

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

October 24, 2018 10am – 11am

Task Force Members Present

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency
- Areli Cupp – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Mike Reardon – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Jan Schmidt – McKinleyville Union School District
- Taylin Titus – North Coast Schools Insurance Group (via telephone)
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works
- Carol Grimes – Arcata Elementary School District
- Alexis Kelso – Caltrans
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Brian Heaton – City of Eureka
- Scott Ellsmore – City of Eureka
- Victoria Parker – Arcata Elementary School
- Paul Craft – California Highway Patrol

August Meeting Minutes: It should be noted that community members from Freshwater created their own fund at Humboldt Area Foundation, which could be a tool used by other communities.

School Bike Rack Assessment: Melanie distributed a handout on the benefits of a bike parking assessment and provided background on the SRTS Prioritization Tool conducted five years ago. Melanie suggested it could be useful to include this assessment for future updates of the Prioritization Tool inventory of schools. Not having visible, easy to use bike racks can discourage bicycling. Bike racks should also be inspected during walkability and bicycling audits. Jan Schmidt informed the Task Force that every year schools are required to use a Facilities Inspection tool as part of the statewide local control accountability plan for each school. Taylin will look into how we can include bike rack assessments as part of this annual inspection.

International Walk to School Day Events: Arcata Elementary School had approximately 45 students and 15 adults walking and approximately 15 students and 4 adults on bikes. Pacific Union Elementary School students also used Murphy's Market as their Remote Drop Off so we had additional students starting their walk at the same location. For our next event in Arcata, we may consider bringing cones to keep participants in a safe waiting place before the event starts. Fortuna Middle School had a Walk at School on the track event as most students ride the bus to school each day and were not able to walk. McKinleyville Middle School will be holding a Walk to School Day event on November 2 as part of Red Ribbon Week. Other Humboldt County Schools that registered to participate in International Walk to School Day include Trinidad Elementary, Ambrosini Elementary, Fuente Nueva Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, and Jacoby Creek School.

Willow Creek and Manila Project Updates: Willow Creek community members and parents of students at Creekside Learning Center have been working towards creating a safer walking environment in downtown Willow Creek. They have striping improvements in progress, a fog line on County Club, and radar feedback signs at the bottom of the hill approaching Willow Creek. They are considering the installation of 'bots dots' to slow cars at the bottom of the hill, however it is being determined whether or not they would be dangerous to motorcycle riders. They have a striped walking lane on Terrace and are waiting to receive the County's first 'creative crosswalk' on Country Club that would have a salmon design. Measure Z funding

paid for the walk audit that lead to the suggestions for improvements and will also pay for a crosswalk. The County's maintenance department paid for the striping.

In Manila, an ATP grant will be constructing a ¼ mile long trail from Lupin Ave to Pacific Ave. A community collaborative organized a walk audit last May that led to the communities' desire to continue the path to the Community Center/School on Peninsula Drive. The path will be a gravel shoulder. They will also receive a speed table/raised crosswalk from the school to the other side of the street where there is a RTA bus stop. The collaborative has funding from a St. Joseph Health Foundation grant to pay for the gravel shoulder and crosswalk in conjunction with a RTAP application they are working on to cost share with the County.

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

Scott: The City of Eureka is going to bid this weekend for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project for \$250,000. It will fund a variety of improvements throughout the city including crosswalks, lighting, curb ramps, and bulbouts at 28-30 locations. They have also applied to HSIP for more pedestrian safety projects including an application to fund implementation of the North South Multimodal Corridor Project to create a road diet on H and I Streets as well as to install curb ramps and bulbouts at intersections in the vicinity of Eureka High School.

Alexis: Caltrans will offer a course called Bike Transportation and Intro to Planning and Design to all interested parties on January 23, 2019. Please save the date. This class will replace the old 'Understanding Bike transportation' class and will focus more on planning then engineering.

Jenny: Darlene Santner of the Petrolia Path Project let me know that \$28,000 has been raised for their improvements. RCAA also has been working with the County to apply for a Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant to develop a 'gateway' and increase safety for all users at the southern entrance to McKinleyville.

Tony: County Public Works has been working with Petrolia residents to create plans for their 5' walking path on Mattole Road. He is also working on an adjustment to his McKinleyville ATP project since some of the work has already been completed. He cannot change the scope of work but hopes to add new locations for improvements, such as the intersection of Hiller and McKinleyville, so that the entire amount of grant money can be spent. He also applied to HSIP for Central and Railroad Avenue intersection improvements/realignment. Melanie suggested looking at the report from the Dows Prairie walk audit to get ideas for other areas in McKinleyville that may need pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

Areli: SRTS travel tallies and parent surveys have been distributed at schools with SRTS projects/recent history. Data will be collected and reports should be up on humboldtsaferoutes.org early next spring.

Melanie: She has completed the pedestrian education at Arcata Elementary and will focus on bike safety education next. She is also sustaining the bike clubs at Lafayette and Alice Birney now that the RMEP project has ended.

Jan: Afterschool program funding for Morris and Dows was received through a grant. Perhaps focus on a bike club attending Pony Express Days?

Next Meeting Date: December 12, 2018 at 10 am. Location TBD – possibly at HCOE.