

PATHWAY SAFETY TASK FORCE
MEETING #3 – THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – SROA BOARD ROOM / ZOOM

1. Review of prioritized concerns and potential solutions
 - a. Review responses from Task Force members about primary concerns – as prioritized and presented at the last meeting (attached)
 - b. Homework follow-up – individual Task Force members presenting their potential solutions to the primary concerns (oral round-table presentation)

2. Categorize Solutions
 - a. Infrastructure – what can be constructed to solve some issues (what are the challenges to infrastructure/construction solutions?)
 - b. Rules and Enforcement – can we create some new rules, but more importantly, can those (or existing rules) be enforced (what are the challenges to rules/enforcement?)
 - c. Education and Communication efforts – what are the methods we can use to achieve meaningful communication (what are the challenges to education/communication?)
 - d. Develop criteria for evaluating/prioritizing solutions (examples)
 - Cost
 - Regulatory/procedural process
 - Most/least effective
 - Reliance on partners
 - Personnel
 - Conformance with State/local law
 - Timeline for implementation
 - e. Can a scoring system be implemented for the criteria

3. Sub-group creation
 - a. Create three sub-groups of Task Force members based on the three established categories (1. - Infrastructure, 2. - Rules and Enforcement, 3. - Education and Communication)

4. Sub-group homework (before the next meeting):
 - a. Apply criteria/scoring to potential solutions per category
 - b. Create a prioritization of potential solutions under each category
 - Develop a prioritization that looks at implementation in terms of immediate, near-term, long-term
 - c. Document the reasons/rationale for your prioritization
 - Documenting the rationale and reasoning is very important – with as much detail as possible
 - The rationale/reasoning will provide the “findings” that ultimately support the recommendations in the final report

Meeting #4 (date tbd):

- Finalize the list of prioritized primary concerns – describe why
- Finalize the list of prioritized potential solutions – describe why
- Make sure that the concerns and solutions have a distinct interrelationship
- Begin to develop findings and recommendations

Pathway Safety Task Force – Top Concerns and Solutions

CONCERNS

1. Overcrowding
2. Pedestrian/bicycle/dog mix
4. Lack of enforcement (citations)
5. E-bikes (overall)
6. E-bikes (only class 2 and 3)
7. Overall bike speed and reckless behavior
8. Overall lack of following rules
9. Lack of common courtesy
10. Dogs off-leash / dogs on extender leashes
 - Inconsistent rules – inconsistent with State Law
 - Confusion at intersections (pathway/golf cart path/road intersections with SROA paths)
 - Confusion caused by allowing Class 1 e-bikes but not Class 2 & 3
 - Bikes and pedestrians on roadways (and not pathways)
 - No lights/reflectors on bikes at night
 - Use of “other” modes (skateboards, in-line skates, one-wheelers)

SOLUTIONS

1. Eliminate e-bikes of all types
2. Additional signage/kiosks with rules/signage on asphalt
3. Increased education (rules, courtesy, etc.) – through all methods
4. Messaging through property managers (in homes)
5. Messaging through bike shops (distributed)
6. Increased enforcement of existing rules (citations)
7. Add center striping & dividers to designate traffic pattern (especially in busy/congested areas)
8. Make rules consistent with state law
9. Increased number of bike patrol
10. Require dogs to be on-leash (6-foot leash – no extender leashes)
11. Require dogs to be leashed during certain periods (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
12. Create a bike park for children
13. Provide separate pathways for pedestrians, bicyclists and dogs (especially busy areas)
14. Give verbal alerts when passing on a bike
15. Post speed limits of 15 mph (especially at recognized safety points)
16. Require lights/reflectors/bells on bikes (on rental bikes)
17. Create better maps and QR codes specific to pathways
18. Develop a “courtesy campaign”
 - Color coded e-bike stickers – class 1, 2 and 3 (through bike shops)
 - Provide parking in/shuttle to areas of less congested pathways
 - Create areas for “other” uses (in-line skates, skateboards, etc.)
 - Eliminate bike patrol and replace with officers who can issue citations
 - Offer incentives/rewards for positive behavior
 - Create pathway “ambassadors”
 - Require a permitting system for Class 1 e-bikes (to distinguish from Class 2 & 3)
 - Create a rule – cannot ride a bike and also have a dog on a leash
 - Charge a parking fee at parking lots – with a time limit – captures bike riders
 - Analyze pathway use and congestion by section
 - Consider adjusting rules for use to allow new modes
 - Create a dog park for dogs to run un-leashed
 - Designate different “use zones” for pathway (some mixed use, pedestrian only, bike only, etc.)

Those items highlighted in yellow are generally listed in order of how many times they were mentioned (1 is the most and then descending). Those items that are not highlighted were only listed one/two times.