

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

June 17, 2015 10am – 11am

Task Force Members Present

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Art Reeve – Humboldt County Public Works
- Jill Tilles – Humboldt County Public Works
- Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Bryan Little – Redwood Coast Montessori
- Joan Levy – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Melody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Kimberly Comet – North Coast Schools Insurance Group

April Meeting Minutes: Minutes Approved.

Active Transportation Program Proposals: There were a large number of proposals submitted to the Active Transportation Program in Humboldt County for Cycle 2, which closed June 1st, 2015.

The County submitted a proposal on behalf of McKinleyville High and Morris Elementary for improvements at Murray and McKinleyville Ave and on McKinleyville Ave down to Gassoway Street. A non-infrastructure component would provide pedestrian safety education and support for Walk to School Day events. The County also applied for a project in Manila on Hwy 255 to construct a separated paved path between Lupin and Pacific with improvements along Peninsula Drive to Redwood Coast Montessori. The County also applied for a Hammond Trail bridge replacement project.

The Hoopa Tribe submitted an application for a separated paved walking path on Hwy 96 on the west side of the Highway from south of the school to the Trinity River Bridge. That project would also include a partial sidewalk on the east side of Hwy 96 with a HAWK (pedestrian activated stop signal) at the cemetery. In addition there would be improvements to the school arrival and dismissal area and to ingress and egress at key destinations on Loop Road. The Hoopa project would include a non-infrastructure component providing pedestrian education at the elementary school, a youth-led 'gateway' project with signs create by youth in the Hupa language with tribal designs. Youth would also work to create arrival and dismissal procedures at the elementary school using tribal characters, art, design, and language.

The City of Arcata also applied for ATP funding on behalf of Arcata Elementary School to add traffic calming on Baldwin, a roundabout on Grant and Wilson, a flashing beacon on Alliance, and sidewalk infill on Grant. If funded, the project would include support for non-infrastructure activities such as support for Walk to School Day events, pedestrian safety education for students, and the possibility of working with an HSU Kinesiology Department class on an evaluation component.

The City of Fortuna applied on behalf of South Fortuna Elementary School to create a safer arrival and dismissal area, a left hand turn lane on Newberg along with traffic calming (speed humps) on Newberg, sidewalks and bike lanes on Lawndale, and pedestrian crossing facilities at Lawndale and 2nd Street. The non-infrastructure component would support Walk to School Day events, provide pedestrian safety education, and develop new arrival and dismissal procedures for parent handbooks. A separate grant received by Redwood Community Action Agency will pay for the paving and development of the new South Fortuna parking lot arrival and dismissal area through a drought grant utilizing Low Impact Development. The City of Fortuna also applied for funding for the John Campbell Memorial Parkway.

The City of Rio Dell applied for funding to construct bike lanes and provide a non-infrastructure program at Eagle Prairie Elementary School.

The City of Trinidad also applied for improvements to the Van Wycke Trail and the development of a walking map highlighting local trails.

Preliminary notification of awarded funding should be in August 2015.

South Fortuna Elementary Walking Map Review: The Task Force reviewed a draft Walking Map to be distributed at S. Fortuna Elementary School in the fall. There was one suggestion made: to add a disclaimer that communicates the need for parents to use their best judgment before allowing their children to walk to school unattended as all children develop differently. Jeff Northern, the current principal will be leaving S. Fortuna to take on the District Superintendent position in the fall.

Countywide School Zone Speed Reduction Ordinance Update: The Countywide ordinance went into effect today (June 17, 2015) and is now enforceable. The County Public Works Department will be making needed changes to signs between now and the beginning of the school year. They will either purchase new signs or modify existing signs. A press release will be sent out and again in the fall.

Speed limits must be approved by the Board of Supervisors so if a school wants to be considered for speed reduction, a speed study must first be conducted and then approved by the Board. Public Works did a study on Peninsula Drive north of Redwood Coast Montessori so that the speed can be 25 mph on both ends of Peninsula. (To be considered for the ordinance the existing speed limit must be 30 mph or slower.) Public Works wants to get speeds down to 30mph through speed studies countywide so that the ordinance can be imposed.

The County also will be adding bike lanes in Myrtle town on Quaker and Trinity streets to continue the bike lanes recently installed on Park Street as an alternative to riding on Myrtle Ave.

The County applied for but was denied Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funding for speed radar feedback signs but will be able to get some through Measure Z funding. The OTS grant guidelines

were not clear about requiring a non-infrastructure component, which the County will do during the next funding opportunity.

Dows Prairie can begin their RTAP program as the County is prepared to start. They are waiting to coordinate with Mercer Fraser and Hooven & Co. to begin the project.

Announcements:

- The McKinleyville Organizing Committee (MOC) had an action on June 4 to create a town center. An ordinance is needed to pass the zoning requirements.
- Bike Texas has SRTS grant funded A to Z bike booklets and coloring books available.
- During Bike Month, a bike survey was conducted by HCAOG to collect commuter data.
- There will be a car-free event in Arcata on August 22 by the Bike Coalition.
- There will be a Supervisors Forum in the fall which could be a good opportunity to present on SRTS to all Superintendents at once. Kimberly will get us information.
- Redwood Coast Montessori is looking for an app or resources to promote carpooling. Marin School Pool is a resource.

Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2015 at 10am at the Community Wellness Center