

Westside Elementary and Windsor Middle Safe Routes To School - Kick Off Meeting

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MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the meeting were to:

- Explain the SRTS program, its components/benefits
- Explain the role of project stakeholders and project timeline
- Review preliminary analysis data compiled to date for each school
- Group Brainstorming on the potential obstacles, opportunities, marketing tools, and other stakeholder groups to involve.

EVENING ATTENDANTS AND ACTIVITIES

The meeting was attended by 27 individuals from a variety of stakeholder groups. See attached attendants list. Attendants were each given a packet of information that included contact information, SRTS program information, analysis maps of each school and a project schedule.

Evening activities included:

- Power Point Presentation
 - SRTS program, benefits and components
 - o Stakeholders' role
 - o Preliminary analysis for each school
- Group Discussion
 - o Obstacles, opportunities, marketing, etc.
- Review of project activities and schedule

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE GROUP DISCUSSION

- If crossing Rt. 258 significant traffic control will be needed
- Windsor Middle a new school is planned to be built on same site
- Walking or biking to school is not part of the culture currently need to inspire a cultural shift
- People do currently walk along North Court St.
- Library and high school are destinations in Windsor

- The Town of Windsor is very supportive of sidewalks
- Need more recreational facilities for kids to use (things to do)
- Acknowledged that students who live close to the school are generally picked up first and dropped off last
- Some students do walk to Windsor Middle School There is not an official policy that prohibits walking/biking. The school does provide transportation for every student since there are currently no safe facilities for walking/biking.
- It will be important to meet with individual communities / neighborhoods as we move forward that are within the walking/biking zone
- Safety concerns crime recently in the Windsor area may be a obstacle
- Lighting is needed on North Court Street
- Need to give direction for procedures needed to allow kids to participate on a walking school bus and/or bike train. Does the parent need to become certified, etc...?
- Other Stakeholders to involve
 - Westside Elementary's Watchdog Program dad's come to elementary school daily
 - o School Nurses / Physical Education teachers
 - PTA members
 - Windsor Athletics Association
 - Economic Development Individuals for County and Towns.
 - Tidewater Bicycle Association members ride in the area weekly
 - County tourism staff members
- Media/Marketing Avenues to promote involvement in the program
 - o Churches newsletters/websites
 - Town newsletters and web sites
 - School newsletters
 - P&R e-newsletter
- Area Businesses to involve
 - o YMCA
 - Smithfield Foods large trucks on roads driver safety education of drivers

NEXT STEPS

Stakeholders will be contacted soon about the following items:

- Dates for the key stakeholder kick off meetings at each school to occur in February
- School data and other information needed for the SRTS Plan in preparation for the meeting in February.

Thanks to everyone for their attendance!

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