

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
March 19, 2015 3:30 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on March 19, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at Animas Elementary, 1612 Hutton Avenue, Farmington.

Present:	Coordinator:	Anngela Wakan
	MPO & City of Farmington Staff	June Markle
	Participants	Anne Johnson, Animas Leslie Nord, McKinley

Mrs. Wakan called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT

Follow-Up - School Zones

Mrs. Wakan reported that she and the City of Farmington's Traffic Engineer, Charley Trask, had visited the schools to look at where the school zones were set. Mr. Trask explained that drivers must have a clear view of any school zone flashers. There is some space along Hutton to move the school zone further south. This will likely take up a parking space or two. Ms. Johnson said she would pass this information on to Ms. Foose.

The school zone for McKinley along Butler was good. Ms. Nord asked about plans along Monterey. Mrs. Wakan said they had not looked at Monterey, but she would ask Mr. Trask about painting the speed hump and/or installing a three-way stop at the intersection with Boyd.

Mr. Trask said the school zone along Apache Street for Apache Elementary could be extended further to the east.

Ms. Johnson also asked about having a school zone on 20th Street for Animas Elementary students. Mr. Trask had reported that, being a busy section of 20th Street, trying to slow traffic to 15 mph for a school zone could create problems.

- **HaWK Signal**

Installation of the HaWK signal on College Boulevard is expected to begin the week of March 23. Mrs. Wakan reported that Mr. Trask explained that when the HaWK is in use, the 15 mph school zone signs do not flash. This entire project will require some education on the part of drivers, parents, and students.

- **Safety Days**

Mrs. Wakan again taught pedestrian and bicycle safety for this event the week of March 9-13. Six of the UMattR teens helped her this year with over 900 first graders and 200 parents and teachers.

- **Punch Cards & Prizes**

Animas Elementary has chosen to wait until the next school year to begin this program. Ms. Nord said the program at McKinley is still active, but has not grown much this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bike to School Day – Bike Trains

Mrs. Wakan updated the group on the Bike to School Day on May 6 and possible bike trains:

Ladera – Del Norte Park – due to required testing, the UMattR teens will not be able to lead a bike train this year; Mascot: Cell Phone Sally

Mesa Verde – Beckland Hills Park and Rocinante – bike trains led by Sandi Perkins, Officer Paquin (possibly Mike Barnhardt), Jeff Treat (Rocinante), Mascot: Piedra Vista Panther

McKinley – Jaycee Park –first grade teacher is in a cast and unable to lead a bike train this year: Mascot: Mrs. Wakan is trying to schedule Mr. Juan Heart

Animas – Clubhouse – is there someone who would lead a bike train?; Mascot: Eddie Eagle will be there weather permitting.

Apache – no bike train; Mascot: none identified yet.

Those who participate in the Bike to School Day (bikers and walkers) will receive a pedometer. Mrs. Wakan said there are 1,000 pedometers and if those run out, there will be bike reflectors to hand out to the students.

Bike Rodeos

There were no bike rodeos planned.

ENGINEERING

The installation of the HaWK signal and re-established school zones were already discussed. Mr. Trask has not identified how to educate and inform drivers and students on the operation of the HaWK signal.

ENFORCEMENT

Officer Paquin was not in attendance.

EVALUATION

The group discussed planning the spring student arrival counts. MPO Staff would prefer the weeks of April 7-9 and 14-16, 2015. Mrs. Wakan said she would send out a schedule to the group for these counts.

The next meetings will be held on the following Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at the locations noted:

April 9 at McKinley Elementary
May 7 at Mesa Verde Elementary

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.