

**MINUTES**  
**Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting**  
**June 16, 2010 - 10:30 A.M.**

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on June 16, 2010 at 10:30 A.M., at Farmington Civic Center, 200 W Arrington St, Farmington, New Mexico.

**Present:** Champion: Theresa Lawing

Members: Steve Krest  
Joe Delmagori  
Martin Lucero  
Kathy Bonnell  
Sergeant Tracy  
Candace Young  
Jennifer Bowles

**Absent:** Members: Lieutenant Hardy  
Shawn Lyle  
Diana Lang  
Marilee Herman  
Kathee Lucero  
Officer Tyson  
William Young

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Theresa Lawing and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**DISCUSSION**

The meeting opened with a discussion on the future NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Education grant received by NMDOT.. The grant will analyze corridors and intersections in which high numbers of pedestrian fatalities and crashes have occurred during the first year. Afterwards, educational campaigns will be conducted for those targeted areas. Mr. Delmagori explained that the NMDOT is looking for individuals to be part of the study and that they would like to have a point of contact from the staff of the Farmington PD and Engineering. Steve Krest has already responded to the initial email sent out by Anne McLaughlin from NMDOT and Sergeant Tracy is to be the initial point of contact from the Farmington PD. Sergeant Tracy will make contact with Lieutenant Hardy to see if he may be able to attend. Steve asked if the meeting may be moved back later in the day to accommodate his schedule. The meeting is tentatively set for 2:30 pm on Thursday, June 24. The discussion then progressed to the access and lighting along 18<sup>th</sup> and Hutton. This intersection was the recent site of a fatal accident involving a pedestrian and an automobile.

Mrs. Lawing mentioned she has a meeting with the Mayor on June 21 to introduce him to the safe routes to school program. She also commented that a meeting with Jessica Frost, SRTS Coordinator for NMDOT, is set for July 1, 2010 to review the Farmington Walk and Roll Phase II application. She asked Steve to explain Jessica's concern over the Phase I funding and its relationship to the Phase II application. Mr. Krest indicated that the state is looking for all of the Phase I funding to be exhausted and for the Phase I

portion of the program to be completed prior to submitting a Phase II application. The goal of submitting a Farmington Walk and Roll Phase II application early is to help bridge the two phases with little to no lag in funding.

Mrs. Lawing gave a report on her activities. A SRTS booth was manned at the City of Farmington RiverFest festivities. At the booth she met various participants in the program and many from McKinley Elementary. She was also able to make connections with the Sycamore Park Supervisor Natalie Koehn, who was interested in the program becoming a part of her existing Latch Key program at Bluff View Elementary. Mrs. Lawing also spoke with Sergeant Cordell. They hope to combine future SRTS activities with the existing bike rodeos sponsored by the Farmington PD. Sergeant Taft Tracy indicated that Sergeant Cordell will be transferring to the traffic division and that Lieutenant Scott would become the new point of contact for the bike rodeos and other such activities.

Mrs. Lawing is going to meet with local businesses to solicit donations. She is currently drafting a letter to use during this process. Mr. Krest indicated that in the past donations were received by the SRTS champion due to most of the donations being "in-kind" services. Mrs. Lawing indicated that she felt that businesses would be more apt to donate if donations were made to a business/city address rather than to her personal address. A discussion on where the donations should be received was held and it was ultimately decided that the question should be posed to the NMDOT representative.

An additional question was posed whether additional Phase I applications could be made for schools that are added to the program and that were not part of the original application. This would allow for additional funds to be secured and has been seen in other cities such as Albuquerque which has multiple Phase I funds. Mr. Krest and Mrs. Lawing will pose the question to Mrs. Frost during their July 1 visit. Mr. Krest commented that he hoped that the visit from NMDOT will go well. Currently the NMDOT has only obligated 24% of their Phase II funds. The Phase II application will help the NMDOT obligate more of the available federal funds and move forward with some of the identified needs in this area. Mr. Krest invited Mr. Delmagori to participate in the July 1, 2010 meeting with Mrs. Frost.

Mr. Krest suggested that Mrs. Lawing make contact with all the school parent representatives to verify their status for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Lawing explained that she has submitted a letter to the school principal of Ladera Elementary requesting that the Farmington Walk and Roll Program become a part of the school's activities this coming school year. Mr. Krest indicated that a new crosswalk was installed for Ladera Elementary at 35<sup>th</sup> street and Dustin. Mrs. Lawing then gave a brief explanation of the program for Mrs. Bowles and asked if she would be interested in being the replacement parent volunteer for Mesa Verde. A decision was made that they would meet together to discuss the program a little more.

Mr. Delmagori gave a brief explanation of the efforts within the City of Bloomfield to begin a SRTS program. He indicated that Mrs. Frost will be participating in the kick off public meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Bloomfield and that he was asked to give a brief description of the accomplishments of the Farmington Walk and Roll program. Mr. Krest requested that Mrs. Lawing be part of the activities and that she presents the accomplishments of the program. Mrs. Lawing will check her schedule and work with Mr. Delmagori to create a presentation if she is able to attend.

Mr. Delmagori concluded by making a request that the contact list be reviewed and updated to include the new individuals on the SRTS committee. Mrs. Lawing indicated a list of updated contacts was being completed.

Mrs. Young asked if the program would look at adding Animas Elementary to the Farmington Walk and Roll program since all of the students, with the exception of the special needs students, come from the surrounding neighborhood and do not ride the bus. She added that the principal at Animas Elementary School is new and may need help in developing the program at the school. Mrs. Lawing indicated that she could work with the PE teacher to help establish the program. PE teachers have more flexibility and would be able to ingrain the walking program a little easier. Mrs. Young suggested that that approach be taken at all the schools. A concern with Mesa Verde would be that the school has a new PE teacher. Mrs. Lawing also asked if she could have the endorsement of the school district or from Mrs. Young for the program as she would be adding some extra responsibilities to the PE teachers and Mrs. Young felt that it would be ok.

The next SRTS meeting will take place at the Civic Center at 10:30am on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.