

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
November 16, 2011 - 3:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on November 16, 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:	Pat Cordell Martin Lucero 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:

Mrs. Mayeux opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2011 meeting. Mr. Krest moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Delmagori seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff: Mrs. Mayeux said she had been unable to visit Mrs. Braff and Apache Elementary but would make every effort to go by there in the next week or two.

Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson: Mrs. Mayeux reported that she would get the art contest underway in the next day or so and it would continue through the Thanksgiving holiday. There has been a strong, positive reaction to the “no cell phone zone” project. Mrs. Mayeux has spoken on the Jim Baker radio show to promote the program and plans to speak on Scott Michlin’s radio program as well.

SRO Coordinator, Michelle Delese, has offered to help get the “no cell phone zone” pledges signed.

Mrs. Mayeux is scheduled to present the pledge to the Farmington School Board on December 8.

McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dexel: Mrs. Mayeux and Mr. Delmagori attended the walking school bus training on November 3rd. They both reported on the great information that was presented and what a tremendous program this could be. They will look for volunteers next spring and then work to get a walking school bus started. Mrs. Mayeux reported that McKinley Elementary currently has no active volunteers. She will contact Amanda DeWees to see if she will take on Safe Routes to School activities.

Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya: Mrs. Mayeux stated that Mesa Verde Elementary probably has the worst traffic issues and, with a significant number of parking lot complaints from parents, this may be the school to begin with to kick off a walking school bus. Mrs. Mayeux will present the walking school bus concept at a parents' meeting at Mesa Verde early next year and see if there is support and interest in implementing one when the 2012-2013 school year begins.

Mrs. Mayeux reported that Mr. Treat continues to work hard on SRTS projects at Mesa Verde and needs more water bottles, chains, and charms. She will stop by the MPO office and pick up what items they still have available.

Education: Mrs. Mayeux said the State of New Mexico's Centennial Committee has encouraged cities to link local activities and functions in 2012 to New Mexico's centennial anniversary. The Committee discussed having a walk to school day in the spring of 2012 that would be tied to the centennial celebration.

Encouragement: Mrs. Mayeux attended the November 15 Farmington City Council meeting and reported that Councilor Sandel would like to add a bike lane to Foothills. He said the rights-of-way are in place and asked Mrs. Mayeux if there might be SRTS grants available. Mrs. Mayeux will send any information of interest to Councilor Sandel.

Mrs. Mayeux would like to encourage attendance at the SRTS meetings by the absent committee members. She will poll all current members to see what day and time work best for them to attend. She also hopes to encourage a representative from the School Board to begin attending.

Enforcement: Sergeant Monfils said members of the Police Department had assisted the DOT in conducting pedestrian observations at several intersections for two weeks in October.

Engineering: Mr. Krest met with state engineers to discuss 2011 infrastructure projects. At Apache Elementary, the preliminary sidewalk plans will need to be revised as a manhole is in the way of the proposed sidewalk extension. However, the preliminary plans will include a walkway from Apache St to the school itself.

At McKinley, the state engineers proposed a raised crosswalk instead of the raised intersection. Although cost for the raised intersection is expected to be substantial, the engineers will complete an estimate.

At Mesa Verde, Mr. Krest and the state engineers examined the missing sidewalk section at Victoria Way. This sidewalk section will be installed. The engineers also noted the traffic issues on College Boulevard and recommended a "HAWK" pedestrian signal at the crosswalk for Mesa Verde.

Mr. Krest stated that the engineers approved all the pavement markings his group had completed during the spring and summer months. No further crosswalk marking will be done until next spring. Sergeant Monfils noted that there is a problem area at the intersection of Murray and McCormick.

Mr. Krest said that Mr. Gary Moore will be reviewing and revising the walking map.

Evaluation:

Mr. Delmagori did not have an Evaluation Report this month.

Mr. Delmagori stated that Mr. Martin Lucero had accepted a new planning job and his last day with the City of Farmington will be November 18. Everyone wished Mr. Lucero the best in his new position.

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

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.