

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

December 12, 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
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works
- Carol Grimes – Arcata Elementary School District
- Alexis Kelso – Caltrans
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Kristi Puzs – Eureka City Schools

October Meeting Minutes: Approved. A discussion on following up on previous meeting items resulted in making an effort to delegate follow up/next steps to specific individuals at the time of discussion. Melanie agreed to follow up with Taylin and Jan about the school bike rack assessment discussion from our last meeting. Emily offered assistance from RCAA if needed.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Toolkit: Areli showed the Task Force the completed toolkit created through the Redwood Mobility Education Program (RMEP). The toolkit includes lesson plans and materials for grades 2&3, grades 4&5, and middle school students on pedestrian and bicycle safety. They come in a 5-gallon bucket with what is needed to lead the lessons. A plastic 'crosswalk' is also available should a school not have a crosswalk or the ability to practice outside. The toolkits will be at Lafayette, Alice Birney, Grant, and Zane schools in Eureka. They will also have one at County Public Health and the Humboldt County Office of Education available to any Humboldt County school or district to borrow. Melanie suggested we put information about the toolkit on the HCAOG website and that there be PR on the toolkit so schools/districts know they are available. Jenny will forward information about the toolkit to Jenny Bowen at HCOE to find out how they may be able to help spread the word. The HCOE has a courier to deliver materials and this toolkit could be delivered via courier.

McKinleyville SRTS ATP Cycle 3 Project Discussion: Tony is working on adjusting the scope of work for his ATP 3 project in McKinleyville. The County applied for and received funding for both infrastructure and a non-infrastructure program however, they were able to complete several improvements prior to the grant. The County is now looking at areas near Morris Elementary and McKinleyville High School that need pedestrian and/or bicycling improvements that could be completed through this funding without a big 'scope change'. A temporary restraining wall was installed along McKinleyville Avenue at Norton Creek and they will be installing a permanent wall. They are considering adding a sidewalk to the south side of Bates Road bordering Morris Elementary. Bike lanes on Bates are already part of the project plan. Other suggestions included adding additional crosswalks across McKinleyville Ave, although there is already a raised crosswalk with a pedestrian activated flashing beacon going in south of McKinleyville High School on McKinleyville Ave, near the transit stop. Another suggestion was to improve the area where a new Dollar General store will be going in on Murray and McKinleyville Ave. It was also pointed out that the intersection of Murray and Central could use bicycle improvements. A path north of Murray on the east side of the road ends just before the old gas station, leaving bicyclists sort of stranded and unsure where to ride. The County is also still considering improvements at Hiller and McKinleyville which has a wide intersection and would benefit from striping and 'bots dots' to keep vehicles from areas where peds/bikes may be. Improvements, such as installing mid-block crosswalks on Dows Prairie Road across from Dows

Prairie School were also suggested as a way to keep students and families safer when entering and exiting the school.

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

Carol: Arcata Elementary is down a bus driver and route due to a medical emergency. They immediately instituted a 'Walking School Bus' where adults are meeting students at Westwood Murphy's Market (where students gather for Walk to School Day events) to chaperone them to school in the mornings. This is helping accommodate students who live in the housing complex on Alliance near 27th Street. They have been getting help from Northern Humboldt Union School District to provide busing in the afternoons. Jenny has been assisting in the mornings. Arcata Elementary has been advertising for a substitute driver but are unsure how long it will take to replace the driver or when the regular driver will be able to resume driving. They have been getting around 20-25 students walking from Murphy's each morning.

Jenny: HTA is offering free bus rides on the weekends through the rest of the year. There is also a call out for Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants due at the end of January. We will be discussing possible project with Public Health after the Task Force meeting.

Alexis: Registration for Caltrans' Bike Transportation and Intro to Planning and Design class is expected to come out soon. Alexis will send to Jenny to forward to the Task Force. The class will be held at the main Caltrans office in Eureka on January 23, 2019.

Kristi: Trekking Tuesday has continued at Grant Elementary on the first Tuesday of every month. Students have been meeting at JoAnn Fabrics and walking to school together. Lafayette Elementary has also continued their monthly Walking Wednesdays on the first Wednesday of every month.

Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2019 at 10 am. Location TBD.