

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor, Members of the Town Council  
**From:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager GT  
**Date:** May 1, 2013  
**Subject:** Discussion/consideration of School Bike Route Project ("Fairfax Bike Spine")

**RECOMMENDATION**

Consider public comment regarding the Bike Spine Project and direct staff as appropriate

**DISCUSSION**

In November 2012, the Council awarded a bid to Bruce Enterprises for the Bike Spine project. The project entails installing signage and street markings for identified bicycle routes to schools. The project is funded by a grant from the Transportation Authority of Marin. Attached is a handout which describes the project in greater detail.

As part of the outreach to inform the community of the project, notices were mailed to properties adjacent to the Bike Spine route. Recently, some residents indicated that they never received notice of the project and have expressed concerns related to the placement of stop signs at Arroyo and Scenic roads. Due to the number of notices mailed out, it is possible that some property owners inadvertently did not receive a notice.

As a result, staff thought it would be prudent to provide an opportunity for these residents to voice their concerns to the Council. David Parisi, the transportation consultant who worked on the Bike Spine project, will be at the meeting to answer questions and discuss options for the Council to consider. The residents who expressed their concerns have also been invited to attend the Council meeting. There is no impact to the project as the contractor has not been issued the notice to proceed. Staff was waiting for better weather and some paving repairs to be completed prior to issuing the notice to the contractor.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs of the consultant to attend the Council meeting. It is unclear whether any changes to the project as a result of the Council's discussion would result in any additional costs to the project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

School Bike Route Project handout



# SCHOOL BIKE ROUTE PROJECT



## WHAT IS THE SCHOOL BIKE ROUTE PROJECT?

In October 2011, the Transportation Authority of Marin granted the Town of Fairfax \$110,000 to install signage and street markings for identified bicycle routes to school. The overall goal is to improve the safety of the Town's streets for student bicyclists, as well as increase awareness of motorists who share the road with them.

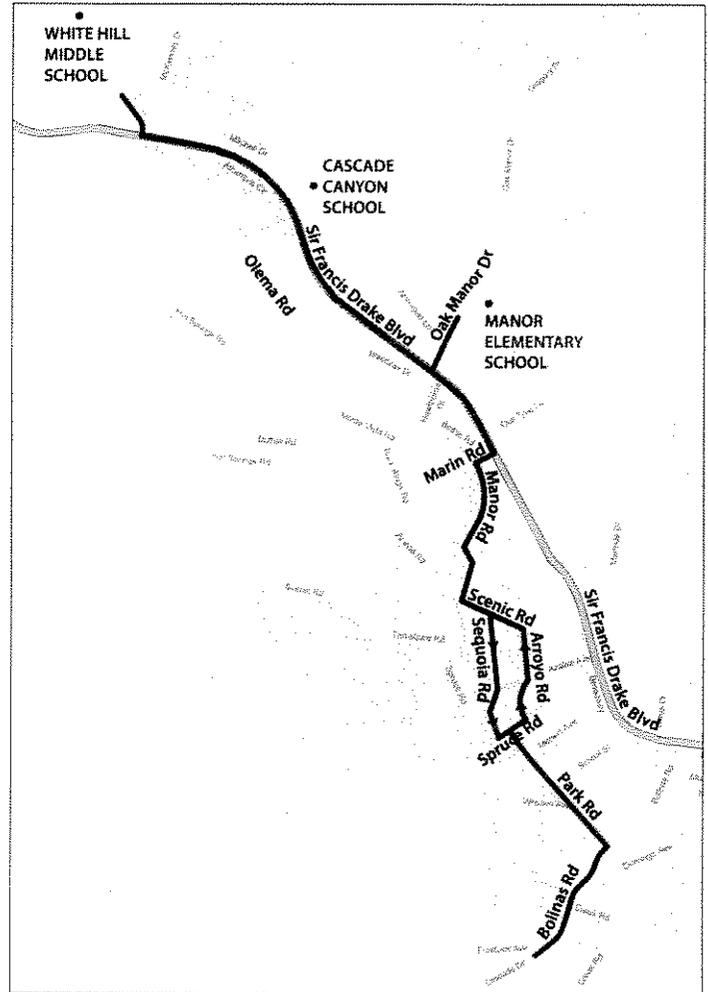
## THE ROUTE

The new school route runs through the central residential areas in Fairfax, and has been tentatively dubbed the "Fairfax Bike Spine." The first phase of the route will run along Bolinas Road, Park Road, Spruce to Arroyo and Sequoia Roads, Scenic to Manor Road, Marin Road to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, and Oak Manor Drive. The bike route will connect much of Fairfax with Manor Elementary, Cascade Canyon, and White Hill Middle schools. A potential route along Olema Road will be considered in the future.

## SIGNAGE & STREET MARKINGS

Special school bike route signs will be strategically located along the route to notify both bicyclists and motorists of the location of the route.

These will be combined with thermo-plastic street pavement markings to maximize route visibility. Two types of street markings will be used: a shared lane ("sharrow") along local streets and a bike lane marking within the Sir Francis Drake Blvd bicycle lane.



## TRAFFIC & PARKING

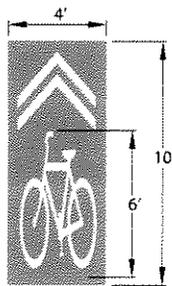
In order to increase the safety of student bicyclists, stop signs will be added at four intersections:

- Spruce Road/Arroyo Road (*westbound Spruce Road approach only*)
- Azalea Avenue/Arroyo Road (*westbound Azalea Avenue approach only*)
- Scenic Road/Arroyo Road (*all approaches*)
- Marin Road/Manor Road (*westbound Marin Road approach only*)

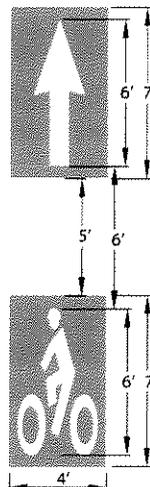
Only one public on-street parking space will be removed along the entire route, located along Sequoia Road. A short red zone will be marked in its place, in order to improve sight lines and safety.



School Bike Route Sign



Shared Lane Marking



Bike Lane Marking

