

## School Crossing Guards - Update

MCOE participated in the June 19, 2014 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting at the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) where the TAM staff presented the updated June 2014 ranked list of Marin School Crossing Guard locations - which will go into effect in the Fall of 2014. The list is updated every four years, with 135 identified intersections across the county being video-taped for three days in the spring, while schools are in session. The tapes are reviewed, ranked, evaluated and scored based on seven criteria including vehicle volume, number of school aged pedestrians, intersection skew angle, stopping site distance, horizontal curve, speed limit and other factors. Some criterion (stopping site distance, number of school aged pedestrians) are weighted heavier in scoring. The methodology and metrics used are the same that have been used in the past and have been developed with significant input from our public works officials around the county.

After review and discussion some of the Public Works members requested additional time to review the data before moving forward a recommendation to the TAM board. A follow up meeting was scheduled for on July 10, 2014 where the list was presented and reviewed with some minor adjustments, and recommended for approval to the TAM board. The new ranked list reflects a total of 8 new intersections across the county will have crossing guards in the Fall, and a total of 7 intersections that will lose crossing guards. Jurisdictions do have the ability to trade crossing guard locations - with the approval and support of their local Public Works officials. TAM staff have been in direct communication with all of the schools and districts that will lose a crossing guards in the Fall, in anticipation of the change.

TAM staff and the Technical Advisory Committee acknowledge that the timing of the report was late during this cycle, with the goal to have the list finalized and approved in the Spring, allowing time for good communication with school districts and the community about any changes that will go into effect in the Fall. TAM staff and the TAC are looking at options to ensure that the timeline for the study, report and approval for next four year cycle is conducted well in advance to ensure more timely communications with schools before the end of the school year.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.tam.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=97>