

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

August 16, 2017 10am – 11am

### **Task Force Members Present**

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency
- Melody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Elaine Hogan - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Carol Grimes – Arcata Elementary School District
- Melissa Lazon – Arcata Elementary School
- Alexis Kelso – Caltrans
- Merritt Perry – City of Fortuna
- Heidi Moore-Guynup – Humboldt County Office of Education
- Beth Wylie – Fuente Nueva Charter School
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works
- Dana Murguia - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Vince Zinselmeir – Toddy Thomas Middle School
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments

**June Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

**County Update on Lafayette ATP and Other Ped/Bike Projects:** Tony Seghetti reported on the Lafayette ATP project underway. There are a lot of projects going on throughout the County and not a lot of contractors available. They only received 2 bids for the Lafayette project. They just started working on the sidewalks on Park Street and hope to have the north side completed and the raised crosswalks completed prior to school starting on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Construction of sidewalks on the south side will then be constructed with the goal of completion being prior to October 4<sup>th</sup> for International Walk to School Day. There will also be intersection improvements at Park and Myrtle and Park and 18<sup>th</sup> once the sidewalks and raised crosswalks are completed.

The County will also be installing pedestrian activated in ground lights at various crosswalks including at Ramone's on Harrison, at Redwood Acres on Harris, and on Myrtle and Pennsylvania at HealthSport.

**Overview of Funded and Upcoming ATP and OTS grants:** Humboldt County DHHS Public Health will likely be starting their Cycle 3 non-infrastructure project in May 2018 focusing on middle school aged students in Fortuna and McKinleyville. They will also be reaching youth through parks and recreation programs with 'bike heavy' programming such as Bike Clubs, Bike Clinics, and Bike Rodeos with information in English and Spanish. Public Health also has an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant beginning in October with a bicycle focus and they will be conducting a media campaign around bicycle safety.

Several ATP Cycle 3 projects that were not funded still have a chance of receiving the grants through CA SB1 Augmentation funding. Humboldt County Public Works will be resubmitting their McKinleyville ATP project (focusing on Morris Elementary and McKinleyville High School), Phase 1 of Blue Lake's Annie and Mary Trail, and the Hammond Bridge replacement project.

The City of Fortuna has resubmitted for their John Campbell Greenway project. Currently, the City of Fortuna is finishing up construction on their Cycle 1 grant, focusing on Toddy Thomas Middle School installing sidewalks on Thelma Street, intersection improvements at Wood Street, and traffic calming and installation of a buffered bike lane on Ross Hill Road. They received separate funding to install LED enhanced lighting at 2 locations on Ross Hill Road as well as a pedestrian refuge. They will be putting out an RFP in the near future to begin their Cycle 2 ATP grant focusing on South Fortuna Elementary. Melanie Williams from BikesThere recommended we put on the agenda for a future meeting a discussion of education and encouragement strategies for the new infrastructure.

Alexis reported on behalf of Caltrans about the next cycle of the Active Transportation Program. There will be 5 separate applications for different project types and sizes. All projects will still be evaluated together. They will also be offering a course on Understanding Bicycle Transportation in the near future.

Arcata Elementary will begin its ATP project next year. Melissa expressed concerns about the construction of new housing developments impacting traffic near Arcata Elementary. Merritt suggested she quickly investigate whether or not there has yet been an Environmental Review by the City of Arcata and to go to the planning commission with her concerns prior to the project being finalized so that the concerns are addressed during the design stage. Melanie shared that the City of Arcata's Transportation Safety Commission has time certain spots for each Arcata school coming up on future meeting agendas. She suggested Mellissa look into when Arcata Elementary will be on the agenda so that she can bring up her concerns prior to the project being finalized.

**Back to School Checklist:** The HCOAG SRTS website has useful information and resources to help schools and districts prepare for students returning to school. Transportation safety tips sheets on each mode are available and recommended for including in parent handbooks and first day packets. Heidi from HCOE would like to feature the tip sheets in HCOE's 'Message of the Month'.

Registration is now open for International Walk to School Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registering your school makes you eligible for future grants and prizes. Clif Bar also provides mini grants for IWTSD and donates Clif bars and banners to advertise events. The website is:

<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

### **School/District/Jurisdiction/Organization Report Out and Announcements:**

A Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair will be held at the Marshall Family Resource Center on September 9, 2017 from 10am-1pm.

A Walk and Roll Fair will be held during Fortuna's Apple Harvest Festival October 7, 2017.

The City of Eureka's Transportation Safety Committee Meeting approved moving AB321 (School Zone Speed Reduction) forward and recommending Council to accept through a resolution. This would reduce speed limits in qualifying school zones from 25mph to 15mph and expand the school zone from 500 feet to 1000 feet. In Arcata, they approved AB 321 and new 15 mph signs will be going up. Melanie Williams shared that she is on a National SRTS committee and that she has presented on our successes as a county reducing speed limits in school zones where some communities have increased theirs.

A project in Arcata on Buttermilk Lane is currently underway affecting Sunny Brae Middle School.

HSU will be installing bike share stations at 2 locations on campus, 1 at the transit center, and an additional one.

The Humboldt Bay Trail celebration will be held October 29 at the Arcata Marsh.

City of Arcata will be holding a Tour de Parks, a tour of city parks by bicycle, on September 23.

Beth shared that her experience working with the Task Force has resulted in positive outcomes at Fuente Nueva Charter School. They were able to reduce speed limits on a County Road, received striping and fog lines on streets adjacent to school, and 15 mph speed limit signs. There will be a city-led walk audit at Fuente Nueva in the near future to look at additional safety concerns.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 18, 2017 at 10 am at the Community Wellness Center