

Safe Routes to School Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3rd, 2019

Attendees: *Georgia Lindahl Lopez*, Trustee, Village of Hastings, *Sashi Nivarthi*, Conservation Commission, *Anjali Chen*, Parks & Rec Commission, and Climate Task Force group member

- Reviewed background of Safe Routes to Schools: a program to assist New York communities in developing and implementing projects and programs that encourage walking and bicycling to school while enhancing the safety of these trips. Discussed benefits of CSC program.
- Followed-up on items from first meeting on **October 24, 2019**, attended by Georgia Lindahl Lopez, Sashi Nivarthi, & Anjali Chen.
- Anjali reported that Mary Lambert, Co-Chair of CSC Task Force provided some suggested steps for a successful committee from the CSC Pledge Element description:

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| ● Form committee |
| ● ID routes and safety features for students |
| ● Apply for funding |
| ● Determine metrics for success |
| ● Build a web site |
| ● Develop educational materials |

- Georgia brought copies of Transportation Working Group's report and recommendations from a few years back which were not adopted by the Village (for various reasons),
- Sashi identified safe routes for students walking to school (mainly to FMS & HHS) and safety features based on prior research and exploration that he and Georgia had been involved in.
- Focus has been primarily Farragut Middle School and Hastings High School to date, and not on Hillside School at the moment, because the Hillside children are mainly on buses.
- Sashi committed to doing up a map with prioritized and recommended high value sidewalk and crosswalks based on existing studies and his and Georgia's own research.
- We discussed funding sources, state vs. federal, the different approvals needed for any work on major state-owned roads (such as Broadway and Farragut) and internal roads (only Village authorization) and other related issues
- Anjali is going to look into funding options for this initiative – both federal and state.