

Response to CalTrans Letter by Parisi Associates

Caltrans recommends that the School District establish a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program to promote smart mobility and reduce regional vehicle miles traveled to the state transportation network. The San Rafael City Schools and Davidson Middle School and Laurel Dell Elementary School are active participants in Marin County's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program, which is an award-winning and effective TDM program. The SR2S program promotes walking, bicycling, and convenient transit access; carpool ride-matching support, and identifies potential infrastructure improvements to promote walking and bicycling. In fact, the SR2S program has worked and continues to coordinate successfully with the City of San Rafael in applying and securing grant funding for infrastructure implementation.

Caltrans also recommends implementation of several improvements outlined in the recently adopted San Rafael Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, including the addition of high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, and pedestrian warning beacons. The City of San Rafael adopted the plan in 2018 and will program implementation of these improvements as funds become available.

It should be noted that the project anticipates no impacts to the state transportation system.