

Safe Routes to Schools Meeting Minutes

Moultonborough SAU Office- September 29, 2009, 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Gary Torensen, Chair
Michael Izard, LRPC
Scott Kinmond, Moultonborough DPW
Chief Tom Dawson, Moultonborough PD
Maude Anderson, MCS
Cassie Coons, MCS PE
Sara Fogarty, MCS/Parent
Julia Velie, Parent
Joanne Coppinger, Parent

- I. Mike Izard distributed copies of the LRPC draft of the Assessment summary report, which included:
 - a. Field Assessments at MCS/MA schools arrival and departures
 - b. Field Assessments of the walk ability and bike ability
 - c. Overall recommendations best described as preliminary recommendations

Mike stated that the assessment report is a draft and working tool to assist the group in working towards a travel plan and would recommend that the "5-E's" be looked at and couple with the potential prioritized recommendations.

- II. Several questions were raised as to whether we had a travel plan, and where we went from here. Mike Izard explained that the assessment report is not a travel plan but the data contained within it would be a foundation and backing for the travel plan creation. Mike Izard explained that the next step is the travel plan, and that a \$20K grant process could help to further implement such a plan.
- III. The group was encouraged to review the priority lists and to place them into a descending list to help us in furthering the travel plan process. The process would need to answer the questions of Who, What, Where, and How. Mike I. explained that the priorities need to have these answered and how the assessment data supports each of the priorities. One point that was made that the assessments really show the need for a safe travel route, as most parents would not allow their children to travel the routes without safety enhancements which are more toward infrastructure then educations and enforcement. The committee acknowledged that the enforcement and education is ongoing, and spoke to whether there could be added enforcement to help cross the busy Rt 25. It was noted that it is critically important to show in the priorities how this will serve what catchment

groups (walk and bike radius'), and the link with the after-school community programs. Committee members had a discussion on the priorities they felt were important:

- a. Crosswalks on Rt 25
- b. Ma to LSB pathway (easement, design, implementation)
- c. Sidewalk conceptual design for village area. (LSB to east of Old Rt 109)
- d. Continued Education & Enforcement
 - i. Added enforcement presences as crossing guard
 - ii. Your Speed ahead signage
- e. Establish designated drop off areas for group walk/bike to school locations. (Rec. Ctr. And Lions Club)

IV. The committee talked about the need to now take these priorities and answer the questions.

- a. Julia and Joanne will work on Priority List and "5-E's" list and will e-mail to the committee a draft of their draft. It was also discussed that when the priorities list is finalized that a community meeting may be needed to get the buy in to our travel plan recommendations and priorities.
- b. A presentation relative to the findings and recommendations to the School Board. This being part of the grant process.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 5 p.m. (Minutes are a summary of the discussion:)

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