**Minutes from Eureka SRTS Task Force Meeting**

**May 17, 2016, 11 am – noon**

**Task Force Members Present**

Angela Shull –Lafayette Elementary School

Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works

Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency

Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health

Melanie Williams – Bikes There

Elaine Hogan – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health

Kristi Puzz – Grant Elementary School (incoming principal)

Laurie Alexander – Eureka City Schools

Dan Pires – Eureka City Schools

Beth Holcomb – Alice Birney Elementary School (incoming principal)

**April Meeting Minutes:** Approved

**Discussion of Ongoing SRTS Projects, Summer Needs, and Fall Planning**

The Eureka SRTS Task Force has several exciting projects that we will hit the ground running with in the coming school year. Beth Holcomb will be the new principal at Alice Birney and Kristi Puzz will be the new principal at Grant. Both schools are involved with these robust SRTS programs and details were shared with the new principals and the Task Force.

* The Redwood Moblity Education Program (RMEP) has many components including support for Walk to School events, a Physical Activity Pledge, and SRTS topics presented in afterschool programs. The schools involved with RMEP include Zane, Lafayette, Grant, and Alice Birney however all programs and information can be shared/utilized districtwide. The afterschool program is a 4 day program focusing on TK-3rd graders in one group, and 4th and 5th graders in another. Walking and bicycling safety are the main lessons with the older group focusing a little more on bicycling. Zane also will receive a program relevant to middle school aged students. Ideally these programs can take place early in the school year, in September, to prepare students for International Walk to School Day in October. We will schedule with the principals the best dates for the afterschool program/s.
* Lafayette also has a SRTS program through the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The program aims to construct infrastructure from a remote drop off location so that students can walk to and from a safe drop off/pick up location on any day of the week without adult supervision. Safety education and encouragement will also be provided to support safe walking and bicycling. Currently we are trying to determine a location for the remote drop off. County Public Works staff is also working on communication with property owners to discuss the Right-of-Way issues. There will be a meeting on June 2 to discuss Right-of-Way with the property owners. Once the ROW phase is complete we can move forward with construction. The location of the public bus stop is a concern. Currently it is located in between two proposed driveways which could pose a safety risk. However, the location also supports the use of public transit because of its convenient location.

**Marshall FRC Bike Rodeo Planning**

Through the Lafayette Remote Drop Off ATP Program, RCAA will be teaming up with the Marshall Family Resource Center to plan host a family bike rodeo. It will be a districtwide event held at the Marshall FRC open to all families. There will be a bike skills course, a pedestrian safety/SRTS station, a bike helmet giveaway, and other agencies will be represented and will provide health and safety resources. We have our first planning meeting soon and will be sharing more information as it becomes available. It will be held the 2nd or 3rd weekend in September so that we can get the word out to all students and families in the first day packets that are sent home. Holding this event right after school starts should increase participation and prepare students for International Walk to School Day in October.

**Announcements:**

* September **–** Lafayette ATP project’s first workshop will be coordinated with Marshall Family Resource’s Bike Rodeo
* The Crossing Guard program will be ending in June. We are still hopeful that volunteers will want to continue the program at Lafayette in the fall.
* Lafayette is holding a Healthy Kids Carnival on Friday May 20th.

**Next Meeting Date:**

August 9, 2016

11 am – noon

Redwood Community Action Agency Conference Room

904 G Street, Eureka