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PARENTS FOR SAFE ROUTES | AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

RIDE THE OAK GROVE BIKE ROUTE

The Oak Grove Bike Route Pilot just opened and is the best east/west route through Menlo Park, especially for Hillview and M-A students crossing El Camino Real. SEE MAP ON BACK.

This route is a one-year pilot. In order for the buffered bike lanes to stay permanently on Oak Grove, sufficient demand must be demonstrated.

Please ride the route! If this pilot is successful, it will make a case for even more bicycle (and pedestrian) safety infrastructure improvements around town in the future.



JOIN US AT HILLVIEW SEPT. 19

Get inspired and learn more about the Safe Routes to School movement in Menlo Park! Join us at **6:30 p.m. Wed., Sept. 19 in the Hillview PAC** when the MPCSD Speaker Series features a talk by Parents for Safe Routes founder and chair Jen Wolosin followed by a Q&A with Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith, Complete Streets Commission Chair Bianca Walser and others. **This event is free and open to the public.**



Between Home and School — Why SAFE ROUTES MATTER and How to Make Them Happen

Wed., Sept. 19 @ 6:30 p.m., Hillview PAC. FREE
Includes refreshments & on-site childcare for potty-trained kids!

Jen Wolosin

Do you want to walk your child to school but feel there is no safe way? Is there a broken link in your child's bike route that makes it too stressful or unsafe to ride to campus? Are you tired of being stuck in school traffic? You won't want to miss this FREE event!

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SAFETY TIPS

- **"Drive" your bike.** Teach your kids to obey stop signs and look for cross-traffic when coming out of an intersection just as a driver does.
- **Be visible.** Consider bike flags, reflectors, and bright bike vests. Bright helmets are great, too!
- **Dismount.** Left turns can be intimidating for bicyclists—of all ages. It's always an option to dismount and use pedestrian crosswalks.
- **Look L-R-L.** Remind kids to look left–right–left when crossing a street.
- **Set a good example.** Put down your phone. Obey traffic laws. Be present.

ORANGE = Sharrows in Both Directions

BLUE = Parking on Side as Shown

The map displays the proposed light rail alignment in Downtown Menlo Park. The alignment is shown as a green line with blue segments, indicating different phases or sections of the project. Key locations and streets labeled include:

- Menlo Park** (central area)
- SRI International Headquarters**
- Menlo-Atherton High School**
- Streets:** University Dr, Alma St, Middle Ave, College Ave, Partridge Ave, Cambridge Ave, Harvard Ave, Roble Ave, Evelyn St, Oak Ln, Fremont St, Santa Cruz Ave, Johnson St, University Dr, Hoover St, Valparaiso Ave, Victoria Dr, Glenwood Ave, Mills St, Laurel St, W 4th St, W 3rd St, Burgess Dr, Alma St, Middle Ave, College Ave, Partridge Ave, Cambridge Ave, Harvard Ave.
- Other features:** Nealon Park, SRI International Headquarters, Menlo-Atherton High School, Vallombrosa Center, SRI International Headquarters, Menlo-Atherton High School, SRI International Headquarters, Menlo-Atherton High School.

The map also shows existing roads like Highway 82 and surrounding areas like Redwood City and San Bruno.

of transportation to school. We also support carpooling and busing to reduce the number of cars on the road. Having Safe Routes to School not only makes the roads safer for kids, but it also improves the quality of life for everyone by reducing traffic congestion and creating friendlier neighborhoods.