



**Rio Vista Safe Routes to School Community Task Force  
City of Rio Vista Council Chambers  
October 22, 2019, 3:00 pm**

**Members in Attendance**

Robin	Borre	Director Of Public Works	City of Rio Vista
Beth	Roberts	Admin. Asst. Public Works	City of Rio Vista
Ken	Gaston	Dir. Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation	River Delta USD
Katherine	Wright	Superintendent	River Delta USD
Marci	Rossi	Riverview Middle School, Principal	River Delta USD
Shantel	Livingston	Health Education Specialist	Solano Public Health
Jim	Wheeler	STA Bicycle Advisory Committee	Rio Vista Representative
Lloyd	Nadal	Program Services Div. Manager	STA/SR2S
Sue	Violette	SR2S Program Coordinator	STA/SR2S
Karin	Bloesch	SR2S Sr. Program Coordinator	STA/SR2S
Erika	McLitus	Project Assistant	STA
Brandon	Thompson	Transit Mobility Coordinator	STA/Delta Breeze

**Meeting Goals**

1. Seek input from the taskforce in order to set priorities for future infrastructure projects to be included in the Safe Routes to School Plan Update.
2. Provide an update on current initiatives and projects around the City of Rio Vista.

**Minutes**

<p><b>I. Introductions and Overview</b></p> <p>The group in attendance introduced themselves and Karin Bloesch explained the goal of the meeting was to bring members of the Rio Vista Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Community Task Force together since the last meeting was several years ago, and many participants have changed. The purpose of the task force is to identify the needs of the schools, district and city in terms of infrastructure improvements to increase the safety of and encourage students to walk and bike to school. With the upcoming Active Transportation Plan and the update of the Solano Safe Routes to School Plan, it is important for the task force to begin to identify potential projects that can be included in the plan for future funding opportunities. Attendees were provided a handout of current and recent Safe Routes to School participation of Rio Vista schools.</p>
<p><b>II. City Update – Projects</b></p> <p>Rio Vista Public Works Director, Robin Borre provided the group with an update of current and planned projects. Ms. Borre gave an update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects the city has received funding for (Pedestrian crossings at S 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marina Dr., DH White Elementary School and Thereza Way, DH White Elementary School and Laurel Way,</p>

and S 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street), as well as provided an update on the Montezuma Hills Road project that will provide an all-weather extension with delineators providing a buffered path from the Montezuma Hills development to Riverview Middle School. This project is slated to be completed this fiscal year. The pedestrian crossing at S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Marina Drive will enhance this project by providing a crossing from the new path to the school side of S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Ms. Borre mentioned the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) public outreach meeting planned to take place on October 23, 2019 and encouraged those at the meeting to attend and give input on the potential bike and ped projects identified through the ATP process.

### **III. School and District Update**

Ken Gaston mentioned the redesign of the driveway and drop off-of procedures in the parking lot at D.H. White Elementary. Mr. Gaston asked is the City could work to restrict a left turn from Elm into the school drop off, drivers that wish to make a left turn into the drop off zone, are causing a back-up of through traffic. Ms. Borre, said that would need a survey from the traffic engineers, and that it would be unlikely that the traffic would warrant a no left turn sign.

The group began a discussion around alternate routes for drivers dropping students at Riverview Middle School. Currently there is a lack of parking, and parents are dropping students off and then making U-turns down the road in gravel lots, and those areas will be gone with the upcoming HSIP project along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Montezuma Hills Rd. The group discussed looking at additional locations or possibly educating parents about rerouting their trips to encourage a more “drive through” approach to the school utilizing the surrounding streets.

Superintendent Wright also brought up the concern that the district bus system is having to pick up students in the Trilogy housing development. This development is for senior living only and is taking valuable district resources. Ms. Borre said that she was unaware that people in Trilogy were in violation of the age restrictions. Ms. Wright provided growth numbers for Rio Vista schools for the 2019-20 school year, Riverview Middle School grew by 30 students this year, Rio Vista High and D. H. White Elementary did not increase in student attendance numbers.

Ms. Wright asked Lloyd Nadal for additional clarification of the process and the role of the Community Task Force. Mr. Nadal explained that the group meets to consider the needs of the schools and students, and to see how the group can work together to address the safety concerns, and identify potential projects and programmatic needs to make it safer and encourage students to walk and bike to school when feasible. Since it had been several years since the Rio Vista Task Force has met, this is more of an introductory meeting to begin the conversations around projects and to bring the city and district together. Mr. Nadal also suggested conducting walk audits with the group at Rio Vista High and D.H. White to identify potential projects that could be included in the SR2S Plan update and the ATP, along with the recommendations from the consultant that performed the Riverview Middle School walk audit. The need for a safer crossing of SR12 for students was also mentioned as a priority for the group. It was mentioned that Caltrans has a complete highways project for SR12 through Rio Vista, this project will include bike and pedestrian improvements. Also, during the discussion, a 3Es style committee was suggested to help the school district and city meet

regularly to discuss needs and upcoming city and school projects.

Ms. Borre also mentioned that Rio Vista is also focused on parks and recreation (with bike and ped improvements), as well as water and wastewater improvements, and that the Capital Improvement Plan has sidewalk and street components. Ms. Borre also mentioned that the city may be working to change electric facilities to underground, and they would be replacing and upgrading sidewalks with that project.

**IV. Active Transportation Plan Process**

Erika McLitus explained to the group the different types of funding available with the state Active Transportation Program (ATP – Cycle 5 coming 2020) and Active Transportation Plan (currently being developed for Solano County), HSIP funding (next cycle in 2020). The SR2S Micro Grant Program was also mentioned that will fund small scale projects within a short time frame (one year). Mr. Gaston mentioned needing additional bike racks for several schools and the materials to build secured bike parking at the schools. Marci Rossi mentioned that students have had bike parts or bikes stolen from Riverview Middle School and that it might encourage more students to ride if they felt their bikes were safe during the school day. Ms. Borre mentioned that the city has a camera program with the Rio Vista Police Dept. and will follow up with Ms. Rossi to get cameras installed at Riverview as a theft deterrent.

**V. Next Steps**

- SR2S Staff will send the Micro Grant information to Ken Gaston at River Delta USD for bike racks and bike corrals
- Work with Riverview Middle School and City of Rio Vista to discuss a drop-off traffic plan
- Follow up meeting to identify SR2S projects after the ATP is released