

Next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Piikoi Building Conference Rm. A

**Get Fit Kauai**

Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County (NPAC-Kauai)

**County Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Task Force Meeting**

Piikoi Building Conference Rm. A, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Total attendance: 17

Task Force Member	Agency	Attended	Excused	Absent
Antony, Jennifer	Kilauea School PTSA	x		
Antony, Marshall	Kilauea School student	x		
Blake, Ted	Malama Koloa	x		
Brody, Bev	Get Fit Kauai Coordinator	x		
Contrades, Michael	Kauai Police Dept.	x		
Fujimoto, Dennis	The Garden Island	x		
Gausepohl, Robert	Kauai Police Dept.	x		
Gegen, Pat	Kalaheo Elementary School PTSA	x		
Gegen, Olivia	Kalaheo Elementary School student	x		
Kaiaokamalie, Lea	County Planning Dept.	x		
Mitchell, Fig	King Kaumualii Elementary School	x		
Saldana, Sue	Kilauea School PCNC	x		
Scribner, Mark	Kauai Police Dept.	x		
Sugihara, Naomi	Get Fit Kauai	x		
Tabata, Lyle	County Dept. of Public Works	x		
Williams, Marie	County Planning Dept.	x		
Zina, Paul	Wilcox Elementary School	x		

**Agenda**

<i>Topic/Discussion</i>
<p>1. <u>Call to order</u> The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Lyle Tabata, Deputy County Engineer.</p>
<p>2. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Lyle welcomed everyone and explained that he had an opportunity to attend a SRTS conference in Minneapolis and learned about supporting SRTS and is committed to working on it. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify their organization affiliation.</p>
<p>3. Bev acknowledged Lyle’s commitment and the County Dept. of Public Work’s support for SRTS. She reviewed the agenda for the meeting. She mentioned that the next Walk To School Day is Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the last one for the year.</p>
<p>4. Overview:</p> <p>a. SRTS overview – Jenn Linton Jenn provided a brief overview of the Safe Routes To School initiative and mentioned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 5 SRTS that we have started on Kauai. Success has been largely due to partnerships, especially with the schools, County Dept. of Public Works and the Kauai Police Department.</li> <li>• It is a national initiative to get more youth active and is based on 5 components or Es-evaluation, education, engineering, enforcement, and encouragement.</li> </ul>
<p>b. CPPW &amp; Kauai - Jenn Linton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenn explained that Get Fit Kauai received funds from a Communities Putting Prevention To Work (CPPW) grant and was able to hire her as a part-time coordinator. Funds have provided incentives for schools and giveaways to students, has helped to bring people together.</li> <li>• Funds also enabled Bev and Lyle to attend the national SRTS conference.</li> </ul>

c. Infrastructure plans – Lyle Tabata

Lyle explained that when he started with the County in January, 2011, progress wasn't being made to address SRTS. After attending the conference, he has had the opportunity to evaluate what was being done and is moving forward within Public Works. Lyle outlined the assessment/plans for each school as follows:

- Koloa School – drawings are in final preparation, contractor was on board but has been put on hold to re-evaluate. Plans include: restriping of roads; leveling, redoing sidewalks to make it 5 ft. wide to replace sidewalks which do not meet standards; creating 5' pedestrian and bike lanes on Poipu Rd, putting in sharrow (bicyclists and vehicles share roads), integrate traffic calming design by narrowing lanes. Other information shared included:
  - Poipu/Waikomo Rd. improvements, including one way in and one way out traffic, 5' pedestrian lane to Big Save.
  - Need to educate the public about changes, Ted will help to lead, school principal and Dennis will help to promote. Teddy mentioned that it takes a concerted effort to educate the public.
  - Discussion on the possible need to go thru County Council to change speed limits, 15 mph areas are only within the school zones when school is in session (County ordinance). State law doesn't give times; there is confusion because County and State law language are not the same.
  - Other plans include: Striping crosswalks to get pedestrians on the right side of road along Waikomo, second lighted sidewalk on makai side will move toward bus stop. Rectangular rapid flashing lighted crosswalk sign also will be incorporated.
  - Working with Transportation Agency to upgrade school bus stop to make it a safer and ADA compliant.
- Kalaheo Elementary School – potholes and crosswalks to be fixed, will restripe crosswalks on Papalina Rd. to direct pedestrian traffic to sidewalks. Challenges include the hilly terrain and existing infrastructure to make vehicular and bicycle traffic more conducive. Need to do education to residents on sharrows, and signs and decals will be put up to indicate that road has to be shared (bikes and vehicles). Question asked about Kato gym (school owns) and road nearby. When it rains, it gets messy and the children walk on the road. Lyle mentioned that they must work with DAGs on drainage issue in that area.
- Kilauea School – did GIS mapping and measured distances. The plan is not so simple, wanted to put in additional crosswalks and other speed control devices. The school has put up signage at back entrance (no drop off, pick up or parking). Final short-term analysis is that they need community help to shorten the route to school; it involves working with one or two homeowners to allow right of way through their property and would cut walk distance  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Discussion followed; Jennifer asked if anything can be done more immediate, concern expressed that on Kolo Rd. there is a lack of school signs and speed limits. Lyle explained that they are looking at speed control devices and said that it's safer to walk the back through the subdivision rather than Kolo Rd. Engineers have to create the plan and take dimensions. There is no sign that says 15 mph until past the school before the bridge. Lyle explained that there is a bigger problem in the school property with in-school pedestrian control. Lyle made suggestions and there is a need to revisit with the principal. Jennifer suggested to make the area more recognizable that it is a school zone. Lyle mentioned that they will try to move up the timetable to incorporate the traffic control devices.
- Kapaa High and Elementary – County is working on a professional services procurement to redesign the major intersection near Kawaihau Rd./Malihuna Rd. They are looking at putting in an oval roundabout to fit that area. Traffic controlling device is being planned to make one major crosswalk in that area instead of having three crosswalks. Appropriate striping in the area is needed to make it more conducive to walking and biking with appropriate signage.
- Wilcox Elementary School – fortunately Public Works is in the middle of engineering for the Lihue Town Core plan. Plans include major retrofit of Hardy and Umi Streets. Plans include sidewalks

on both sides and bike lanes with travel lanes to 10' wide. Surrounding the school will be totally fit, will look at where to install the crosswalks. Will look at striping plans for the Molokoa area. Marie stated that Lihue Library wanted to develop a storage area. With the Lihue Town Core Plan in place, Planning Dept. asked if they would extend the sidewalk near the library and they are going to extend the sidewalk on Hardy St. It is an example of how other developments can support Complete Streets. Lyle asked Marie to meet with Dough Haigh of Public Works to keep him informed.

d. School reports:

- Koloa – Teddy First W2S held May 18<sup>th</sup>. Teddy shared that they are pushing for more W2S days in 2012 with the effort to make the route safer.
- Kalaheo – Pat Gegen reported that they had a great event in September (their kick-off), didn't have one in October. They provide snacks and drinks, along with exercising in the cafeteria; Zumba is planned for Nov. Their route starts from the Kalaheo Neighborhood Center.
- Kilauea – Jennifer reported that they have done 3 W2S, all were pretty well attended. Kilauea has a lot of children who naturally walk to school. The PTSA is sponsoring 2 more bikes to give away at the end of 8 months. They are keeping track of who is participating, have drawings at each event; snacks and drinks also provided. Trying to promote in-school involvement with parents and also community involvement. Sue mentioned that they have to change the route to the back instead of the front because students are passing two entrance/exit which are creating safety problems. Campus evacuation plan is from school to the neighborhood center through the back of school. Lyle shared that part of the Complete Streets' principles is that it's okay to walk on roads and streets that are not striped and that roads are adequate in subdivisions streets without striping for pedestrians. Vehicles must take turns and stop. Manpower is needed from parents and community at key intersections to help man the route. Bev stated that in an ideal walking school bus situation, they would get 4 or 5 parents to walk with the children, with 1 or 2 walking to one point of the route and have a relay system. Discussion followed on how to get parent/community involvement, which included encouraging people to come out in their front yards to monitor route, could use school call-out system to help recruit parent volunteers and build a list of people. Caution was expressed by KPD that you want to be careful on who you invite to help for the safety of the children.
- Kauai Police Dept. – Michael asked if there are plans for speed calming in front of the schools, such as raised crosswalks, rumble strips, etc. In reality, you won't have a police officer doing speed enforcement everyday. Lyle stated that Public Works is looking at traffic calming devices. At the national conference, there was concern by the Fire Dept. because these devices slow down their ability to respond quickly. It was mentioned that these are streets that should have lower speed limits which should be followed by everyone. Lyle stated that Public Works has recently ordered pavement markings that say School Zone. Michael mentioned that environmental design can alleviate traffic enforcement/issues. KPD wants to support W2S events but have to reconsider manpower once safe routes and volunteer manpower are established because of the increased number of participating schools and KPD's available manpower.
- Bev mentioned that there will be State legislation introduced this coming legislature that will create an extra \$100 fine for violations in school zones or \$10 surcharge for moving traffic violations. Monies will be put into a County SRTS fund to be spent on program, infrastructure, and enforcement. She also passed out copies of the SRTS Resolution passed by the County Council in May. She added that GFK wants to give participating schools possibly \$1,000 – \$2,000 to help their programs and their plan to incorporate the 5 Es of Safe Routes To School.

5. Date, time and place of next meeting

Next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Piikoi Building Conference Rm. A. Will be meeting every other month or as necessary.

6. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Naomi Sugihara, 11/15/2011