

Connected Networks & Network Connections:
Built Environment Changes to Support Active Youth Travel

Increasing School and City Engagement, Collaboration, and Impact in Equity Priority Communities: The School Travel Fellowship Model

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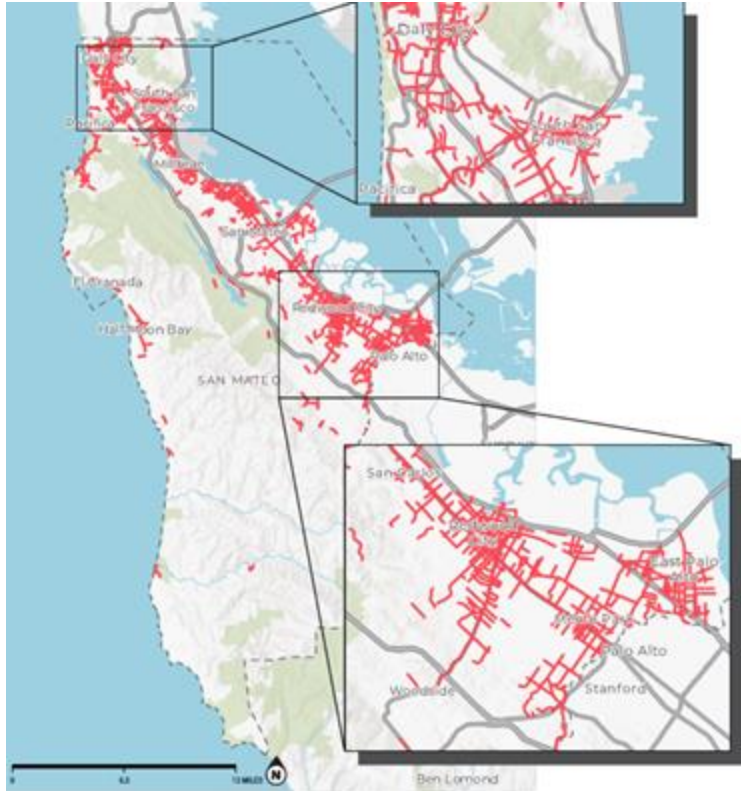


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Schools/Districts & Local Jurisdictions Don't Talk!



- School Travel Fellowship nurtures these relationships
- Creates space for working toward common goals
- Plants seeds for bigger longer term outcomes

Supporting Back to School Travel with Equity & Empathy



Reframing the historical transportation inequities and unethical practices to support our highest need communities while promoting **safe school travel**

3 Ps: Programs (Culture), Projects (Land Use), and Policies (Power)

The Idea!

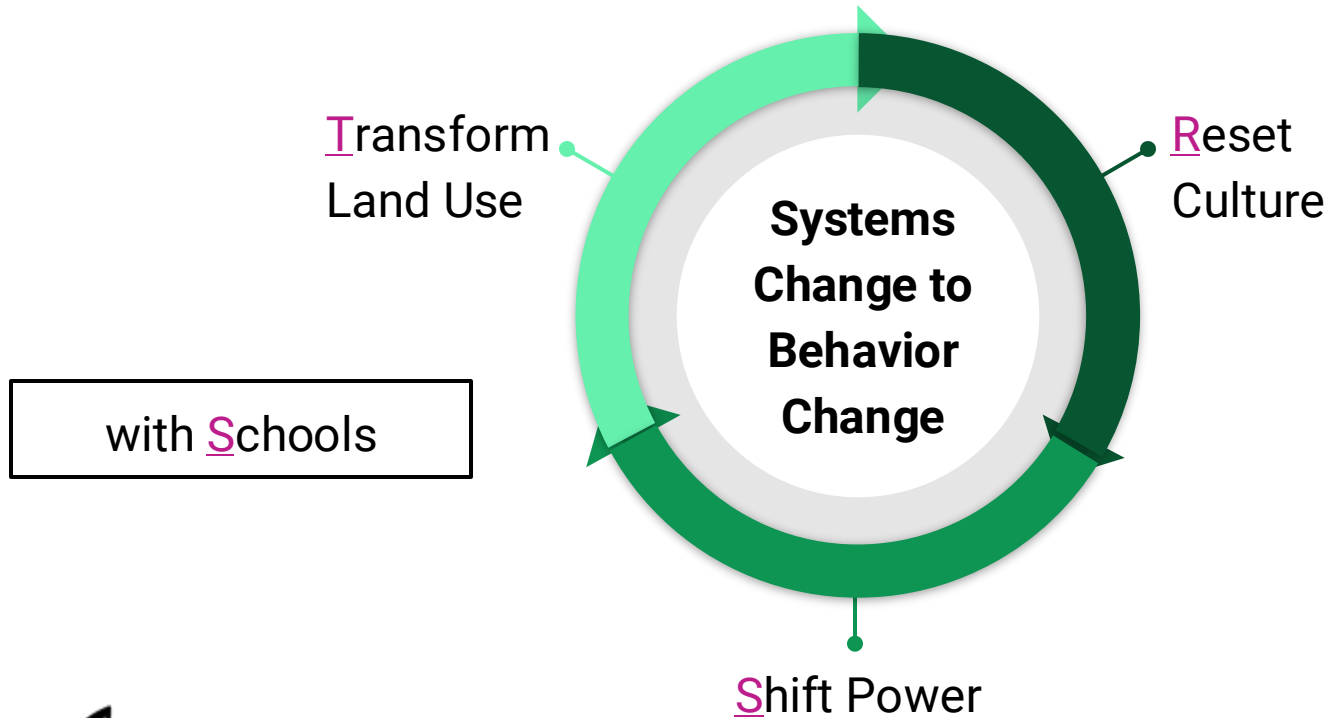


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School Travel Fellowship Workshops



Break Down Silos: Education + Transportation



Systems Change Objectives

Systems Change Levers/ 6 E's	Objective Example
Shift Power (equity, engagement, and evaluation)	• Conduct walk audit with staff, families, and community members • Gather feedback on demonstration project through a survey and tabling event
Reset Culture (education and encouragement)	• Conduct school travel tally • Organize walking school busses • Host a bike rodeo • Implement a Safe Routes to School pledge program
Transform Land Use (engineering)	• Implement a quick build project (using walk audit findings) and explore making it permanent • Test out a <i>school street</i> in front of the school and explore making it permanent



*Advancing Safe Routes to School
through City-School
Collaboration, Technical Support,
and a Systems Change Approach*

A Report on the First Three Cycles of
the Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
School Travel Fellowship (2022-24)





Transforming Streets (Land Use)

SRTS Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance Process

- 1. Meet with STF team
- 1. Develop scope of work
- 1. Identify data needs

**Walk audits =
Really powerful
engagement tool!**



Quick Builds



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Placemaking



Single School SRTS Plans

Farallone View Elementary School

School Setting

Address: 1100 Le Conte Avenue
City: Monterey

School District: Cabrillo Unified School District
School Day Start: 8:00 am
School Day End: 2:25 pm (TK-Grade 3), 3:00 pm (Grade 4-5)

Attendance: (2024-25): 164
Grade Range: TK-5
School Walk Audit Date: April 24, 2025



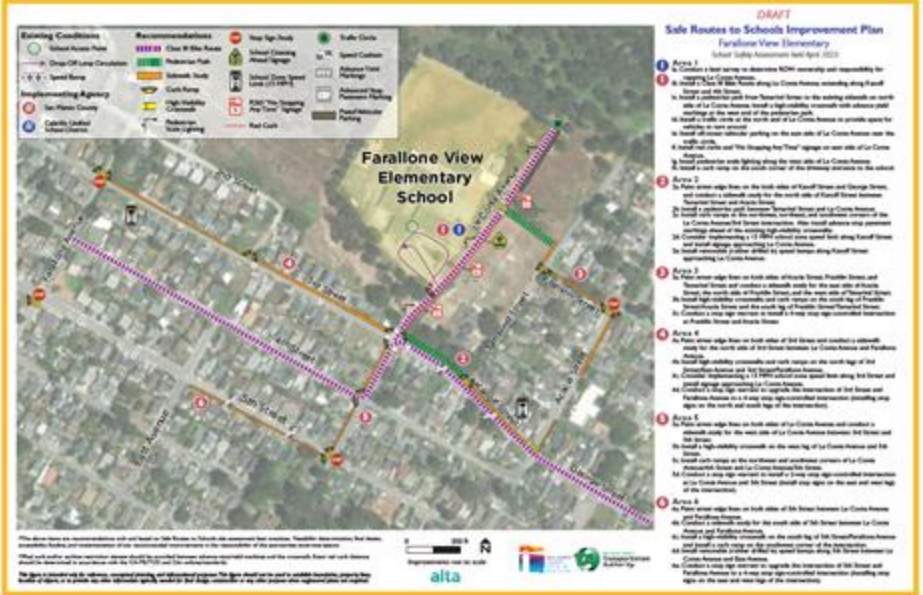
Map 1. School Study Area

San Mateo Safe Routes to School Authority

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Map 2. Improvement Plan Recommendations

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Safe Routes to Schools Improvement Plan
Farallone View Elementary
School Safety Assessment: April 2025



Existing Conditions:

- Intersecting Street
- Speed Limit
- San Mateo County
- Cabrillo Unified School District

Recommendations:

- Stop Sign Study
- School Crossing Ahead Signage
- High-Visibility Crosswalk
- Reflexion Strip Lighting
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DRAFT Route Recommendations:

- Route 1:** To be implemented as a one-way street along Le Conte Avenue, one-way northbound, with a one-way street sign at the intersection of Le Conte Avenue and Pacific Street.
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School Travel Fellowship Catalyzing Permanent Change





Walk Bike Roll CA

Walk Bike Roll CA was established in 2023 by a group of advocates and educators.

The coalition is currently comprised of more than 40 organizations and agencies. It includes educators, injury prevention professionals, safety personnel, public health professionals, environmental advocates, and more. We need more individuals and organizations to join us!

<https://walkbikerollca.calwalks.org/>



Questions

Thank You!

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