

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

January 15, 2020 10am – 11pm

Task Force Members Present

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Areli Cupp – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Nicole Chappelle – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Alyse Dorman – CalFresh Healthy Living Program
- Elaine Hogan - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Brendan Byrd – City of Fortuna
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works
- Sandra Earl - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- August Deshais – Cutten Elementary School
- Brian Weekly – City of Eureka
- Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency

October Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Cutten Elementary School Concerns: Cutten Elementary principal August Deshais shared safety challenges and concerns including the fact that the school was built long ago, when most kids walked and few were driven, Winship Middle School is nearby creating more traffic during arrival and dismissal, and they have 40% interdistrict transfers. The drop off and pick up takes place on campus and some drivers go too fast because they get frustrated with the delays. This impacts the senior living neighborhood that cars must drive through to exit the Cutten drop off/pick up area.

A few things the school has done to try to improve the situation is hire a crossing guard for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon each day, the school opens the gate on Primrose 20 minutes before school lets out, and they've recently devised an arrival and dismissal map with procedures for driving to drop off and pick up on one side and procedures for walking on the other. The Task Force gave some input on helping make the map more clear to parents/caregivers. They also shared the Humboldtsaferoutes.org website where Mr. Deshais can see arrival and dismissal maps developed for other Humboldt County schools. Jenny will send information on AAA's Safety Patrol program. Areli also mentioned Public Health has some funding to help them staff a table at Parent Safety night to share information about being safe during arrival and dismissal.

Funding Opportunity for Clean and Shared Mobility: Elaine shared information about a funding opportunity that will create opportunities for zero-emission car and ride sharing, bike share, and public transit services in disadvantaged communities by investing Cap and Trade dollars into these projects. The money if awarded could potentially connect low income housing to key destinations through a bike share program or electric car share program. County Public Health is researching and pursuing potential options in Arcata and Eureka working with Danco builders who have several low-income housing projects built or currently under construction. Ideally a project using this funding source would expand upon an existing program such as the Zagster bikes at the Coops, or the Zipcar program at HSU. It is a voucher/reimbursement program where payments are issued when projects milestones are reached. Funding can be used for infrastructure, permitting, docking stations, restriping bike lanes near bike share sites, staff time to implement project, bike safety equipment, and capital expenses related to maintaining the bike share and carshare system. The applications will be approved on a first come first serve basis from April 1 – 31, 2020.

Active Transportation Program Cycle 5 Non-Infrastructure Brainstorm: Calls for the Federal and State funded Active Transportation Program projects are expected to come out this spring with applications due in June. It is the main walking and bicycling funding source in our area. The City of Eureka will be applying for the Bay to Zoo trail again, which would connect the existing waterfront trail to Eureka neighborhoods by Sequoia Park Zoo, St Joseph hospital, Washington Elementary, and Zane Middle School. Perhaps including a non-infrastructure component would make the application more competitive as it was not funding the first time around. The County is planning to apply instead of Caltrans for the Annie and Mary trail. Tony with the Public Works Department is not to apply at this time as they are working on storm damage projects and still trying to complete the McKinleyville Cycle 2 project on Bates Road for which they are getting an extension. The County has recently hired a grant writer however, who is expected to start in February. Most Fortuna schools have already received funding through SRTS and ATP and the City focusing on Prop 68 funding for the John Campbell trail. The Task Force talked about a potential project to work with several jurisdictions on an 'open streets' project but there may not be enough time to coordinate that.

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

RCAA/Jenny: Jenny shared about her active projects, bike and ped education at South Fortuna Elementary and Eagle Prairie Elementary in Rio Dell, the development of a Walking Map for South Fortuna, Walk and Roll events at both schools, and a Bike Rodeo in Rio Dell. They are getting ready to start a new project in the City of Trinidad focusing on pedestrian and bicycle safety education.

Humboldt County Public Works/Tony: Tony asked about the timeline for installing a crosswalk at Timothy and Pickett in McKinleyville as support for ATP3's Remote Drop Off program at McKinleyville Middle School.

DHHS Public Health/Areli: Areli gave an update on the ATP 3 project with McKinleyville and Fortuna Middle Schools providing pedestrian and bicycle safety education. Public Health is also working on an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant that will support existing bike clubs at Lafayette and Alice Birney in Eureka, and revamp a bike club at Zane. The program will also fund workshops at the Eureka Bike Kitchen and provide Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly Driver presentations throughout greater Eureka.

Public Health/Calfresh Healthy Living/Alyse: Alyse shared the goals of her program and hoping to start projects that get people outside using open spaces to increase physical activity such as 'Walk with a Doc' programs.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 10 am at the Cutten Elementary School Annex.