

TO: SRTS Planning Team Agenda

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: September 19th, 2023

RE: Meeting Notice September 27th, 2023 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. @ La Crescent-Hokah Elementary

START: 8:35am ADJOURN: 9:32am

ATTENDANCE: Jason Ludwigson, Bill Waller, Bri Ceaser, Brian Pogodzinski, Beth Theede, Jeff Copp, Mindy Crowley, Lauren Dodson and Nursing Student, Linda Larson, Theresa O'Donnell, Tammy Stremcha, Tracy Schnell, Tim Hruska, Luke Ahlschlager, Mike Ernster

AGENDA

1. Introductions - new members - assign notetaker/minutes
 - a. Notetaker: Bri Ceaser HCPH
2. City-Wide Speed Limits and School Zone Speed Limits
 - a. Reducing speed limits on city streets to 25 MPH
 - i. City roadways can have speed reduced to 25 without a speed study/analysis
 - ii. There have been discussions with the city police department who agree that the reduced speed is necessary. This will provide additional opportunities for enforcement of the speed.
 - iii. There are 10 entrances to the city that would get new signage indicating the reduced speed.
 - b. Implementing school zone reduced speeds
 - i. 15 MPH in school zones can happen after the 25 MPH city road reduction is implemented. This implementation will also happen on the county roads on or around the school areas.
 - ii. Lowering the speed by 10 MPH has a two-step process that occurs without a speed study/analysis
 1. City speed limits are reduced
 2. School zones are reduced after city speed limits so that the school zones will be able to be lowered to 15 MPH.
 - c. Implementation of the reduced speed limits will take time due to the current learned behavior
 - d. There was mention of concern for bike/ped safety with the current speed limits.
 - e. Mindy mentioned the need for consistency so that the implementation is successful. More signs is better than less signage.
 - f. County roads have different rules through MNDOT so those roads will remain 30 MPH.
 - g. Communication is essential for public awareness when the change is ready for implementation.
 - i. Speed trailers
 - ii. City newsletter

- iii. Schools introduce the MPH change first to gain parental support—This idea was mentioned by Tammy.
 - h. This implementation process is up for discussion at the next city council meeting but is not yet up for a decision. This agenda item will come back at a future meeting for further discussion.
- 3. Short SRTS Plan review, SRTS coordinator Jason Ludwigson
 - a. PURPOSE: Implement the SRTS plan to keep kids safer when traveling to and from school
 - b. Recommended programs
 - i. Walk/bike to school (October 4th, 2023 is the next walk/bike to school day)
 - ii. Remote drop off and walk to school
 - iii. Informational newsletters
 - iv. MNDOT funding for SRTS coordinator position within the school district(s)
 - v. Traffic safety campaign
 - vi. Suggested route map for traveling to and from school
- 4. Review past events- Bike Rodeo and Bike Safety Video
 - a. Bike rodeo at the elementary parking lot on June 3rd 2023.
 - i. Annual event
 - ii. La Crescent Bike Shoppe, La crescent PD, and Community education partnered to make this possible
 - iii. May 4, 2024 is a tentative date for the next bike rodeo
 - 1. Prom is on this day
 - 2. This is also summer rec sign-up day
- 5. Walnut Street Design Process Update
 - a. IMPACT: Usage of bike bridge—This is going through the city council.
 - b. Plan is not yet on the city website, but will be coming soon.
- 6. Discuss SRTS Funding Opportunities MnDOT Fall 2023 (2023 Active Transportation (AT) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Solicitations open on October 9, 2023)
 - a. [Grants & Funding - Safe Routes to School - MnDOT \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/grants/funding/safe-routes-to-school)
 - b. Active transportation webinar tomorrow from 11-12pm
 - c. Applications are due February 2, 2024
 - d. Possible grant ideas are for an ADA accessible sidewalk around the pool area or funding for the local coordinator position within the school district.
- 7. SRTS Boost Grant –
 - a. Fleet of bikes and trailer – fleet trailer on site for viewing
 - i. 24 bikes for elementary students to use
 - ii. SOP for use—Reach out to public works or Jason to borrow the bike fleet
 - iii. Possible outreach ideas were applefest next year and the apple blossom bike tour.
 - b. Standard operating procedure for bike use
 - c. Strider bikes
- 8. SRTS Infrastructure grants – Transportation Alternatives Funding Awarded – review projects and timeline

- a. Funding for bump outs on 4th and 6th in 2026.
- 9. Walk to School Day Oct 4th - planning/communication
 - a. Consistent increase in participation
- 10. Other items
 - a. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 27, 2024 8:30a-10am
- 11. Adjourn

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SRTS Fall Meeting - Location ES Conference Room - Virtual Option

Wednesday, September 27 · 8:30 – 10:00am

Time zone: America/Chicago

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jpj-rmcj-pvr>

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