

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

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

Present:	Champion:	Debra Mayeux
	Members:	Steve Krest June Markle Sergeant Dave Monfils Jeff Treat
Absent:	Members:	Joe Delmagori Shawn Lyle Martin Lucero Candace Young William Young

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Debra Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Mayeux opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from both the June 8 and July 6, 2011 meetings. Mr. Krest moved to approve the minutes from both meetings. Mrs. Mayeux seconded the motion. The minutes from both minutes were approved.

Mr. Treat said that he would be speaking with the students about SRTS again this school year as well as setting goals and rewarding achievements. He is planning to initiate a mountain bike group for interested 4th and 5th graders. They will ride in the hills and will culminate the school year with the two-mile Anasazi Loop near Piedra Vista High School. Mrs. Mayeux said she would re-apply for a \$1,000 bike curriculum grant in the spring that would help purchase bike helmets.

Due to the schools being recessed for the summer, there were no school reports.

Reports were given for each "E".

Encouragement: Mrs. Mayeux spoke briefly on the no cell phone zone for Ladera Elementary that will be developed by the 5th grade gifted students this coming school year. Once approved by the School Board and City Council she envisions the effort branching out to other schools.

The schools will be having open houses soon after school begins for the year and Mrs. Mayeux would like to have SRTS representatives there to speak to parents, students,

and faculty. She stated that Amanda DeWees had volunteered to attend McKinley's open house and Mr. Krest volunteered to participate in the open house at Mesa Verde.

Education: Mrs. Mayeux reported that National SRTS representatives will host a walking school bus conference at McKinley Elementary. The representatives will actually walk routes and develop the walking school bus for the school. Mrs. Mayeux would like to provide concessions for this conference and asked for donor ideas. Mr. Krest suggested speaking to the school's PTA as a possible sponsor.

Mrs. Mayeux will be attending the National SRTS Conference in a few weeks and has signed up for several workshops: how to put on and participate in bike rodeos; walking paths/trails; and working to develop SRTS within rural communities.

Mrs. Mayeux reported that Ms. Tracy Lawing has transferred to the Shiprock school system and had asked Mrs. Mayeux to bring her back information from the national conference.

Enforcement: Sergeant Monfils reported that fire department representatives would be in the school zones nearest their fire stations each morning and afternoon the first full week of school (August 16-19, 2011). Police officers will also be assisting in other school zone intersections to provide education or enforcement. Sergeant Monfils reported that all school crossing guard positions have been filled. Mrs. Mayeux said she had about 50 tokens from Vanilla Moose in Aztec that crossing guards could have to give out to students who they observe "doing the right thing" during that first week of school. Mrs. Mayeux will get the tokens to Sergeant Monfils who will distribute them to the crossing guards.

Engineering: Mr. Krest reported that the traffic signals at Auburn and Apache have been installed and they should be functioning next week.

With the exception of Apache Elementary, all school crosswalks have been marked. Mr. Krest stated that his group had installed 15 tons of the thermal plastic crosswalk material and he is waiting for another 10-ton delivery. He will be focusing on installing school zone signage between now and the beginning of school.

Mr. Krest reported that the New Mexico Bike/Pedestrian/Equestrian Committee is meeting in Bloomfield on Thursday, August 11th. Mrs. Mayeux will try to attend and write up a press release.

Mr. Krest stated that the Phase II non-infrastructure contract and agreement were sent by the State to the City of Farmington and that Mayor Roberts is expected to sign the agreement next week. Expenditures for the \$250,000 Phase II infrastructure funds are being discussed with the State.

Evaluation: Ms. Markle reported that the MPO is planning to conduct student arrival counts the weeks of September 13-15 and 20-22, 2011. Volunteers will be needed to assist MPO Staff with the counts.

The next SRTS meeting will be September 7, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.