

School Pedestrian Safety Task Group Scheduled Meetings and Objectives

The School Pedestrian Safety Task Group (SPSTG) will meet on a quarterly basis. These meetings are anticipated for April, July and October of 2005. The meetings will be scheduled for 2 hour increments.

Major objectives of the SPSTG include:

- Acting as the central entity to coordinate pedestrian-related issues surrounding schools that are brought forward by affected school districts, city departments, parents and other interested organizations and institutions including Children's Hospital and the Parent Teacher Association. The SPSTG will act as a "clearing house" for problem solving and will assist in providing coordination for services and improvements.
- Reviewing pedestrian-related data and injury information to ascertain if areas where improvements are made have actually created a safe and enjoyable pedestrian environment as well as assessing where potential funding sources, such as Safe Routes to School funding, should be prioritized.
- Preparing and implementing a community and parent satisfaction survey to ascertain where improvements are needed.
- Promoting and coordinating events, such as the annual National "Walk Your Child to School Day".

Major 2005 Tasks:

- Assisting with the review and prioritization of the Safe Routes to School Grant Applications
- Providing Feedback on the proposed School Pedestrian Safety Policies and Warrants
- Researching the Vargas Bill to see if it passed and if it is able to be implemented- State Bill that doubles traffic violation fines for areas around schools.
- Seeking funds to do outreach for educational purposes on Channel 24.