

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

August 15, 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
- 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
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Resident
- Luke Biesecker – Arcata Elementary School District
- Jenny Bowen – Humboldt County Office of Education
- Darlene Santner – Petrolia Pedestrian Path Project
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Alexis Kelso – Caltrans
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere

June Meeting Minutes: Minutes Approved.

Petrolia Pedestrian Path Project: Darlene is a resident of Petrolia who shared safety concerns downtown. There are no safe areas to walk or bike and surveys indicated ½ of students walk to school. They must be walked with a parent/guardian. Darlene herself was clipped by a car going 40 mph in the school zone. The community banded together and reached out to County Public Works who have been very responsive. The community fundraised money to hire an engineer to create a plan and the County will be donating a road base to create a widened walking shoulder with partially separated path from the Petrolia Store to the first Lindley Bridge. The community still has to raise money to pay for asphalt and materials which is estimated to cost \$80,000- \$100,000. They are organizing a critical mass type ride/fundraiser called Townie Takeover on September 28 beginning after school at 3:30. Participants are encouraged to make a donation, decorate bikes and join in a group ride along the proposed new path. They also have a Go Fund Me account to help raise money.

Fortuna & McKinleyville Active Transportation Education Program: Through the Active Transportation Program Cycle 3, County DHHS Public Health started working in McKinleyville this summer at the Parks and Recreation Kids Camp. They purchased a fleet of 10 bikes, and with the 5 other bikes they had held a week long bike club with 10-12 year olds. They learned about basic mechanics, how to lock a bike, map a route, practiced skills, and took a group ride to the Hammond Trail. Using the Redwood Mobility Education Program curriculum, they also led a week long pedestrian education program with 7-9 year olds. Will also be working with McKinleyville Middle School (MMS) students. MMS now has a pilot health clinic on campus serving all students and staff of MMS. The goal is to increase health to increase attendance, decrease conditions that keep students from attending school, and assist staff. There will be a bike rodeo at MMC on Friday September 21 with a skills course and free helmets to those who need one.

SB 1 and Prop 6 Update: Oona provided information about Senate Bill 1 which passed by the legislature and approved by the Governor in 2017 that will bring over \$5 billion per year to California roadway infrastructure projects for ten years through a gas tax. SB 1 will also double the funding available through the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The state currently has a \$130 billion backlog of transportation projects – every County has at least a \$1 billion backlog so this funding will help much needed roadway and

transportation projects move forward. Opponents propose to repeal the effort through Prop 6 on the November 2018 ballot that would repeal the gas and diesel tax as well as mandate that any future gas tax increase be approved by voters through a 2/3rds majority. In June, voters passed Prop 69 that ensures no funding from the new gas tax will go into the General Fund and will be only for transportation projects.

Humboldt County Association of Governments will be discussing Prop 6 this week to possibly draft a resolution opposing Prop 6. The county and its seven cities have already received \$1.8 million through SB 1. The list of projects countywide that will be funded through SB 1 is extensive and reaches all corners of the county. The estimate the County will receive through SB 1 in 2018-2019 is \$5.8 million.

The Task Force would like to support SB 1 and oppose the repeal. Outreach could be in the form of letters to the editor, in school newsletters, and possibly create a template for the State Active Transportation Resource Center to share statewide. Melanie, Emily, Jenny, and Oona will meet to discuss a strategy.

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

Tony: County Public Works plans to apply for HSIP, due August 31, to make improvements at Central and Railroad in McKinleyville.

Jenny: Arcata ATP project is moving forward. The City expects to advertise the RFP for construction at Arcata Elementary in October and hopes to complete construction early next year. RCAA and BikesThere will be meeting with the PTO in early September to plan our education and encouragement program for the year.

Emily: The County Board of Supervisors approved 3 speed humps near Garfield Elementary. Humboldt Area Foundation is also creating a fund and Mercer Fraser has agreed to cost share for construction costs. They hope to install this fall.

On the Samoa Peninsula, there is an ATP project that will create a separated path along 255. The community will be collaborating with the County to construct a gravel trail from Redwood Montessori School to where the new ATP-funded trail will begin at Pacific Street. They will also install a speed hump from the school across to the bus stop.

The City of Arcata submitted an ATP application for Old Arcata Road to benefit Jacoby Creek School.

The City of Blue Lake submitted an ATP application to connect Phase 1 of the Annie & Mary Trail to Glendale. Alexis added that there will also be an education component.

The Bike Kitchen in Eureka is in need of adult bike donations but has lots of kids bikes available for \$15-\$25.

Melody: There will be a bike rodeo at the Marshall Family Resource Center on Saturday, September 8 from 10am – 2pm. All are welcome.

Melanie: Communication with Eureka City Schools has been ongoing in hopes of continuing bike clubs at Alice Birney, Lafayette, and Winship now that all ECS SRTS projects have ended.

Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2018 at 10 am. Location TBD