

**MINUTES**  
**Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting**  
**April 6, 2011 - 2:00 P.M.**

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on April 6, 2011 at 2:00 P.M., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

<b>Present:</b>	Champion:	Debra Mayeux
	Members:	Martin Lucero June Markle Lieutenant Taft Tracy Steve Krest Shawn Lyle
<b>Absent:</b>	Members:	Joe Delmagori Lieutenant Hardy Officer Kyle Tyson Candace Young William Young

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Steve Krest and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**DISCUSSION**

Steve Krest opened the meeting. Mr. Lucero indicated that the minutes from the March 2, 2011 had been sent out and that he had made all the corrections that had been received. Mr. Lucero motioned to approve the March 2, 2011 minutes. Lt. Tracy seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Mr. Lucero then indicated that the student arrival counts were scheduled for the next two weeks. The counts would occur at Ladera and Apache Elementary on April 12-14 and at McKinley and Mesa Verde on April 19-21st. After a discussion on the number of needed individuals it was decided that Ms. Markle, Mr. Delmagori, Mrs. Mayeux, Mr. Lyle and a parent volunteer would perform the counts at Ladera Elementary and Mr. Lucero and Mr. Moore would perform the counts at Apache Elementary. The following week, two teachers, the crossing guard, Mr. Lucero and Mr. Moore would perform the counts at McKinley while Mr. Krest, Mr. Delmagori and Ms. Markle would perform the counts at Mesa Verde Elementary.

Ms. Mayeux then gave a report on the individual participating schools and her efforts.

**Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff:** Mrs. Braff has written a letter of support for the program and all of the students are motivated about walking. Ms. Mayeux has spoken with Ms. Herman, who has indicated that she is willing to help but cannot be the parent coordinator for the school. She is, however, looking for a parent coordinator and will forward any names that she comes across.

**McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dixel:** Mrs. Mayeux had indicated that she has received an email of support for the program from the school principal. Ms. Herman had also indicated that she may have a parent coordinator for the school and that she will forward her information once the parent has agreed to be part of the program. Ms. Mayeux had indicated that she has been in contact with Ms. Christen Garcia from Big Brother and Big Sisters in Farmington. BBBS is currently coordinating with Conoco Phillips to bring bike rodeos to Farmington area schools. The next scheduled rodeo will be at McKinley Elementary and Mrs. Mayeux has agreed to be at the rodeo and hand out information. BBBS has also asked if the Farmington Walk and Roll Program could provide water bottles to hand out as rewards for the students who complete the course. Mrs. Mayeux asked if we still had water bottles that could be provided. Mr. Lucero indicated that there were some water bottles at the office that could be used for the event.

**Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya:** Mrs. Sosaya asked to participate in the Walk Across America for the following school year. She would also like to have a bike safety curriculum for the students that will provide the rules of the road and safety walking principles. They are also looking for bikes and helmets for the students as well as someone willing to help tune up or make small repairs to student's bicycles when students bring their bicycles to school for an event. The school has also been able to get Jeff Treat to commit to becoming the SRTS coordinator for the school. Mr. Treat was wondering if there was a way to borrow the bikes and trailer from Drug Court to use in the education of the students. Lt. Tracy said he was unaware of Drug Court having bikes available and indicated that this would have to be cleared through Drug Court as they are a separate entity from the Police Department. Mr. Treat also inquired in having the SRTS meeting time changed to 3:00 p.m. or later to allow him to attend meetings. Mr. Krest indicated that he felt that moving the meeting to 3:00 p.m. would be beneficial in order to get the school representative on the Committee. With no objections it was agreed to move future meeting times to 3:00 p.m.

**Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson:** Mr. Jackson has provided a letter of support for the program. He would still like to see a walking school bus started for the school to help the children walking along Dustin Avenue. Mrs. Mayeux indicated that the teachers had spoken to the students and that they were excited about the Spring Walk to School Day.

Mrs. Mayeux then directed the conversation to her efforts to promote the Farmington Walk and Roll Program. She discussed her radio appearance on KSJE radio and the various articles in the Daily Times, Tri-City Tribune, San Juan County Kids and other publications. She also elaborated on an encounter she had with a parent this morning who indicated that she had decided to walk to school with her child because of the articles in the paper and that she plans on walking with her student for the remainder of the school year. Overall there were a lot of students walking and biking to school.

Mrs. Mayeux indicated that she plans to focus on leadership education during the summer months. She plans to make presentations to both the Kiwanis and Civitan Clubs as well as to other civic groups. Mr. Krest suggested that Ms. Mayeux meet with the Mayor in her role and capacity as the Farmington Walk and Roll Champion.

Lt. Taft Tracy indicated that Pat Cordell was interested in helping with the bike rodeos and it was suggested that he might be interested in joining the SRTS Committee. Mrs. Mayeux indicated that she is still reviewing new curriculum on bicycling from a SRTS

webinar. She added that the next national webinar is on Crossing Guards and their roles in SRTS. Ms. Mayeux will continue to meet with school principals and to obtain the letters of support needed for the program.

Mrs. Mayeux then asked for a report from each "E".

**Enforcement:** Lt. Taft Tracy indicated that his traffic unit was down to three officers. It has been difficult to be at all the school to enforce the school zones but they have recently done enforcement at Ladera and Country Club in which they gave out citations to many individuals including bus drivers. He has e-mailed Michele DeLese about the Walk to School Day and he believes that all SROs were at the various schools helping to enforce the school zone and encourage the students to participate. Ms. Mayeux said that Mesa Verde has asked again about having an SRO speak with the children about walking and biking safety. Lt. Tracy said he would ask Michele DeLese to get this scheduled.

**Engineering:** Mr. Krest indicated that the City Of Farmington submitted their Phase II application and have received four questions in return from the State. Ms. Frost asked for a status of the infrastructure and more details on the non-infrastructure portion of the Farmington Walk and Roll Program. Mr. Krest has written a response to both of these questions. The third question was why the program needed money for background checks. Mr. Krest was able to give a detailed response on how the City of Farmington was unable to waive State charges for background checks. Ms. Frost also asked for letters of support from the four participating schools and the school district which Ms. Mayeux is working to obtain. Mr. Krest has also been asked by the National SRTS Partnership Program to discuss the relationship and anything new that has been happening between the Farmington Walk and Roll Program and the School District.

Ms. Mayeux indicated that Ms. Young had tried to attend the last meeting but was not able to locate the change in meeting rooms. Ms. Young also called to indicate that she would be unable to attend today's meeting, but planned to be at the next meeting. Mr. Krest also reported that he has received additional pavement marking material and plans to mark all school zones and cross walks this summer.

**Evaluation:** Mr. Lucero indicated that the MPO will have more to report at the next meeting on the student arrival counts.

The next SRTS meeting will be on May 4, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Civic Center. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.