

Riceville Safe Routes to School

Report for the Howard County Food and Fitness meeting Thursday, February 18, 2010

Beginnings-----

International beginning of SRTS /Federal Program/State Implementation by DOT
Involves School and City, but City primary player due to needs in city infrastructure

Law enforcement

School: bussing issues, designated sites for drop off, reducing congestion at school

Difficulty for children to find safe routes to school

Riceville: Survey of streets, barriers, intersections

Citizen Count of pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles

Riceville Open House and Parent Survey / Fall 2008

Arrival and departure tally

Applied for SRTS: Were denied

Walk and Roll Wednesday

Bike Rodeo: Combination of entities for leadership

4H/ISU Extension

Farm Safety Program Host

Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail Committee

Where we are now-----

Riceville picked as first pilot for Howard County for SRTS

Meetings

DOT Crossing Guard Workshop

Redid Parent's Survey for comparison with Survey done in the Fall 2008

SRTS Workshop, February 8 (*Mileage Club*) and (*Verb*)

Meeting to prepare for February 2 Open Community Meeting

Open Community Meeting, February 8 – cancelled (weather & are we ready?)

Planning Meeting – Monday, February 15 cancelled

Planning Meeting, Tuesday to prepare for Howard County F&F SRTS report

Tonight's meeting, February 18 This is us! Here we are!

Where do we go from here?

Reschedule Open Community Meeting/Finish planning for it

Evaluate SRTS survey replies

Line up volunteers for recount of pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles (April 13 &15)

Informative time with the City Council members

Examine the Issues of City Improvement and City concerns

Plan one or more Walk and Roll Wednesday/Repeat Arrival and Departure Tally

School Day Bike Ride on Trail????? A consideration to be decided

Decision time: What are our chances of success if we apply for SRTS funds?

Should we? Could we? Will we?

Evaluation Report for F & F Due _____

Did we initiate policy changes? Did we affect a system change? Are lives better?

Are children walking and riding to school safely? Do they have a more active life

style? Did we inform others in our county and region about our pilot? Did we

create safe routes that go to our school?