

# City of Arcata Transportation Safety Committee Annual Report to the City Council

Presented at the June 6, 2007 City Council Meeting

## Committee Members

Stan Elcock, Chair  
Eric Wennerholm, Vice-Chair  
Elias Elias  
Peggy Martinez  
Marguerite Powers (appointed August 2006)  
Christopher Rall (appointed November 2006)  
Oona Smith (through February 2007)

## Staff Liaisons:

R. Charles (Doby) Class, Public Works Director  
Monica Campbell, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
Captain Tom Chapman or Lieutenant Ryan Peterson, Arcata Police Department

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 twelve regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. This would equate to approximately 237 hours of volunteered time and at least 58 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:

- Traffic Calming Projects/Priorities (Funding Priorities)
- Current Projects including: "K" Street Rehabilitation; Samoa Blvd. Gateway; Safe Routes to School Cycles 5 and 7; Courtyards Phase II and III; "Q" Street Subdivision; Foster Avenue Subdivision; 12<sup>th</sup> & "O" Streets (Reid & Wright); Downtown Improvements; "G" Street – Rotary Park; Zanzi Major Subdivision (Giuntoli Lane); 27<sup>th</sup> Street Subdivision; 30<sup>th</sup> Street Subdivision; Humboldt Bay Housing Development Corporation

- Intermodal Transit Facility Proposed Changes
- Car Free Day in Arcata w/HSU
- New Transportation Safety Committee Member Orientation
- FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) for use on City's website
- Bike to Work Day support
- Projecting Aerial Imagery to increase knowledge and potential for analysis and recommendations
- Bicycle Criterium and Bike Rodeo
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – 2007 Application
- Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Application for 2007
- Discussed and approved policy on Placement of Speed Tables, Humps and Lumps
- Janes Creek Meadows Subdivision – Traffic Counts/Data and Recommendations
- Goals Set by Council
- 2007/2008 Budget
- Parking in Bike Lanes and recommended improvements
- Support for new traffic officer
- Reviewed accident location map approximately every three months including bicycle and pedestrian areas
- First Foster Avenue Extension Public Meeting held

Next Year Hope to Complete:

- Work on Foster Avenue preferred project design options
- Develop and implement measures to relieve school congestion in several Arcata sites
- Development guidelines for use at pre-application meetings and to help prepare project managers