



# Safe Routes to School Subcommittee

August 21, 2015  
10:00 – 11:30 am

## Participants

Jason Brown  
Candace Davis  
Kristen Brookshire  
Sara Merz  
Shelby Powell  
Amy Sackaroff - Chair  
Laura Sandt

Karen Rindge  
Stephen Sposato  
Reed Huegerich  
Scott Lane  
Chris Lukasina  
Kenneth Withrow

## Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Amy Sackaroff called the meeting to order and began the meeting with introductions.

## City of Raleigh Crossing Guard Policy

Following introductions, Mr. Withrow mentioned that the administrators for the City of Raleigh's Crossing Guard Policy are reluctant to provide information on which schools requested crossing guards and which schools declined using crossing guards. Laura and Kristen stated that they can receive just general information without compromising the Raleigh Police Department's concerns. Mr. Withrow will provide the list of schools from the Raleigh Police Department that have crossing guards and schools that do not have crossing guards.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Withrow will follow up with the City's Police Department and see if those schools with crossing guards are also one of the five schools participating in the John Rex Endowment project.

*Note: Agenda Items were moved in order to accommodate more participation in the presentation*

## Other Business

Ms. Sackaroff discussed plans to give the Subcommittee focus elements for the current year. She mentioned that she held a conference call with the CAMPO director, deputy director and staff to develop program. The result was three pillars as shown below:

### **Program Elements:**

- I. Policy & Guidance  
CAMPO would be a repository for information for SRTS coordinators and principals
- II. Outreach & Education  
An active going out to the community to engage educators and children
- III. Infrastructure Improvements & Recommendations  
Digest how projects can go from concept to funding to construction

Ms. Sackaroff also indicated that during the month of October, she will work from the "Policy and Guidance" pillar and coordinate with Ms. Michele McKinley of Wake County Advocates of Health in Action concerning the SRTS Toolkit Review. Access to the SRTS Toolkit Review is through the web link "signupgenius.com".

**ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Withrow will distribute the signupgenius web link to the Subcommittee when he receives it from Ms. McKinley.

### **Wake County Public School System – Walk Zones**

Mr. Steve Sposato of the Wake County Public School System gave a presentation concerning the “No Transport – Walk Zones” as used by the county. The presentation consisted of 13 slides that addressed both “base level” and “non-base level” services, eligibility for bus transportation, factors considered in the review of the requests, and an example school for which the policy is being used. Although bus service is provided to 174 schools in the county, many people want more service than the county can provide. For future meetings, Mr. Sposato will provide updates of maps and data showing the current movement of buses through the system. His goal is to develop a standardized process to help remove subjectivity when creating walk zones and would welcome the group’s input. He will be gathering data from both Laura and Kristen concerning walk zones around specific schools.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Sposato will be providing updates concerning walk zones and bus movement through Wake County for the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

### **John Rex Endowment Four-Year Grant Updates**

Ms. Kristen Brookshire of the UNC Highway Research Center updated the Subcommittee concerning the five schools that were selected, which are: (1) Bugg Elementary School in Raleigh, (2) Northwoods Elementary School in Cary, (3) Hodge Road Elementary in Knightdale, (4) Ligon Middle School in Raleigh, and (5) Lincoln Heights Elementary in Fuquay-Varina. She stated that a press release will be distributed to the public, staff from Alta Planning will be working with a steering committee to conduct data collection, and that a policy audit will be under way to understand existing municipal policies and practices. Following Kristen’s presentation, Ms. Laura Sandt of the UNC Highway Research Center asked the Subcommittee if the audit document asked the right questions. Ms. Sackaroff inquired as to whether both Laura and Kristen will reach out to developers in the area. Laura and Kristen indicated that they will; but they also noted that some local level policies are coming from the state. Mr. Reed Huegerich also noted that for various roads around the schools, NCDOT can conduct speed studies. NCDOT has conducted speed studies in the Apex area in the past. Mr. Scott Lane stated that it will be useful to look at how NCDOT sets speed limits within school zones (whether based on specific law or technical interpretation). Following a review of the audit document, with noted corrections to be made based on Subcommittee comments, Ms. Sandt stated that one of the products from the audit will consist of a matrix similar to the matrix created for the Capital Area MPO’s Northeast Area Study.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Withrow will contact NCDOT staff who will give a presentation on how NCDOT sets speed limits within school zones at the October meeting.

### **NOTABLES**

For the October meeting, Ms. Sposato will provide updated maps address No Transport – Walk Zones. Ms. Sara Merz informed the Subcommittee of the Making Great Places workshop to be held at Wake Medical Center on Thursday, August 27. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Lindsay, City Manager of Richmond, California. The title of his presentation is, “Vibrant Communities with Health in All Policies”.

Ms. Merz also mentioned that the “Brains and Bodies” Workshop will be held in November. Planning for the Workshop is underway.

### **Adjournment**