



Champion Provider Fellowship Presentation
Let's Team Up! Partnering with Safe Routes to School Programs
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MISSION

The mission of the Safe Routes Partnership is to advance safe walking and rolling to and from schools and in everyday life, improving the health and well-being of people of all races, income levels, and abilities, and building healthy, thriving communities for everyone.

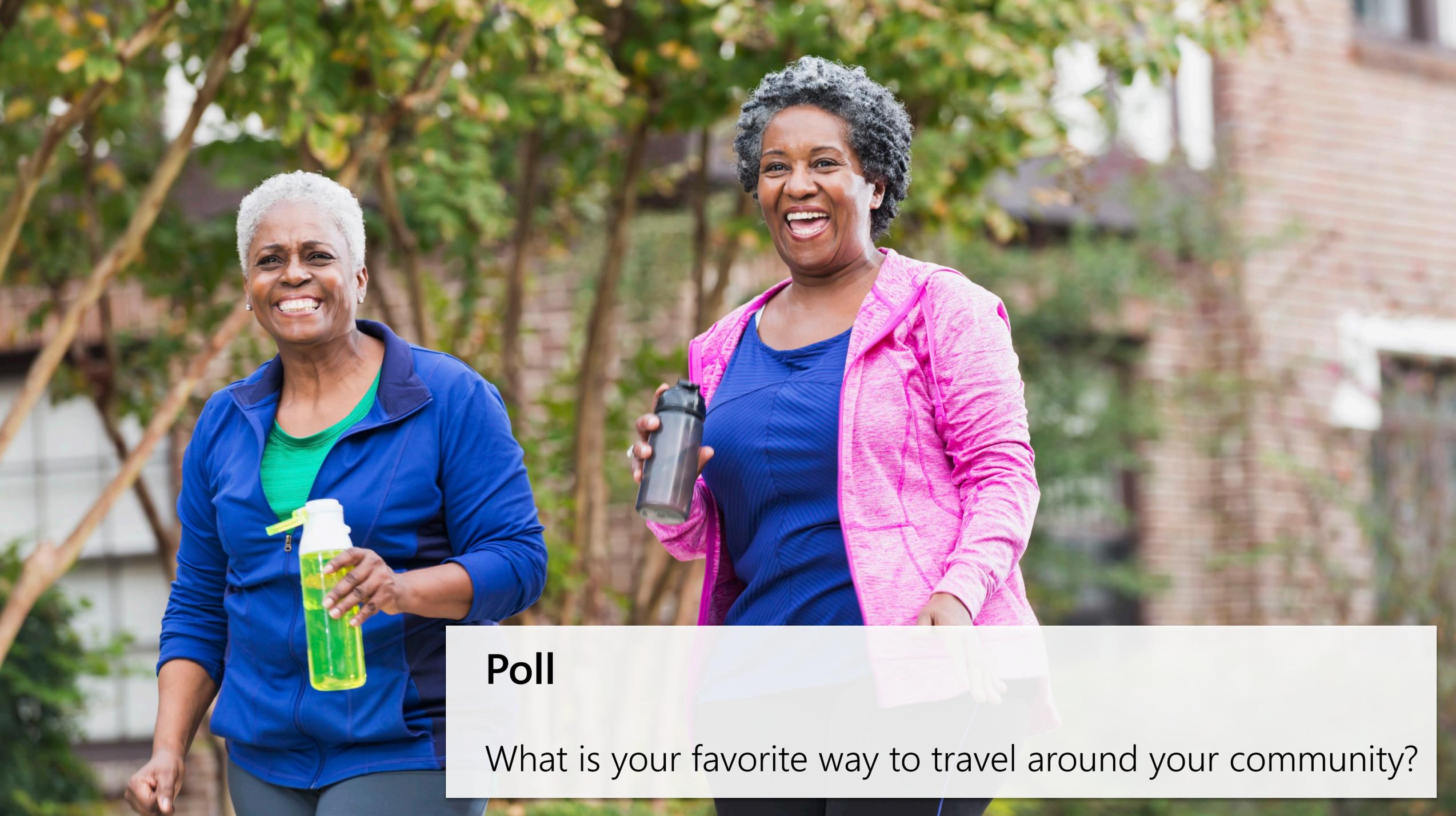




HELLO
MY NAME IS

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What is your favorite way to travel around your community?

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How did you get to school growing up?



What is Safe Routes to School?





Safe Routes to School is a movement and a program to make school travel – including walking, biking, and scooting – safe convenient, and fun for children of all genders, races, and abilities.

In 1969, nearly **50%**
of all children walked
or bicycled to school.
Today, just **13%** walk
or bicycle.





At the same time...

- Family car trips to school make up **10-14%** of morning congestion (National Center for Safe Routes to School, 2011)
- Injuries and fatalities are **especially high** in low income neighborhoods (Governing, August 2014)



The Evidence is In: Safe Routes to School Works

- Safe Routes to School programs lead to a **35-45% increase in walking and bicycling** to school
- Safe Routes to School programs result in a **45-75% decrease in pedestrian injuries** near schools
- Kids who walk and bike are **more physically active**

Benefits of Safe Routes to School

COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

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



CLIMATE BENEFITS AND CLEANER AIR

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



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



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



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



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



COST SAVINGS

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



HEALTHIER STUDENTS

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





How are Safe Routes to School Programs Organized?

At the local level, Safe Routes to School programs are organized by cities, counties, schools, school districts, or community organizations. These programs can serve one school or many schools throughout a community.

At the state level, Safe Routes to School programs are usually administered by the state department of transportation (DOT). The program provides resources to help support local programs.



Safe Routes to School Coordinator

- Manages overall program
- Leads Safe Routes to School task force
- Coordinates between district, municipality, other stakeholders
- Recruits & trains volunteers
- Coordinates city/district/multi-school events & activities
- Strategically expands program
- Seeks funding opportunities
- Evaluates what is working & not with program



The 6 E's of Safe Routes to School



ENGAGEMENT

All Safe Routes to School initiatives should begin by listening to students, families, teachers, and school leaders and working with existing community organizations, and build intentional, ongoing engagement opportunities into the program structure.



EQUITY

Ensuring that Safe Routes to School initiatives are benefiting all demographic groups, with particular attention to ensuring safe, healthy, and fair outcomes for low-income students, students of color, students of all genders, students with disabilities, and others



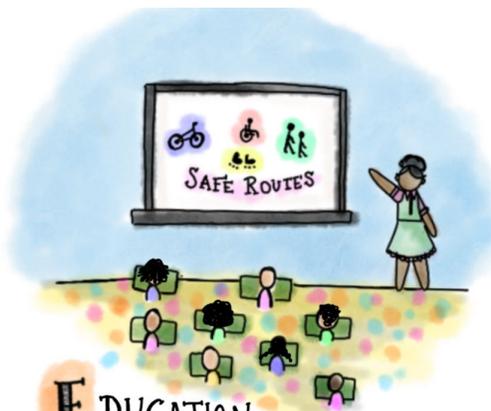
ENCOURAGEMENT

Generating enthusiasm and increased walking and bicycling for students through events, activities, & programs



ENGINEERING

Creating physical improvements to streets and neighborhoods that make walking and bicycling safer, more comfortable, and more convenient.



EDUCATION

Providing students and the community with the skills to walk and bicycle safely, educating them about the benefits of walking and bicycling, and teaching them about the broad range of transportation choices



EVALUATION

Assessing which approaches are more or less successful, ensuring that programs and initiatives are supporting equitable outcomes, and identifying unintended consequences or opportunities to improve the effectiveness of each approach



Engagement



Equity



Engineering



Encouragement



Education



Evaluation



How are Safe Routes to School Programs Organized?

Infrastructure Projects

- Sidewalk construction
- Bike lanes
- Speed reduction
- Curb extensions

Non-Infrastructure Activities

- Walk and Roll to School Day
- Walking School Bus
- Bike Train
- Walking Wednesdays

Safe Routes to School Activities



Safe Routes to School Encouragement and Engagement Activities

- [Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day](#)
 - October and May
- Walking School Bus
- Bike Trains
- Bike Rodeos
- Walk Audits
- Remote Drop-off/Pick Up





Walk and Roll Audit

Picture courtesy of Kate Moening



**Arrival/Dismissal
Observation**



Walk and Roll to School Day
Observed in October
www.walkbiketoschool.org



**Bike and Roll to School Day
Observed in May**

www.walkbiketoschool.org

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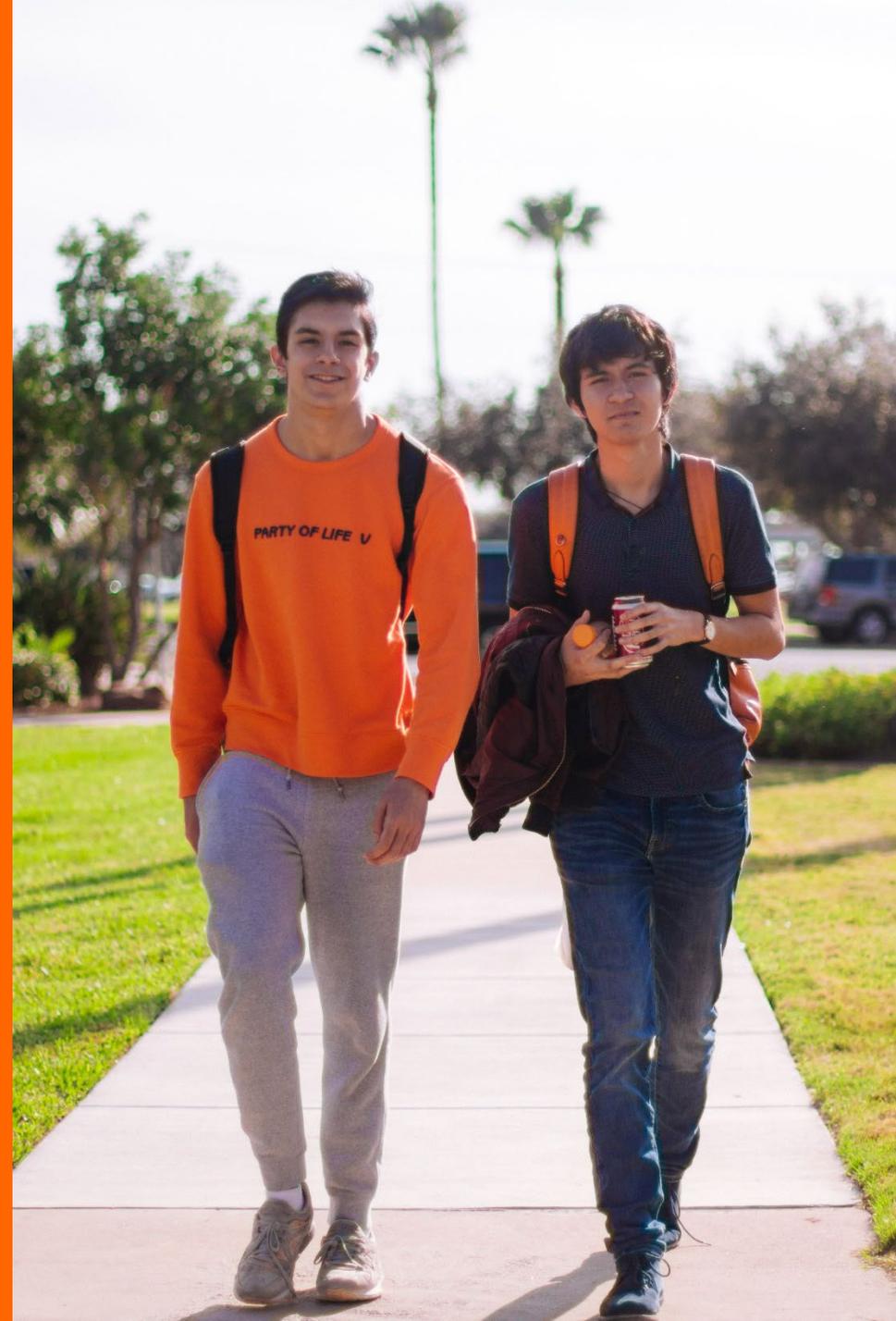
Walking School Bus

- Group walk along designated “bus” route
- Led by adults – volunteers or staff
- Helps take the burden off of individual parents
- Reduces tardiness
- Can incorporate safety education



Bike Rodeos

Safe Routes to School in California



Safe Routes to School Programs in California

Safe Routes to School Program Census

← Imperial County Safe Routes t...

Name of SRTS Program
Imperial County Safe Routes to School Program

City
El Centro

State
CA

Geographic service area
Our current funded SRTS program targets (Heber, Seeley, and Westmorland). The program also leads a Countywide SRTS Workgroup as part of the Imperial County Community Obesity Prevention Alliance, and with the support of workgroup members, several of the SR

Program housed in
Health department

★ Create your own.

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Find a Program in Your Community

- Local health department – [Imperial County, Riverside](#)
- Local transportation or public works department
- School district
- Hospitals – [San Diego](#)
- Bike shops or bike advocacy organizations – [Sonoma County](#)
- Ask Safe Routes Partnership!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

WALK & ROLL

To SCHOOL & anywhere **SEPT**

MAP MY ROUTE TO SCHOOL **CHALLENGE** COMPLETE BY OCTOBER 2 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN **\$25** COPPERFIELD'S GIFT CERTIFICATE

TO PARTICIPATE, VISIT sonomasaferroutes.org



**Walk to School Day
Orange County Safe Routes to School**



**Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
San Mateo County Safe Routes to School**

Alameda County Safe Routes to School

- Over decade of high school programming
- Dedicated high school site coordinator
- Emphasis on transportation independence and climate justice
- Reboot Your Commute
- Travel Training
- Youth Task Force



JOIN THE YOUTH TASK FORCE!

- *Be part of climate change solutions on your school campus*
- *Build community with students across Alameda County*
- *Organize active and shared transportation encouragement events*

What's required of you?

- Attend quarterly task force meetings (currently virtual)
- Organize one or more Safe Routes events for your campus, such as International Walk and Roll to School Day, Creation for Transportation, or Bike to School Day

You'll receive community service hours for your time!

Submit an application at <https://tinyurl.com/youthtaskforce> or scan here:



Get Involved in Safe Routes to School

- Connect with your local Safe Routes to School coordinator
- Volunteer at a Safe Routes event
- Attend a walk or bike audit
- Share health and wellness tips with Safe Routes to School coordinators
- Talk with kids and families about the importance of physical activity



Q & A





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