

Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting

August 28, 2019 11am – 12pm

Task Force Members Present

- Melody Mallick - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Sandra Earl - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Tony Seghetti – Humboldt County Public Works
- Nicole Chappelle - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Brian Weekly – City of Eureka Engineering/Public Works
- Scott Ellsmore – City of Eureka Engineering/Public Works
- Elaine Hogan - Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Colin Fiske – Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
- Jenny Bowen – Humboldt County Office of Education
- Brian Heaton – City of Eureka Planning
- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency
- Carla Avila-Martinez - Redwood Community Action Agency
- Areli Cupp – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville resident
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Kyle Finger – Caltrans
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere

April Meeting Minutes: Approved.

SafeTREC Street Story Tool: Elaine Hogan provided a background on Street Story and Colin Fiske demonstrated how to use the tool. Street Story is a community based, crowd sourced tool for collecting data on pedestrian and bicycle hazards, near misses, and safe areas. Jurisdictions may find this tool helpful to let community members know there is a place to voice their concerns and that they are being heard. It is free to use and publicly accessible - anyone 18 and older with access to a computer can create an entry. Users can enter a single location or a problem stretch of multiple intersections along a street. Data collected is also available for users to view listing number, type, modes, and common causes of crashes along with a summary of the demographic. Those under the age of 18 may not create an entry because it is a research tool however, adults can enter on behalf of youth.

Updates on Recent Legislation and ATP Program: Emily Sinkhorn shared a few federal and state bills focused on vulnerable road users. SB127, the Complete Streets Bill, is through most of the legislature and would basically require Caltrans to follow their own policy. Caltrans says it is already happening but that it is 'going to be expensive'.

AB1266 would allow cities to change the bike lane design at intersections creating a way for bikes to skip the dangers of the right turn lane and have a place to wait in the lane going straight. It is designed to reduce conflicts by specifying bikes are to be on the left side of the through lane.

The American Transportation Infrastructure Act has also advanced in the Senate. It is a reauthorization of Federal transportation funding that would add more money to the Transportations Alternatives (TA) pot which includes Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding.

Oona Smith shared that there will be an Active Transportation Symposium on October 29 and 30, 2019. HCAOG Executive Director Marcella Clem will be attending to show support for ATP.

The next call for ATP projects (Cycle 5) is expected to come out in the spring with applications due in August. There is an estimated \$440 million available for 4 program years (21-22 through 24-25).

There are also some training opportunities coming up including 'Plan Ahead for Success' aimed at helping identify community needs, building a team, and engaging community partners for successful ATP applications. It will be on Sept 26 and is put on by the SRTS National Partnership.

In the spring, they will also present a webinar on the value of a funding plan and in the later spring another webinar is planned to provide information on changes to the guidelines for ATP Cycle 5.

The State Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) is funded by ATP and also has lots of quick tutorials on their website (caatpresources.org). They will soon be doing ATP webinars. The ATRC will also be loaning ped/bike counters to jurisdictions and HCAOG is on board to be a pilot community to test the equipment. They will be doing required ped/bike counts for the South Fortuna Elementary School ATP project.

Back to School Safety Tips and IWTSD Reminders: Arcata Elementary, South Fortuna Elementary, Eagle Prairie Elementary, McKinleyville Middle School, and Fortuna Middle School will be celebrating International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 2. Schools and districts countywide are encouraged to participate. Get help with planning, outreach, and register your school at walkbiketoschool.org. Jenny Weiss will send to Jenny Bowen to forward to all Hum Co. schools.

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

Melanie (BikesThere): Through Humboldt County DHHS Public Health's ATP 3 grant, bike skills courses and signage will be installed at Hiller Park in McKinleyville and at Newberg Park in Fortuna this school year or next summer.

Bike Clubs at Alice Birney and Lafayette are still going strong. The Tour of the Unknown Coast Board raised money for organizations to promote cycling and they will be providing \$300 for Alice Birney and Lafayette Bike Clubs to receive bus transportation to the event and to pay registration fees for students.

Jenny (RCAA): The Arcata Elementary ATP project is wrapping up. With the help of HSU Kinesiology volunteers, we will be conducting post-construction ped/bike counts in September. We also finalized and distributed a Walking Map with suggested routes for parents/caregivers and students.

There is a new running club at Fortuna Middle School supported by Humboldt County DHHS Public Health's ATP 3 grant. There will also be a Remote Drop Off (RDO) developed for McKinleyville Middle School to reduce congestion and increase safety for students walking to and from school. Tony Seghetti of Humboldt County Public Works is assisting by installing a new crosswalk along the RDO route.

Tony (Humboldt County Public Works): Tony announced that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved the funding of a County grant writing position to help with applications such as ATP.

Jenny (Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE): HCOE has radio ad contracts and there is one running now for the beginning of school to remind motorists to drive safely now that school is back in session and to be mindful of school bus laws.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 10 am. Location TBD