

**PATHWAY SAFETY TASK FORCE
MEETING #5, JUNE 5, 2025
MEETING NOTES**

The meeting began at 3:00 pm - live in the SROA Board room and via Zoom. The following task force members were present:

- Linda Beard
- Gwen Gamble
- Al Klascius
- Karen Agee
- Jared Miklos
- Greg Slater
- Kris Besson
- Susan Berger
- David Fretwell
- Bruce Schroeder
- Lee Stevenson
- James Lewis
- Stacy Wesson
- Clark Pederson
- Bill Burke

James L. provided a brief recap of the last meeting and an overview of today's meeting. The intent is to hear a follow-up report from each of the three subgroups as related to the first draft of the entire report completed the previous week – and then get feedback from the entire task force to help narrow the final recommendations for the report.

Primary Issues:

Following the recap, the Task Force focused on the primary issues discussed in past meetings where there was not consensus of the group. These items included:

- E-bike use – as related to overall “motorized” versus “non-motorized” vehicle use on pathways.
- Dogs being kept on leashes.
- Striping on pathways (land striping) and locations.

What was ultimately recommended on these issues was:

- To not allow any motorized vehicles (i.e. electric, gas, solar, etc.) on the pathways with the exception of Class 1 pedal-assist electric bikes.
- The existing rule allowing dogs to be off-leash but under voice control will remain, but messaging will state that it is recommended that dogs be kept on a maximum 6 foot long leash when on pathways between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

- Striping will be added in congested areas, specifically at pathway/pathway and pathway/roadway intersections.

Document Review Points/Comments:

It was noted that the draft report has areas where there are overlapping findings and recommendations – a cross-reference should be provided in the document noting that the same recommendations came from separate sub-groups.

Suggestions for Report:

- Add the following appendices:
 - Examples of signs – including on-pathway surface medallions, upright signs and possible locations.
 - Definitions of terms used in the report and rules.
 - An example of an existing Ambassador program – how it works.
- Clarify language of motorized versus non-motorized versus people powered....
- Include the specific etiquette language that should be added to signs/messaging as follows:
 - Be nice - say hi.
 - Keep right pass left.
 - Use bell or voice when passing.
 - Keep dogs on short leash.
 - Have a light on your bike at dusk.
 - Be pro - be slow.
- The recommended Ambassador program should be further described in detail, including necessary staffing, volunteers, training, funding requirements, etc. It was noted that this may need to be developed over the next year and be started in 2026.
- The use of automatic trail cameras should be included within the suggestions regarding gathering use data (Infrastructure and Communication sections).
- The recommendations listed as “Immediate” – within one year – can be pared down to what is actually accomplishable based on staff knowledge of the requirements for such.
- Reference that the pathway Ambassador program participants can also serve as a reference for future direction toward pathway use.

Measures of success:

It was noted that implementation of the recommendations in the report is only a piece of the puzzle. The effectiveness of the recommendations needs to be evaluated. It was suggested that as part of the recommendation to collect use data, a survey should/could be created and distributed. First, baseline data needs to be collected, and then periodic updates and additional surveys to gauge success.

Virtual Forum:

On June 12th, a virtual (Zoom) forum on the work of the pathway safety task force will be conducted by SunriverYou. The forum will include a brief presentation on the task force's work and the current status (referring to the draft report), with time for Q&A at the end. The presenters will be Clark Pederson, James Lewis, Jared Miklos and David Fretwell.

Homework:

1. Consider methods to evaluate "measures of success" – especially as related to evaluating improved pathway safety over time.
2. Review the entire document for overall editing (redundancy, sentence structure, clarity, etc.). Provide comments to James

The goal is for SROA staff to produce a Final Board of Directors Report for consideration of Board acceptance at their July 19th business meeting.

The next meeting (Meeting #6) will be held on **Thursday, July 10th, 3:00-5:00 pm** at the SROA Administration Board room and via Zoom.