

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
June 8, 2011 - 3:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on June 8, 2011 at 3:00 P.M., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

Present:	Champion:	Debra Mayeux
	Members:	Martin Lucero Joe Delmagori Steve Krest Lieutenant Taft Tracy Sergeant Dave Monfils Pat Cordell
Absent:	Members:	Shawn Lyle Jeff Treat Candace Young William Young

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Debra Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION

Debra Mayeux opened the meeting. Lieutenant Tracy motioned to approve the May 4, 2011 minutes. Mr. Krest seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Debra Mayeux welcomed the newest member of the SRTS committee Sergeant Monfils from the Farmington Police Department. Mr. Krest then gave a brief history of the program and its benefits. Mrs. Mayeux continued the meeting by discussing the individual participating schools and the meeting she had with Jessica Frost, Mr. Krest, and Mr. Delmagori on June 6th.

Apache Elementary: Ms. Frost during the site visit liked the identified project to widen the sidewalks along Apache street. She noted that the school could benefit from the addition of bike racks. She also indicated that further information would be needed for the interior sidewalks as there is a walkable surface present.

Mesa Verde Elementary: Ms. Frost indicated that the school would benefit from additional bike racks. Mrs. Mayeux asked if anyone knew what happened to the bike racks that were purchased for the school by SRTS. Mr. Lucero indicated that the program purchased two bike racks for McKinley Elementary but he did not remember the program purchasing any racks for Mesa Verde. Mr. Krest confirmed that the program only purchased two bike racks and the committee verified that the racks were seen at McKinley during the site visits. Mr. Krest indicated that additional racks could be purchase to be placed at the school.

McKinley Elementary: Mrs. Mayeux indicated that they had discussed the intersection of Monterey and Boyd. Ms. Frost had several questions concerning the raised intersection and asked if a raised crosswalk with bulb outs would be more appropriate.

Reports were then given for each "E".

Encouragement: Mrs. Mayeux reported that she had applied for four mini grants from the National SRTS organization. Out of the four applications the Farmington Walk and Roll program was awarded one \$1,000 grant to develop a no cell phone zone at Ladera Elementary. Mrs. Mayeux further discussed that the program would be drafted by the 5th grade gifted program and she envisions them developing a pledge that will be signed by not only parents but students. The movement will be a grassroots effort to stop cell phone use within a predetermined zone by drivers and pedestrians in hopes of creating a safer environment for the students walking to school. Lieutenant Tracy stated that the nature of the program is such that it could be taken to all the schools within the Farmington School District. Mr. Krest offered to place signs indicating the zone and the support of the city.

Education: Mrs. Mayeux discussed that Ms. Frost offered to bring a training program to this area to help train individuals on how to develop and coordinate a walking school bus. Ms. Frost was thinking that the training could be held at McKinley Elementary sometime in October as they are currently the school that has the largest participation rate. The trainer will also perform a site evaluation around the school with the group to show them what things they need to be aware of while walking. Mr. Krest indicated that the individual is an expert and a professional in the field. The training will be an asset to the area.

Mrs. Mayeux has a presentation scheduled in August with one of the two Rotary Clubs to discuss the Farmington Walk and Roll Program. She will continue to try to schedule additional presentation with the other Rotary Club, the Lions and Elk Clubs, and other organizations to help build support and recognition, and to help educate the community of the importance of creating a safe environment in which children can walk.

Enforcement: Lieutenant Tracy indicated that Sergeant Monfils will schedule the SRO next school year to help with the encouragement and enforcement of the school zones. They are still planning on participating in the enforcement blitz at the beginning of the school year. They will work with the Farmington Fire Department to set up their trucks and banners reminding parents to slow down as school will be in session.

Engineering: Mr. Krest indicated that the City of Farmington has been awarded \$25,000 in SRTS Phase 2 Non-infrastructure funds and \$250,000 in Infrastructure funds. It is the City's intention to use that amount for sidewalk replacement on Apache, a raised intersection at Boyd and Monterey, and sidewalks on Victoria.

Evaluation: Mr. Delmagori discussed that the MPO performed student arrival counts at Central Consolidated in Bloomfield. The counts were relatively the same as previous counts and that the City and school district are still trying to develop their program. Mrs. Mayeux indicated that she had spoken to Mayor Sally Burbidge and that she is interested in developing a SRTS program in the City of Aztec. Mr. Lucero further added that the MPO had spoken to the Planning Director for the City of Aztec and that she had

expressed similar sentiments. Mrs. Mayeux offered to make presentation to these two groups to help develop programs for these two communities.

Mr. Cordell asked how the SRTS program is funded and the limitation of funds. Mr. Krest explained how the funds are distributed to the City of Farmington and the various conditions. Mrs. Mayeux added that Farmington Walk and Roll program is allowed to go out and solicit donations. The donations made to the program are not limited to the same regulations as the federal dollars. If we are able to obtain outside donation then the program can purchase bike helmets or bikes. Also, as we are able to gain other funds we are able to use those funds to progress the programs through the other Farmington Municipals schools that are not currently part of the original three schools. Mrs. Mayeux then discussed the various organizations and business that have expressed interest in the past in donating monetary or in like services.

Mr. Krest added that we can use some of the Phase II funds to bring up a trainer from the League of America to train individuals to teach a bike safety course. Mr. Krest asked if Mr. Cordell would be interested in becoming a certified Bike instructor. Mr. Cordell responded in the affirmative.

The next SRTS meeting will be on July 6, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Civic Center. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.