

**MINUTES**  
**Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting**  
**November 13, 2014 3:30 P.M.**

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on October 9, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at McKinley Elementary, 1201 N. Butler Avenue, Farmington, New Mexico.

<b>Present:</b>	Coordinator:	Anngela Wakan
	MPO & City of Farmington Staff	Fran Fillerup June Markle
	Participants	Deanna Maurer, Mesa Verde Elementary Leslie Nord, McKinley Elementary

Mrs. Wakan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Nord moved to approve the September and October meeting minutes; Mrs. Maurer seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT**

**Follow-Up**

Mrs. Wakan reported that Mesa Verde Elementary had sent a letter to the School District asking for their support and funding of SRTS. Unfortunately, there was no response from the District, which means there will be no easy funding for SRTS for 2015-2017. Mrs. Wakan said she will work to find other funding options.

Mrs. Wakan restated that the San Juan Safe Communities Initiative (SJSCI) board had approved partnering with SRTS. They will act as the umbrella 501-3 (c) organization for SRTS to allow SRTS to apply for grants. Mrs. Wakan was asked if she would do some contract work for SJSCI. She has agreed and said she thought there were some common areas of interest and focus that will benefit both SJSCI and SRTS.

Mr. Fillerup stated that the MPO's public outreach survey for their 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) showed that pedestrian safety was the highest priority of those who responded to the survey. He thought this information could provide some much needed support and powerful data for SRTS efforts to find funding.

**ENFORCEMENT**

Officer DeLese was not in attendance.

**ENGINEERING**

The City of Farmington is no longer budgeting funding for SRTS so representatives from the Traffic Engineering Department do not plan to participate in the SRTS meetings.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

### **Animas**

### **Apache**

### **Ladera**

### **McKinley**

Mrs. Nord said she did plan to continue the walking program, but that it had gotten off to a slow start.

### **Mesa Verde**

Mrs. Maurer reported that the Walk to School Day at Mesa Verde was very successful. The school buses parked at San Juan College and approximately 125 students walked to school from there. An additional 200 prizes were given to students who walked to school. Along with the Piedra Vista "Panther", members of the Heights Jr. High football team were on hand to cheer on the elementary school students with hand-made signs.

Mrs. Maurer said that the school's walking program is still going strong. Several students have already reached the needed "punches" to earn a charm. The preferred charm among students is the paw print charm. Mrs. Maurer said that other teachers have been very helpful in getting the students' punch cards punched in the mornings.

Mrs. Wakan provided both Mrs. Maurer and Mrs. Nord with additional charms and Mrs. Maurer with more punch cards.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Safety Days**

Safety Days are scheduled for March 9-13, 2015. Mrs. Wakan again plans to help teach pedestrian and bicycle safety for this event. In coordination with SJSCI, UmattR seniors may be asked to help do this training.

### **Christmas Parade**

Mrs. Wakan said that the Christmas parade was on December 4. Mrs. Maurer said she would not be able to help with the Christmas Parade this year. Mrs. Wakan said the parade usually had about 15-20 children and would need several volunteers to help the kids safely navigate the parade route. She noted that SRTS might plan this event in conjunction with SJSCI.

## **GRANT FUNDING**

Mrs. Wakan stated that she had been given the name of a contact at BHP for possible grant funding.

## **EVALUATION**

Mr. Fillerup reiterated that the MPO's public outreach survey and meetings to present the 2040 MTP showed that the community wanted better pedestrian safety. He noted that the survey results were available on the MPO website. Mr. Fillerup explained that

the results of the survey would be presented to community groups over the next several months. He noted some of the other comments from the survey:

- Interest in improving local trails as a higher priority than regional trails;
- Improve major roads as a higher priority than the connecting roadways
- Collected input on what the improvements the public is most willing to pay for
- Expand bus service (i.e.; to and from Bloomfield since local clinic closed);
- 200 independent responses; 40 responses from public meetings; 40 paper responses.

Mr. Fillerup and the group discussed the new plans for Farmington High School and the recent review of the plan by City of Farmington staff. They also discussed the level of involvement with the public about the ability to walk to the new school. The group wondered how they could ensure more public, MPO, and SRTS input was provided and acknowledged. Mrs. Wakan commented that the School Board was not supportive of SRTS and the group asked how that could be changed. It was suggested to continue inviting Lisa Eaker to the SRTS meetings and to make a presentation at a school board meeting.

Mrs. Maurer asked if there was an update on when the HAWK signal would be installed along College Boulevard. Mrs. Wakan said the City's engineer who had been working on the project retired. She said she would contact Gary Moore with Traffic Engineering and get an update.

There were no additional concerns or topics for discussion.

There will be no meetings held in November and December due to holidays and school closures. The next meetings are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12 at Mesa Verde; March 19 at Animas, and; April 9 at McKinley.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.