

# Suisun City Safe Routes to School Community Task Force Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019

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## Attendees:

Anthony Adams	STA
Betsy Beavers	STA
Kate Beck	UCB SafeTREC
Karin Bloesch	STA
Rachel Dula	FSUSD - Facilities
Dan Healy, Cmdr.	Suisun City PD
Tracy Lewis	Dan O Root Health and Wellness Acad., Asst. Principal
Wendy Loomas	Solano Public Health
Nick Lozano	City of Suisun City, Public Works
Matt Medill	City of Suisun City, Public Works - Director
Lloyd Nadal	STA
Cory Peterson	STA
Gerry Raycraft	Habitat for Humanity
Julie Reese	Dan O Root Health and Wellness Acad., Principal
Rochelle Sherlock	Potentiate, LLC - Facilitator
Bethany Smith	FSUSD Board of Trustees
Sue Violette	STA
Wanda Williams	City of Suisun City, Councilmember

## Welcome and Overview

Lloyd Nadal, Program Services Division Manager and Facilitator Rochelle Sherlock, welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Ms. Sherlock gave an overview of the national statistics for pedestrian collisions.

Mr. Nadal gave a short summary of the Countywide Pedestrian Safety Symposium held in February 2019, the effort to address pedestrian safety in Solano County, and that city level community task forces are an opportunity to join local stakeholders and look closer at the safety data for each city.

## Pedestrian Safety Data

Karin Bloesch, SR2S Program Coordinator gave a brief overview of the data collected from the 2018 Safety Plan, and the locations of the 15 Pedestrian collisions in Suisun City over the previous 5 years. The three fatal collisions occurred along SR12.

Wendy Loomas, Solano Public Health spoke about the need to address pedestrian safety not just by looking at individual behavior but also at the built environment. She also pointed out the need to provide improvements equitably to disadvantaged communities, and that education/messaging is key before the change (project) to encourage residents to take advantage of the improvements made.

## Suisun City SR2S Infrastructure Projects and Program Update

Nick Lozano, Suisun City Public Works Dept. gave an update on the completed and upcoming pedestrian and school related projects in Suisun City.

- **Suisun Elementary:** HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) Project includes a Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) on Pintail Dr. this new treatment will replace current in ground lights. This project should be completed by the end of 2019.
- **McCoy Creek Phase 2 Project:** A ¼ mile segment with Class I 10 foot wide path, with ADA accessibility, this project is funded by the Active Transportation Program Cycle 3. This project will provide a bike and ped route to serve students crossing Laurel Creek to attend Suisun Elementary and Dan O Root Health and Wellness Academy. Construction for this project is scheduled for 2020.
- **Crystal Middle School:** Suisun City applied and was awarded TFCA (Transportation Funding for Clean Air) Funds to install an RRFB, high visibility crosswalk, and signage in front of the school on Whispering Bay Lane.
- **Crescent Elementary:** Suisun City provided "No Left Turn Signs" from Anderson Drive.

Potential Projects identified during the discussion and at prior outreach to the schools.

- **Dan O Root:** Potential for an RRFB on Harrier at the mid-block crossing in front of the school.
- **Marina Blvd.:** Sidewalk construction, is a direct route students take to access Crystal Middle School from across SR12.
- **Driftwood Drive** sidewalk gap closure from newly constructed sidewalk to Marina Blvd. to connect with the Grizzly Island Trail.
- **Armijo High School:** Bethany Smith, FSUSD School Board Member asked the group about Armijo High Students crossing from/into Suisun City, and if there has been discussion around the needs of those students.

Mr. Gerry Raycraft asked about dedicated Safe Routes to School Project funding. Anthony Adams, Project Manager at STA, explained the different funding sources and that dedicated SR2S funding sources no longer exist. Mr. Adams, explained the process of project completion from project identification through funding application to construction.

**Mr. Raycraft asked for a compiled list of funding opportunities and what types of infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that are eligible.**

Cory Peterson, Assistant Planner spoke to the group about STA's efforts with the Active Transportation Plan, outreach to the community to provide input on needed bike/ped improvements, and where the community gave positive comments about bike/ped areas in the city.

Ms. Bloesch provided an overview of the participation of Suisun City schools and the pilot project taking place at Dan O Root as part of the SR2S Evaluation and Intervention Project. Ms. Bloesch also spoke about the partnership with Suisun Police Department within the SR2S Enforcement Grant.

### Street Story Tool - SafeTREC

Kate Beck, UC Berkeley SafeTREC, presented the Street Story Community Outreach Tool. Ms. Beck, explained that this pilot tool is useful to capture data from community members that

have experienced almost being hit by a car, been in a crash, or generally feel safe or unsafe travelling. Meeting attendees were able to see locations previously identified by community members. This data can help as a community outreach effort to identify other potential project locations, not easily seen with law enforcement reported collision data.

### **Discussion and Next Steps**

Ideas from the discussion and potential next steps are as follows:

#### **Ideas:**

- Suisun City is holding a Street Story walking audit
- Pedestrian Signage for school zones – flashing signs, and more distinct school zones
- Pedestrian Safety Awareness Campaign
- Driver messaging for vehicles turning right, and pedestrian safety
- Look at areas that have high safety issues: Suisun City students travelling to Tolenas (in Fairfield), Railroad Avenue, pedestrians crossing from Train Station to Park and Ride, students walking to Crystal Middle School.
- Provide Visual Suggested Routes for walking and biking to students and parents (SR2S maps)
- School Walk audits to identify potential projects
- Consider a Walk Festival, incentivize and encourage the community to park away from the location and walk to the event. Advertise ways to get around by foot/bike.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Schedule follow up meetings with timeline for meetings and efforts/discussion
- SR2S will provide the Suggested Safe Routes maps to the group
- Synopsis of funding sources, including which projects Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure are eligible
- List of projects left from the 2013 SR2S Plan, and new potential projects for prioritization discussion at next meeting
- Identify other community members to include for the next Suisun City Community Task Force meeting