

Safe Routes to School

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
12:15-1:15PM



Housekeeping



1. Attendees will remain in listen-only mode
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Mini College (via Zoom)

- **Thursday, September 17, 9AM – 3:20PM**
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/3ktjTxT>
- **Programming Highlights**
 - Introduction to Persuasive Narrative presented by Mike Miller and Paula Hamilton of Brown Miller Communications
 - Keynote by Dr. Alice Chen, Deputy Secretary for Policy and Planning at the California Health and Human Services Agency
 - Policy landscape discussion with representatives from the California Medical Association and California Dental Association
 - Work-In-Progress presentations by fellows from San Francisco, Monterey and Imperial counties



Solano Safe Routes to School Program

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Walking/Biking to School

1969

- 50% of children 5 to 14 years of age usually walked or bicycled to school
(National Center for Safe Routes to School, 2011).
- 41% of children in grades K–8 lived within one mile of school;
***90%** of these children usually walked or bicycled to school
(U.S. Dept of Transportation, 1972).



Walk/Bike to School - 40 years later

2009

- 13% of children 5 to 14 years of age usually walked or bicycled to school
(National Center, 2011).
- 31% of children in grades K–8 lived within one mile of school;
***35%** of these children usually walked or bicycled to school
(National Center, 2011).





Benefits of Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School improves sidewalks and street crossings and creates safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from school. The CDC has recognized Safe Routes to School as one of a handful of programs that are cost-effective and show significant population health impacts within five years. saferoutespartnership.org

COST SAVINGS

- Household savings from reduced gas & car use
- Education budget savings through reduced student busing costs

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Reduced traffic injuries & dangers for students and community members at arrival & dismissal through street improvements near schools
- More chances to learn & practice road safety for students

CLIMATE BENEFITS AND CLEANER AIR

- Fewer student asthma attacks due to less driving & reduced air pollution levels
- Cleaner air & reduced greenhouse gas emissions

SAFETY FROM CRIME

- Increased safety from crime & violence due to more people on the streets, good lighting & better street design
- Less harassment, bullying, or violence when students walk or bike together or with adults

COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

- Stronger student friendships & relationships through walking & biking together
- Positive social connections for families & neighbors

HEALTHIER STUDENTS

- Better health & stronger bones, muscles & joints through more walking & biking
- Reduced risk of chronic disease, diabetes, & obesity

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FIXES

- Solutions to reduced or non-existent bus service through Safe Routes to School
- Reduced traffic congestion at pick-up/drop-off times

BETTER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Better focus, improved concentration & less distraction for students who are active before school
- Fewer absences and less tardiness when students walk or bike in groups



Solano SR2S Program Highlights

"The 6 E's"



Education & Encouragement (with Solano Public Health)

- ❖ In 2019-2020, 78 schools participated in 359 events such as Walking School Bus, Bike Rodeos and Safety Assemblies reaching over **21,000+ students!**
- ❖ International Walk to School Day on October 2nd had 52 schools participate countywide.

Engagement

- ❖ Developed a countywide SR2S Master Plan with each City & School District through local SR2S Community Task Forces.
- ❖ High School Youth Engagement Pilot Program launched in 2017 with 7 high schools across Solano County

Engineering

- ❖ 29 SR2S School Infrastructure Projects completed; 7 schools to be completed in Benicia/Vallejo in 2020.

Evaluation

- ❖ Hand Tally Surveys – **19% Walk to School in Solano County** (Nat'l Avg is 13% /CA Avg is 24%).

Enforcement

- ❖ Public Safety Grants (Round 5) with Benicia and Suisun City Police Departments completed.



September Pedestrian Safety Month

Walk to School Day - October 2, 2019



safe routes to school
SOLANO COUNTY

INTERNATIONAL
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND WALK TOGETHER!

GET ACTIVE AND REDUCE TRAFFIC!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

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Illustration featuring two superhero children (a boy in a red cape and a girl in a purple cape) standing on either side of the central text. The background is a blue and yellow starburst pattern. The text "INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the main text, there are two speech bubbles with the phrases "GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND WALK TOGETHER!" and "GET ACTIVE AND REDUCE TRAFFIC!". At the bottom, the date "WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019" is displayed in a white box. The contact information "707-399-3222 | solanosr2sinfo@sta.ca.gov | solanosr2s.ca.gov" is at the very bottom.

BE A SAFE ROUTES SUPERHERO AND WALK INSTEAD OF RIDE!





SR2S Program Challenges

- ❖ **Car-Centric Society**
 - ❖ **Alternative Mode Travel (Carpool, Transit, etc.)**

- ❖ **School Staff Turnover (Principals, Teachers & School Champions)**

- ❖ **School/Community – Buy-in**
 - ❖ **Volunteer Recruitment**
 - ❖ **One Size Doesn't Fit All**



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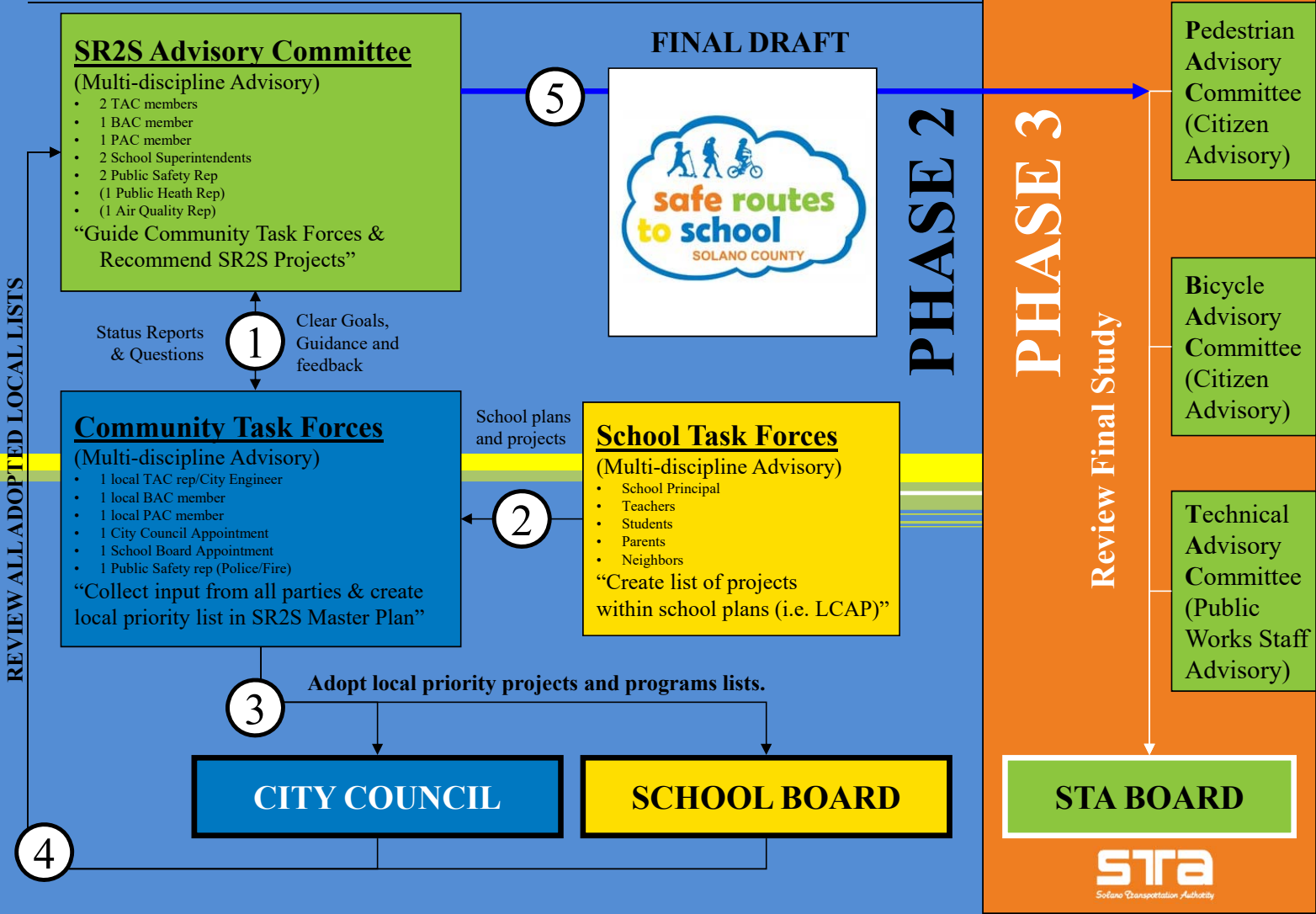


SR2S Countywide Advisory Committee

SR2S Community Task Forces (in each city)



Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program Process



Addressing Health Equity



- ❖ SR2S Community Task Forces
- ❖ Countywide Equity Working Group 2019
- ❖ Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Updates in each city



We Need Your Feedback!
Transportation Equity Guiding Principles



Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Suisun City Hall 701 Civic Center Boulevard Suisun City, CA 94585	Thursday, June 27, 2019 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Vallejo Downtown: Cal Maritime Anchor Center 253 Georgia Street Vallejo, CA 94590	Saturday, June 29, 2019 Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Facebook Live Event @SolanoTransportationAuthority
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The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is working with a Citizen's Advisory Committee to develop a set of Transportation Equity Guiding Principles to guide future transportation investments, projects and programs. We need your feedback!

Please contact us in advance if you need transportation to the Equity Workshop.

Please stop by one of two workshops or participate

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Solano SR2S Micro-Grant Pilot Program

Overview

The SR2S Micro-Grant Program's Goal is to support small-scale infrastructure projects or capital purchases that promote safe, active transportation to and from school, address safety around schools and/or encourage an increase in walking and biking to school.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Solano County schools, school districts, community organizations or city departments

Amount of Funding currently available:

*\$78,000 budgeted for the 2019-2020 grant cycle



Safe Routes to School Micro Grant Projects are starting to take shape!



Riverview Middle School Bike Corral (Rio Vista)
City of Vacaville Radar Feedback Signs



Call to Action - Policy/Systems Change

- ❖ **Create your Safe Routes to School Community Task Force in your community**
 - ❖ **Is there a Safe Routes to School Program in your city/county/community?**
 - ❖ **Does your city/school have Safe Routes to School projects/programs in the city's plans?**





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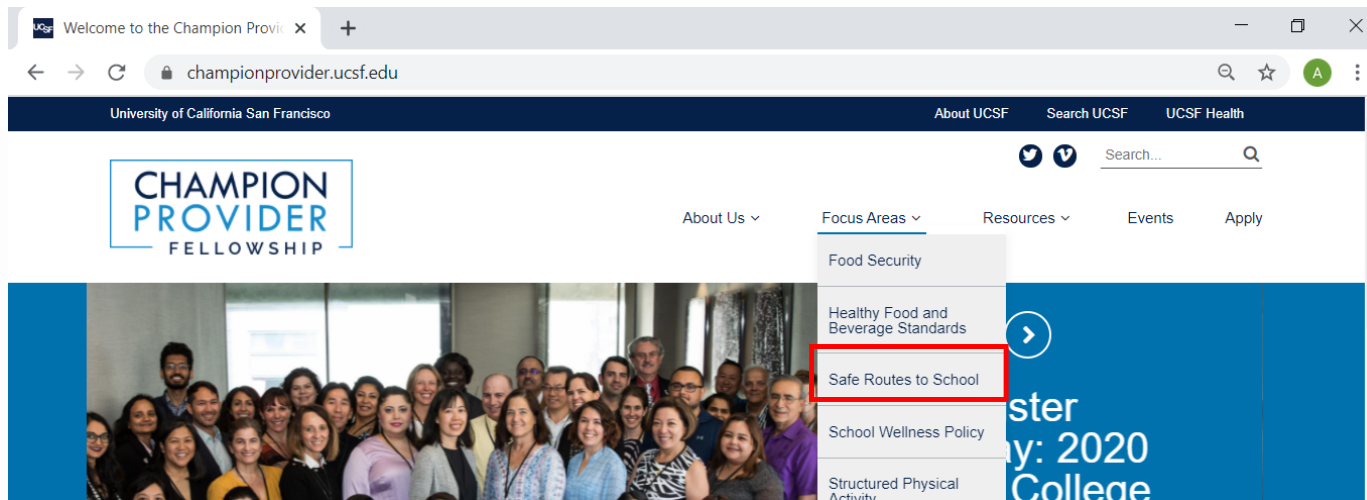
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Q&A

Resources

- **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Implementation Guide**
<https://bit.ly/3jATX25>
 - Roadmap for Getting Started with SRTS
 - Fact Sheet
 - Stakeholder PPT



Thank you



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