



**Meeting Summary**  
**Safety & Health Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @9:30 AM**  
**Online Meeting via GoToMeeting**

**Meeting Duration:** 64 minutes

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Borst  
Jane Byrnes  
Nina Rasmussen  
Dan Squires

Jenny Kramer  
Kristi Wilson  
Raven Alexander  
Jolene Graham

James Wagner  
Alan Kailer  
Kim Neufeld  
Jack Brown

**Other Attendees:**

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO

Nicholas Flanders, WAMPO

**1. The meeting started at 9:30 AM.**

**2. Data Review**

**A. Safety Plan (Steering Committee Ideas and Purpose)**

Chad Parasa and Ashley Bryers discussed WAMPO's role in working with its jurisdictions to develop a safety plan and then work with them to implement the plan using funding allocated through the Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Plan. The goal is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries through the use of planning and implementation. A proposal by Ms. Bryers was made to assemble a Steering Committee, consisting of organization representatives which are not already represented in the Committee, which would provide their input on priorities relating to the Committee's Safety Plan, followed by discussion identifying potential representatives.

**B. What Can a Safe Routes Program Look Like?**

Ashley Bryers presented her previous experience with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs. SRTS is a comprehensive program which provides students with safer and easier access to school via walking and/or biking. The Lawrence SRTS Plan included the MPO, City, and School District with specific roles for each entity. A brief discussion was held about how a potential SRTS Program could work in the WAMPO region. It may make sense to develop a WAMPO SRTS policy document rather than trying to create a plan for the entire region. Chad Parasa said he is planning on setting aside funding to work on SRTS work in 2023. For now, discussions and coordination needs to occur to set the stage for the planning work.

It is important to note, KDOT distributes funding to the non-urbanized portion of WAMPO and would like to see a SRTS Plan before awarding funding to fill sidewalk gaps identified in the plan.

**3. Open Discussion**

**4. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.**

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9:30 AM.**