



Minnesota Safe Routes to School

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We all have a stake in **A  B**



What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?

The 5 E's

1. Engineering
2. Education
3. Encouragement
4. Enforcement
5. Evaluation



Bringing together
community and health.



Physical Activity and Nutrition Unit
Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/docs/SRTShandbook.pdf>

History of SRTS at MnDOT

- ▶ MnDOT funding began in 2005 with (SAFETEA-LU)
- ▶ MN SRTS program starting in SFY 2014 with \$250K annually, increased to \$500,000 in FY 2015
- ▶ SFY 2015– \$1 million in state funds for infrastructure grants



SRTS Steering Committee

- ▶ American Cancer Society
- ▶ American Heart Association
- ▶ Anoka – Hennepin Schools
- ▶ Bicycle Alliance of MN
- ▶ Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN
- ▶ City of Mankato
- ▶ Department of Public Safety
- ▶ Federal Highway Administration
- ▶ Fond du Lac Reservation
- ▶ Minneapolis Public Schools
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Education
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Education/Health
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Health
- ▶ MN Safety Council
- ▶ MnDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Section
- ▶ MnDOT District 1
- ▶ MnDOT District 3
- ▶ MnDOT Office of Traffic Safety and Technology
- ▶ MnDOT State Aid
- ▶ Pollution Control Agency
- ▶ Public Health Law Center
- ▶ Red Pine Elementary School
- ▶ St. Cloud Area Planning Organization
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Education
- ▶ West Central Initiative



MnDOT SRTS Program

- ▶ Walk! Bike! Fun! Curriculum and teacher trainings
- ▶ Technical assistance & training for schools
- ▶ SRTS planning assistance for schools
- ▶ Local implementation grants
- ▶ Covers all 5 e's





Safe Routes to School Statewide Programs



Walk! Bike! Fun! Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Curriculum

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- ▶ 2013: Curriculum launched in late 2013
- ▶ 2014: 5 teacher trainings around the state
- ▶ 2015: BikeMN holding regional teacher trainings and providing technical assistance



WALK! BIKE! FUN! is a comprehensive curriculum that teaches safe traffic behavior through classroom activities and on-the-bike skills practice. The goals of the extensive lesson plans teach skills to children to walk and bicycle safely — building confidence and helping them stay safe, active, and healthy.



Coming Soon– New Statewide Programs & Resources

- ▶ May: 5–year Statewide SRTS Implementation Plan
- ▶ June 2015: New SRTS brand and campaign
- ▶ June 2015: Statewide Resource Center–clearinghouse for resources and information





HOME SRTS BASICS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CA GET ASSISTANCE NEW TOOLS CALTRANS AWARDEES

New Tools

News and Events

Join us for TARC SRTS Non-Infrastructure Networking Call on October 15
 Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar Seat Now at:
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/741481550> Please join us for the next TARC SRTS Non-Infrastructure Networking Call [...]

Crosswalk: Where the Needs of School Principals and Safe Routes to School Programs Intersect
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 Developed with input from California school [...]

New Tools

California Active Communities' Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Technical Assistance Resource Center offers a large collection of free resources to help grow Safe Routes to School programs in your community.

Special Community Considerations

- Addressing California Low-Income and Underserved Communities in SRTS Toolkit
- California SRTS Rural Toolkit
- California SRTS Tribal Toolkit

School-Specific Resources

- California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum (4th and 5th grades)
- California SRTS Youth Engagement Curriculum (middle school)
- Crosswalk: Where the Needs of School Principals and Safe Routes to School Programs Intersect

General Resources

- Walk To School Infographic



Resources (coming soon!)

- ▶ Mapping
- ▶ Evaluation
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ New brand
- ▶ Awareness campaign





Future Solicitations

Info coming summer 2015



2015: Three New Solicitations

- ▶ **SRTS Infrastructure Solicitation**
 - \$1 million available for projects around schools (sidewalks, traffic calming, cross walks)
- ▶ **School Mini-Grant Solicitation**
 - Small grants up to \$1000 to purchase supplies for SRTS programs (crossing guard supplies, bike tools, Walk to School Day incentives)
- ▶ **Bicycle Fleets & Trailers:**
 - Grants to purchase a fleet of bicycles and a trailer to use in schools teaching the Walk! Bike! Fun! curriculum



2016: SRTS Solicitations Preview

- ▶ Biennium state funds
- ▶ Will announce by June 2015

2015–2016 Solicitations:

- ▶ Mini-grants
- ▶ Bike Fleets
- ▶ Planning assistance grants
- ▶ Infrastructure funding



What Your Community Can Do To Get Started with SRTS (with or without funding)

- ▶ Start or join a SRTS Team
- ▶ Connect with local resources– SHIP Coordinators, Regional Development Commissions, local organizations
- ▶ Consider a SRTS Plan or planning process
- ▶ Coming Soon! Minnesota Safe Routes to School Resource Center



Thank You!

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