

**Esko Safe Routes To School
Meeting Summary
August 31, 2009 8:15a.m.-10:00a.m.**

Present: Kath Hammerlud, Cathy Erola, Deb Holte, Lynn McComber, Loretta Peterson, Brooke Pfister, Mary Siptroth, Ruth Janke, Joanne Erspamer, Ellen Pillsbury

The meeting began with feasibility information on a potential trail from the Midway Division to the school campus along the southside of Highway 61.

Potential Midway Division Trail

(costs are estimated with 2009 figures)

- 3,627' approximate (.7 miles) \$47.80/foot=\$173,370
- 2014 Enhancement grant: pre-app. Due Nov 2nd and final application due December 18th.
- Enhancement local match 20%=\$34,674
- Engineering design costs 25-35% of construction=\$60,679
- DNR grant for engineering with local match 50%

The committee decided to request approval from the ISD #99 administration to go to the Township board meeting on the September 17th to request support for an Enhancement Grant trail construction application.

An Enhancement grant workshop will be held on September 16th 1:00pm. Ruth Janke will attend.

Approaches to engage the public were discussed with Christina drafting a flyer. ARDC will develop a student population density map with anonymous student enrollment data which be provided by Bernie, ISD #99.

Ellen will draft sample Resolution of Support for Township and send to committee.

Next the committee discussed the Action items implemented this summer and item which could be implemented during this school year and into the future.

Items to work on this school year:

1. Partner with FDL Community College Law Enforcement Program
2. Student patrol crossing both adults and students
3. Safety and drop-off time signs created by students
4. Temporary widen traffic circle by playground
5. Create parking spots for Cool Kids
6. Request Township Enforcement routine presence at 9/17 supervisors meeting
7. Add drop-off times on scrolling school sign

The completed items included:

- Bus Drop-off 8:00 a.m. or after policy
- Relocation of handicap parking at High School
- Block/remove access from High School to drop off land and add parking spaces.
- Ensured that local ordinance to confirm township officer can come onto property
- Developed proposed playground entrance changes and will begin implementing during the 2009-2010 school year. See items number 4 and 5 above.

Next Steps:

Prepare for Township supervisor meeting 9/17

Committee member meet at the Town Hall at 6:00p.m.

Coordinate safety signage with elementary and High School teachers

Obtain proposed playground entrance changes approval

Contact Scott Lyons, FDL Program to coordinate

Next Meeting will be scheduled after the 9/17.