

City of Arcata Transportation Safety Committee

Annual Report to the City Council

Presented at the July 19, 2006 City Council Meeting

Committee Members

Oona Smith, Chair
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The Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) was recreated by the City Council by adoption of Ordinance No. 1292 effective 6/18/99. The Powers and duties of this committee are to review all transportation safety matters and make recommendations to the Council, commissions, or City staff as appropriate.

During the past year the TSC held eleven regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. This would equate to approximately 132 hours of volunteered time and at least 66 hours of City staff time.

One of the major attributes of the TSC is the oral communications portion of the meeting when citizens may discuss their safety issues/concerns before the TSC and staff. Numerous concerns were discussed which sometimes lead to a change or a better understanding by all of the reason why something is the way it is.

While most of the committee's time seems to surround the issues of traffic calming, bicycle and pedestrian safety issues and development review, these additional specific items were discussed and/or reviewed:

- Truncated Domes
- Discuss Street Smarts Program and implementation in Arcata
- Ideas for “state of the art” bicycle and pedestrian safety treatments
- Typical Ramp Design
- Discuss All-Way Stop - Hyland Avenue @ Old Arcata Road

- Safety at Sunset School
- Discuss Pacific Coast Bike Route – Caltrans attended.
- BTA (Bicycle Transportation Account) Funding Cycle & Potential Projects Discussion
- Bike to Work Day
- Bicycle Criterium
- “Q” Street Subdivision/“Q” Street Pedestrian Bridge
- 12th & “O” Streets Subdivision
- Courtyards @ Arcata Phases 2 & 3
- 30th Street Development
- Review Plans for Intermodal Transit Facility/Arcata Services Center Circulation
- Safe Routes to School Project Review
- Concrete & Asphalt project locations
- Sidewalks Curbs & Gutters Project
- Answer questions and discuss Code of Ethics and Updated Committee, Commission, Board and Task Force Handbook
- Discussed goals Set by Council
- Update of Web page for Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
- Frequently Asked Questions, Myths and Solutions list
- Flow Chart of safety changes
- Review Pin Map approximately every three months