

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

February 28, 2018 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
- Areli Cupp - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Alexis Kelso – Caltrans
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works

December Meeting Minutes: Minutes Approved.

Integrating Eureka Schools to the Countywide SRTS Task Force: SRTS projects in Eureka will be ending in April and June and in order to keep Eureka schools in the loop, the Eureka SRTS Task Force will be integrated into the Countywide SRTS Task Force beginning this June. Once the two task forces merge, a regular meeting date and time will be decided on. The Task Force will likely rotate meeting locations throughout the county in order to accommodate more members.

In an effort to recruit and retain Task Force members and encourage them to regularly attend meetings, we may consider ‘thematic’ meetings such as meetings focusing on Law Enforcement or Transportation managers. Current Task Force members will reach out to various schools, districts and organizations to encourage them to participate in future meetings as follows:

- Areli: Mary Burke, MCSD
- Tony: Jan Schmidt, Petrolia community
- Johnny: Scott Oiler/McKinleyville Transportation Manager
- Jenny: Arcata Elementary, City of Arcata, AAA, Virginia Bass
- Emily: CHP, Willow Creek, HTA
- Melody: Fortuna/Jeff Northern
- Alexis: Rio Dell, Trinidad, HCAOG
- Melanie: Business community, City of Arcata

Talking Points to share:

- TF meeting days, regularity of meetings, locations
- TF includes members countywide
- Meetings cover current projects, funding opportunities, future projects
- Opportunities for sharing ideas/expertise
- TF is where projects get their start

HCAOG Prioritization Tool Next Steps:

Debra Dees from HCAOG recently completed the School inventory update for the SRTS Prioritization Tool. HCAOG has an Overall Work Program (OWP) which lays out how time and money are spent. There has been a SRTS work element in the past and it will continue the next fiscal year. HCAOG is proposing using HCAOG staff to update the tool as part of the next OWP. The HCAOG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) elected want walk audits as part of this work element but it needs to be determined where walk audits should be conducted. Therefore, HCAOG will update the tool including free and reduced meal information and fitness gram information. They will hire someone to do a GIS update and likely RCAA will lead 2-3 walk audits once its determined which schools are next on the list. There is \$37,000 for this work element which will begin sometime after July 1, 2018.

Willow Creek Walkability Study Update:

A walk audit was held in Willow Creek last November initiated by community members who applied for and received Measure Z funding. After the audit, they identified next steps and the County has been able to complete a few improvements such as installing a radar feedback sign and will do some striping this summer. The more complex infrastructure improvements will go into an application requesting SB 1 funding and would include bulbouts and 'harder' infrastructure. The community also wants asphalt paths on key roads in lieu of sidewalks in the downtown area. The community also applied for Coast Central Credit Union funding and are submitting an encroachment permit to install a street mural. They are working with SHN to design parking lot improvements and will also complete an RTAP application. Many kids walk to Dream Quest after school from CreekSide. The proposed location for bulbouts are where many students get dropped off of the school bus, making this a Safe Routes to Bus Stops project. They are also working with HTA at the bus stop located where 299 and 96 meet to improve ADA accessibility and HTA will be installing solar lighting at that stop.

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

Tony/Humboldt County Public Works: Discussed the possibility of applying for a Caltrans planning grant to look at smaller communities Complete Streets needs countywide.

Tony also met with Jan Schmidt from the McKinleyville Union School District and will be applying for ATP on their behalf. They would like to address the signal at Railroad and Central and re-align the intersection. They have lots of walkers and cyclists going to and from McKinleyville Middle School. They are looking at installing advance pedestrian signals. The school has some issues with its access road located on school property. They County will install 'School Ahead' pavement markings.

The McKinleyville ATP grant from last cycle was approved and construction will likely take place in 2019-2020. The County already made improvements to the shoulder on McKinleyville Avenue to Gassoway by widening the shoulder. Task Force members hoping that the intersection of Hiller

and McKinleyville could be improved with the money that would've gone toward the shoulder widening project already completed. Little Pond and Murray will also get a new flashing crosswalk sign.

Areli/County Public Health: Mckinleyville bike safety banner designs have been selected and approved and will be going up this summer along Central Avenue. They County can retain them and reuse them in other locations after this campaign is over.

Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2018 at 10 am at the Community Wellness Center