

Esko SRTS Meeting Summary
May 28, 2009
8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Present: Kathy H, Deb Holte, Kathy E., Lynn McComber, Loretta Peterson, Christina Walther, Aaron Fischer, Mary Siptroth, Ruth Janke, Tom Foldesi, Brooke Pfister, Bill Pera, Ellen Pillsbury

The meeting began with attendees reviewing the parent survey results, classroom tallies and existing sign inventory. The attendees then drafted five goals:

1. Manage drop-off behind Winterquist Elementary to improve pedestrian safety.
2. Improve sidewalk and trail network to allow for safer access to school for students walking or bicycling.
3. Manage drop-off/bus zone in front of schools to improve pedestrian safety.
4. Manage High School drop-off for pedestrian safety.
5. Enforcement of drop-off zones around school.

Attendees then formed sub-committees to begin work on each goal and develop initial actions. Sub-committees met in small groups to brainstorm solutions which focused on improving the traffic flow, slowing vehicles and creating safer pedestrian access to school.

- 1. Manage drop-off behind Winterquist Elementary to improve pedestrian safety.**
Sub-committee: Christina Walther-chair, Kathy H., Deb Holte, Lynn McComber, Loretta Peterson, Mary Siptroth,

Non-infrastructure Improvements

1. Bus Routes no drop-off before 8:00 a.m.
2. Kids go inside year-round-7:45 a.m. supervised
3. Different/more adult presence-administrative/FDL Law Program Students?

Infrastructure Improvements

4. Make circular traffic median bigger-1 lane/One way
5. Create a few parking spaces for Cool Kids Program in current parking lot.
6. Long term-flip playground and parking area

- 2. Improve sidewalk and trail network to allow for safer access to school for students walking or bicycling.**

Sub-committee: Aaron Fischer, Ruth Janke, Bill Pera

1. Put sidewalks on southside of Lincoln Ln –ISD/township shared funding
2. Bike trail from Midway Division to school-work with County and seek grant funding
3. Use controlled intersection only for walkers

4. Adults to cross students-FDL program?/community volunteers
5. Crossing guards start crossing all walkers, adults and students

3. Manage drop-off/bus zone in front of schools to improve pedestrian safety.

Sub-committee: Kathy y E.

1. Parking enforcement in the drop-off zone and no parking areas-adult patrol/Twp officer
2. Identify designated drop-off times:
 Bus-7:55 a.m.-8:10a.m.
 Parents- 8:10 a.m.-8:20 a.m.
3. Student create safety signage-art classes

4. Manage High School drop-off for pedestrian safety.

Sub-committee: no one specifically assigned. Although three solutions were identified by whole group

1. Enforce drop-off zone-adult patrol/Twp officer
2. Move handicap parking from fire lane-ISD
3. Block/remove access from parking lot to drop off lane and add parking spaces-ISD

5. Enforcement of drop-off zones around school.

Sub-committee: Deb Holte, Kathy E, Mary Siproth, Ruth Janke, Tom Foldesi, Brooke Pfister, Bill Pera, Bill Blom

1. Ensure local ordinance to ensure township officer can come onto property
2. Install driver feedback signs on Highway 61-Talk with County and seek grant funding
3. Repaint crosswalks on Highway 61- Talk with County to determine timeframe
4. Students create safety signage –art classes

Next Steps:

1. Sub-committees will work throughout the summer to implement solutions for the 2009/2010 school year. Ellen will assist as needed and email periodically for sub-committee updates.
2. Ellen will contact the Fond du Lac Law Enforcement program about creating a partnership and research grant opportunities for trail construction.
3. Using enrollment data for students living in Esko, Ellen will create a population density map.
4. Next meeting scheduled for **Monday, August 31, 2009 8:15 a.m.**