

1. To determine the level of awareness of Measure AA as the primary funding source for the Crossing Guard Program;
2. To determine whether or not the presence of crossing guards influence travel choices for students who walk or ride a bicycle to and from school on most school days or every school day; and
3. To determine whether or not the communities served by the Program consider the expenditure of Measure AA funds a good investment.

## **1,116 Complete Responses**

- 1,061 from Parents
- 35 from Students
- 20 from Other

# Survey Objectives & Responses

**Objective 1:** To determine the level of awareness of Measure AA as the primary funding source for the Crossing Guard Program

1. Have you seen crossing guards at intersections in Marin County on school days? **98% YES**
2. Do you know that funding for crossing guards in Marin County comes from the Transportation Authority of Marin Measure AA countywide sales tax? **31% YES. Increased from the 2016-17 survey result of 14%**

# Survey Objectives & Responses

**Objective 2:** To determine whether or not the presence of crossing guards influence travel choices for students who walk or ride a bicycle to and from school on most school days or every school day

1. During the last month, I have used a crosswalk where a crossing guard is on duty..... **82% on most or every school day**
2. Do you regularly cross a street where a crossing guard is on duty on your way to or from school? **86% YES**
3. Is it more comfortable for you to walk or ride your bike to school knowing that there are crossing guards at some intersections? **98% YES**
4. Have you changed the route you take to school so that you can cross a street at a location where a crossing guard is on duty? **49% YES**
5. Did you change from being driven in a car to school to walking or biking because you know there are crossing guards at some intersections? **44% YES**

# Survey Objectives & Responses

**Objective 3:** To determine whether or not the communities served by the Crossing Guard Program consider the expenditure of Measure AA funds as a good investment

1. Do you think the Crossing Guard Program is a good way to spend transportation funds? **98% YES**

# Conclusion

The Program continues to achieve its primary objective of increasing the number of students who walk or ride their bicycle in lieu of being driven to school. The survey results indicate that the communities served by the Program see the crossing guards as an important and valuable aspect of travel to and from school. In addition to the responses to the questions detailed above, respondents were afforded the opportunity to provide additional information and/or comments. Examples are listed below. A large majority of the comments received reflect strong appreciation for the Program and for individual guards.

We absolutely love our crossing guard in front of Neil Cummins. His name is *{Individual Guard Reference}* and he cares deeply about the kids at the school and brightens their day.

We value *{Individual Guard Reference}*, the crossing guard on Hickory, so much. I feel comforted by the fact that he is there every day to ensure my son makes it safely to school.

We need more crossing guards in Larkspur / Corte Madera along the school routes. It also should be explored whether they can play a role at keeping pedestrians and bikers safe on the bike path between the towns as the increase in electric bikers has become unsafe there. Thank you!

The crossing guard outside Tam Valley school entrance is 100% necessary for safety. If she wasn't there it would not feel safe given the intersection and amount of kids and cars.