

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
July 6, 2011 - 3:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on July 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

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

Mrs. Mayeux opened the meeting. Mr. Delmagori acknowledged that the minutes from the June 8, 2011 meeting were not available for review and approval by the Committee. The June meeting minutes and the minutes from today's meeting will be available for approval at the August meeting.

Mrs. Mayeux recently contacted SRTS Committee members to gauge their interest in remaining involved with the Committee. She will continue her efforts to restore active and participating Committee members for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Mayeux reported that she had spoken to the Civitan Club about the SRTS Program and they were very receptive to learning more about the program and how they might help. She will stay in contact with them and hopes that once school starts in the fall they will be able to help out the program in some manner. Mrs. Mayeux said she will also be giving a SRTS presentation to the Rotary Club of New Mexico-Tres Rios in July and additionally plans to speak to the San Juan Rotary Club in August to build support and to help educate the community on the importance of creating a safe environment for children to walk. Mr. Delmagori said he would give Mrs. Mayeux a contact name for a Kiwanis Club member so she could contact them as well.

Mrs. Mayeux will be attending the National SRTS Conference and wants to participate in some sessions that she believes will give her the tools to better reach out to Native American groups in the area.

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

Reports were then given for each "E".

Encouragement: Mrs. Mayeux reported that the Farmington Walk and Roll program had been awarded a \$1,000 grant to develop a no cell phone zone at Ladera Elementary. 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. Mrs. Mayeux stated that the program will be drafted by the 5th grade gifted students program shortly after school begins this fall. It will then be presented to the School Board and City Council for their approval. She envisions the students developing a pledge that will be signed by not only parents but also the students. Promoting of the program will be done with a poster contest, classroom skits, signs for the school building, and possibly having some type of promotional item to give to students.

All four schools are registered for the International Walk to School Day on October 5. Mrs. Mayeux will get out a press release to promote this once school begins again.

Education: Mrs. Mayeux wants to use McKinley as the model for a walking school bus program this fall. She also wants to try to get a grant to help produce a student video discussing how to safely walk to school and what to be aware of when walking.

Enforcement: There were no new Enforcement issues discussed.

Engineering: Mr. Krest reported that construction of the sidewalk for Apache Elementary along Apache Street with Phase 2 funds has been delayed and will not be constructed this year. He is hopeful that it can be completed next spring. He also indicated that the work on the intersection of Apache and Auburn has been completed and that traffic lights will soon be installed at that location.

The marking of school crosswalks has begun. Those at Ladera and McKinley Elementary Schools have already been completed.

Mr. Krest indicated that plans are underway on how best to use the Phase 2 non-infrastructure funding received for SRTS activities.

Mr. Krest had asked the Police Department to let him know if there was interest in a bike education program. The Bike Coalition of New Mexico is willing to come to Farmington to train and certify several officers. A bike education and safety program could then potentially be offered to the public through Safety City.

Evaluation: Mr. Delmagori stated that the MPO had adjusted the FY2012-2017 TIP to reflect the SRTS Phase 2 funding that was received. These funds can be used beginning October 1st.

Student arrival counts will be conducted again in September.

The next SRTS meeting will be on August 3, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Civic Center. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.