

## **Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting**

April 20, 2016 10am – 11am

### **Task Force Members Present**

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency
- Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Elaine Hogan - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Mandy Mager – City of Blue Lake
- Matt Malkus – Trinidad Elementary School
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Kimberly Comet – North Coast Schools Insurance Group

**February Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

### **SRTS National Conference Highlights:**

Emily is back from the National SRTS Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the conference evolved around equity and allowing time for play and activity for people of all ages through open streets events, access to trails and areas for physical activity. There was much discussion of the importance of play, and getting outdoors.

A keynote speech was given by Gil Penalosa, a Bogota, Columbia commissioner who helped increase park space, initiated Ciclovía, and works on the 8-80 campaign to get all people active regardless of age (8 through 80) active was inspiring.

There are some great efforts in Kauai going on. They are pushing the envelope as far as innovative design. If their manual for traffic controls doesn't specifically say they cannot install a certain improvement, they will try it. For example, on smaller rural roads they are doing away with center lines and instead using dotted lines on both sides of the road to indicate space for walking and bicycling. The road is narrow so vehicles have to slow to pass one another. They are permitted to go into the walk/bike lane if dotted for passing. They also have some roads with an 18' wide travel lane and a 6' shoulder for walking/bicycling. Again, it is narrower for vehicles so they must slow to pass. They also use a pedestrian pavement marking to indicate it is a shoulder for walking.

Bike and pedestrian safety education is being incorporated into regular PE curriculum in Eugene Oregon where all 6<sup>th</sup> graders have bicycle education. Seattle City Schools is also working on incorporating bike safety education into PE classes. They have rotating bike fleets for students to use.

In Fort Collins, CO they have a bike friendly driver program which is aimed at High School students and new drivers but offered to anyone in the City to help them be more aware of bicycles on the road, and applicable laws.

They are training Law Enforcement of bike and pedestrian rules of the road in Wisconsin which is funded through Highway Safety funding through their Association of County Governments.

Vision Zero campaigns are hot right now in larger cities. They use existing data to focus on areas where they want to eliminate traffic fatalities between cars and bikes/peds.

### **Blue Lake SRTS Needs**

Mandy Mager, the Blue Lake City Manager, expressed safety concerns that have been identified by the community and local government. Motorists travel at high speeds on the straightaways through town which is where parks, schools, and recreation facilities are located. Those roads also have the highest use.

The immediate needs are to increase opportunities for safe walking and bicycling and potentially begin a crossing guard program. Blue Lake School has a bike club and students do walk to schools. They are interested in potentially shrinking the roadway to slow traffic and would consider temporary infrastructure installations. Many of the speeding vehicles are from gravel and logging companies. She has contacted them to ask for slower driving.

Google maps and other mapping programs tell motorists to take Railroad Drive, which is not appropriate for that amount of traffic. Contacting Google is possible but could take some time to correct.

The County is applying for Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding on behalf of Blue Lake for improvements on S. Railroad between Stardoughs and the Recreation Facility. The areas of greatest concern for pedestrians are Chartin, S. Railroad, and Greenwood.

### **Bike Month Update:**

Many bike related events are scheduled in May. There is a countywide competition to track miles. There will be group rides from Arcata to Eureka each morning at 7am. Bike to School Day is May 4. Bike to Work Day in Arcata is May 11 and in Eureka on May 18. Noon rallies are scheduled each of those days on the Arcata Plaza and the Old Town Gazebo. For more information about Bike Month Humboldt visit [humbike.org](http://humbike.org).

### **Announcements:**

- The online crossing guard training needs to be updated by DHHS/PHB.
- Trinidad School Superintendent/Principal Matt Malkus expressed safety concerns due to people parking in the bus zone and blocking the school bus.
- Measure Z funding will provide 8 new radar feedback signs.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10 am at the Community Wellness Center