Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Activities: Adaptations and Insight during the COVID-19 Pandemic webinar

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SRTS Activities: Adaptations and Insight during the

October 27, 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic







Webinar Objectives

Participants will:

- Identify 2-3 existing resources available to assist SRTS practitioners and their partners with planning and implementing safe and meaningful SRTS activities during COVID-19, and
- Describe at least two existing challenges for SRTS practitioners during COVID and examples of how those challenges have been addressed by existing practitioners.

Our Motivation

- Help California meet its long-term multi-modal transportation, sustainability, health, safety, and equity goals.
- Build your awareness, confidence, and trust in the ATRC, and your understanding of ATP project requirements.
- Assist you in making your ATP project as successful as possible.
- Get more people safely walking and bicycling for transportation!



Speakers

- Kori Johnson and Becky Gilliam, Safe Routes National Partnership
- Noel Mikelberry, Oregon Metro Safe Routes to School Program
- Jenny Weiss, Redwood Community Action Agency
- Theresa Vallez-Kelly and Vanessa Castro, San Mateo County Office of Education

ATRC NI Team:

- Emily Abrahams, Program Manager, and Summer Anderson-Lopez, Assistant Coordinator, Active Transportation Program, ATP NI Programs and ATRC
- Victoria Custodio California Department of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Active Transportation Resource Center NI Technical Assistance Team



Today's Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Overview
 Victoria Custodio California Department of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Active Transportation Resource Center NI Technical Assistance Team
- Guidelines for Modifying Scope of Work due to COVID-19
 Emily Abrahams, Caltrans ATP NI Programs and ATRC Manager
- Highlights from the Partnership's Back to School 2020: Recommendations for Safe Routes to School Programming
 - Kori Johnson and Becky Gilliam, Safe Routes National Partnership
- Highlights from the Oregon Metro Safe Routes Back to School toolkit Noel Mikelberry, Oregon Metro Safe Routes to School Program
- SRTS Challenges and Adaptations in Eureka, Humboldt County Jenny Weiss, Redwood Community Action Agency
- Organizing an Inaugural Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day during a Global Pandemic Theresa Vallez-Kelly and Vanessa Castro, San Mateo County Office of Education
- Q & A

Quick Poll of Attendees

Poll #1: Are you working on SRTS/AT projects now?

a) Yes

b) No

Poll #2: Has your work has been postponed due to COVID-19?

a) Yes

b) No

Poll #3: Have you heard of, seen or used the Safe Routes Partnership "Back to School 2020 Recommendations for Safe Routes to School Programming"?

a) Yes

b) No



Caltrans COVID-19 Processes for NI and Plan Modifications

Emily Abrahams, Caltrans, Active Transportation Program, ATP NI Programs and ATRC Program Manager

October 27, 2020







Rationale for Scope of Work Modifications Guidelines

- Time extensions are a less viable long-term option.
- Schools did not reopen in Fall 2020.
- COVID-19 continues to be a risk in communities.



Usual Allowable NI and Plan Scope Modifications

- Caltrans approves minor scope modifications as long as they meet the original scope as outlined in the 22-R or 22-Plan.
- All modifications must be administratively reviewed and approved by the Caltrans ATP NI/Plan team.
- All changes must be highlighted and documented in the agency's 22-R or 22-Plan.

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New Allowable NI and Plan Scope Modifications

- Scope tasks can be adapted to virtual delivery and are considered a minor scope change.
- Any modifications proposed must meet original activity intent, be creative, well-thought out, and still maintain elements of active transportation activities where applicable.

Examples of Modifications

- SRTS programs shifting from in-person school safety assemblies to virtual assemblies.
- In-person bike safety and repair courses switched to online Zoom or recorded classes.
- Addressing in-person activities like creating informative videos and sharing them with their communities and schools.



Examples of Modifications contd.

SRTS activities involving in-person same household events:

- walking school buses, tours, group walk audits, etc.
- active transportation scavenger hunts,
- educational videos with an outdoor "same household" participatory activity and write-up
- walking or biking audits

Other safer activities involving 6' social distancing, masks, and other cautionary safety measures.

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Major NI and Plan Scope Modifications

In the event that an agency must drastically adjust or change one or more activities in their 22-R scope, the Caltrans ATP NI/Plan team and District staff will work with them to formally process their scope change. Whether the scope change is considered minor or major will be determined by the Caltrans ATP NI/Plan team and will be reviewed by the CTC.



Who to contact for Scope of Work Modifications

Emily Abrahams, ATP NI Program Manager, ATRC Project Manager, Division of Local Assistance, Office of State Programs, California Department of Transportation Emily.Abrahams@dot.ca.gov

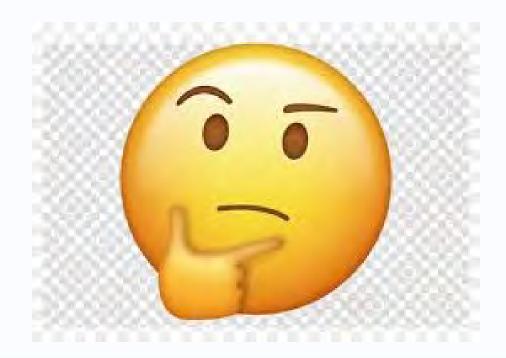
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CT District ATP Coordinators

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/documents/ATP-District-Coordinators.pdf



Questions?







Kori Johnson & Becky Gilliam Safe Routes Partnership Active Transportation Resource Center October 27, 2020





Back to School 2020 Working Group

- 180+ applicants; 18 selected
- Majority women and people of color
 - Parents, practitioners, champions, community leaders
 - 5 time zones!
- Scenario planning and via Zoom throughout Summer 2020





Working Group Objectives

Develop strategies and resources for effectively implementing Safe Routes to School programs in the fall:

- Remote Safe Routes to School Programming
- In-Person Safe Routes to School programming
- Hybrid Safe Routes to School Programming

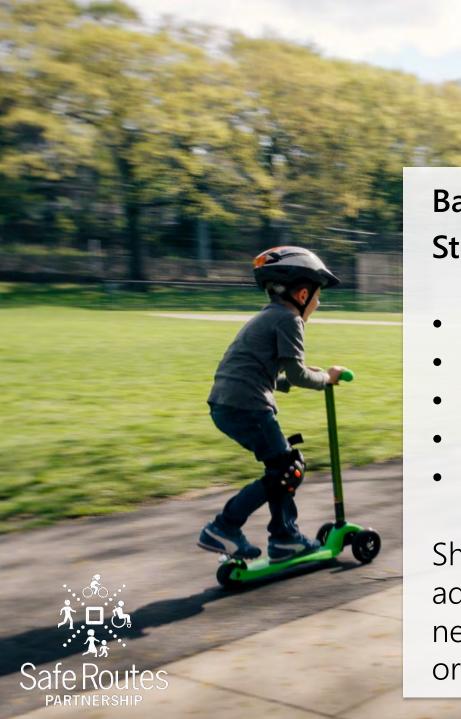




Back to School 2020

Recommendations for Safe Routes to School Programming





Back to School 2020 Guide Structure

- Guiding Recommendations
- Strategies
- Tools
- Considerations
- Advice for long-term planning

Short-term, actionable, designed to adapt and modify to fit the unique needs of individual school, district, or community.



Remote Safe Routes to School Programming: Setting the Stage

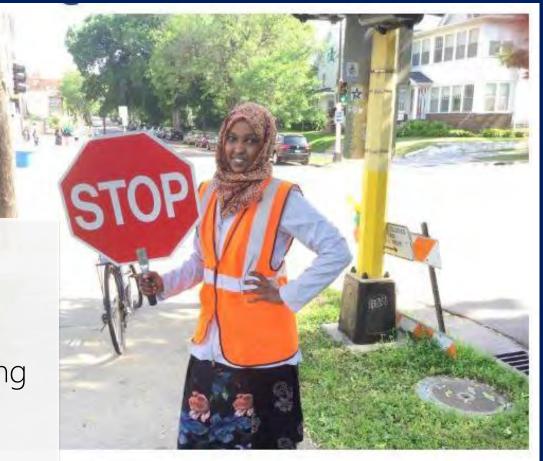
- Transportation and physical activities are essential needs
- Safe Routes to School helps families address remote learning challenges
- Highlights strategies, tools, ideas, and lessons learned from Spring 2020

REMOTE PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES

Engagement

 Self-paced learning opportunities for crossing guards

Involve crossing guards in walk audits





REMOTE PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES





MINDFUL MONDAY

Start the week with a mindful walking activity.

Click here for mindful walking guide and breathing routine.



TRANSPORTATION TUESDAY

Play a game of Active Transportation BINGO.

Click here for BINGO cards.



WALK & ROLL WEDNESDAY

Go on a Walk and Roll Scavenger Hunt around your neighborhood.

Download Walk and Roll Scavenger Hunt.



Encouragement



TRANQUILITY THURSDAY

Get calm and crafty by decorating a pair of old shoes or drawing a picture of your favorite places to walk and bike.

Click here for shoe decorating ideas.



FREE CHOICE FRIDAY

Kick off the weekend with a pick-your-own scavenger hunt.

Download Printable Scavenger Hunts.





Let's keep the fun going! Click here for another week of activities and downloads from Safe Routes to School Montgomery County (MD).



- Weekly physical activity calendar
- Set family health and wellness goals



REMOTE PROGRAMMING TIP & STRATEGIES



Education

Partner with local libraries and community groups for online streaming and TV content.

Equity

Translate communications and materials into languages spoken and commonly used in your community.





In-Person Safe Routes to School Programming: Setting the Stage

- More safety concerns around riding the bus
- Some families don't own cars
- Student travel options need to be safe, convenient, and physically distant
- Safe Routes to School anticipates lifestyle changes and helps communities adapt.

IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES



Engineering

- Experiment with tactical urbanism projects and pop-ups.
- Activate crosswalks and sidewalks with creative artwork and incorporate positive health and safety messaging.



IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES

Education

- Work with your school district to promote walking and biking.
- Disseminate existing Safe Routes to School maps, and connect families that are accustomed to walking and biking with families that are new to it.





IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES



Encouragement

Promote routes that use closed streets or slow-traffic streets.

Engineering

Work with students to create wayfinding signage to encourage physical distancing, share reminders to wear PPE, and ease congestion and confusion during drop-off and pick-up.



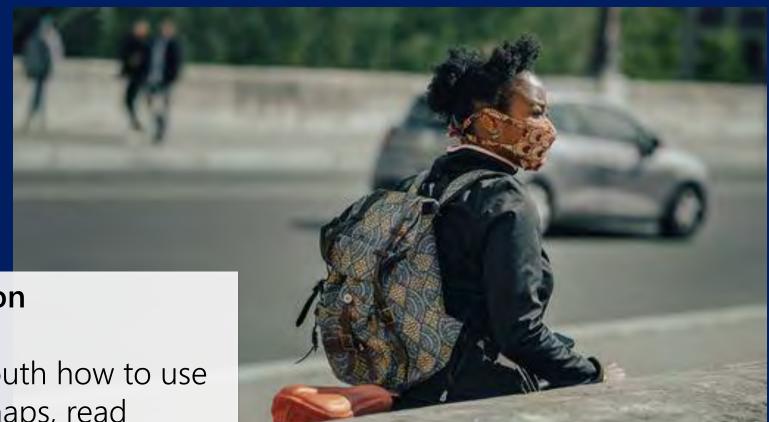


Hybrid Safe Routes to School Programming: Setting the Stage

- Many districts are implementing hybrid learning
- Staggered schedules present many challenges for families
- Safe Routes to School can connect families and community members to help with school travel.

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HYBRID PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES



Education

Teach youth how to use transit maps, read schedules, put their bicycles on the bus rack



HYBRID PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES



Evaluation

Survey, talk with and listen to youth, parents, caregivers, teachers, and other partners to identify how the changes to school attendance days/times help or hurt peoples' ability to get around and meet essential needs.



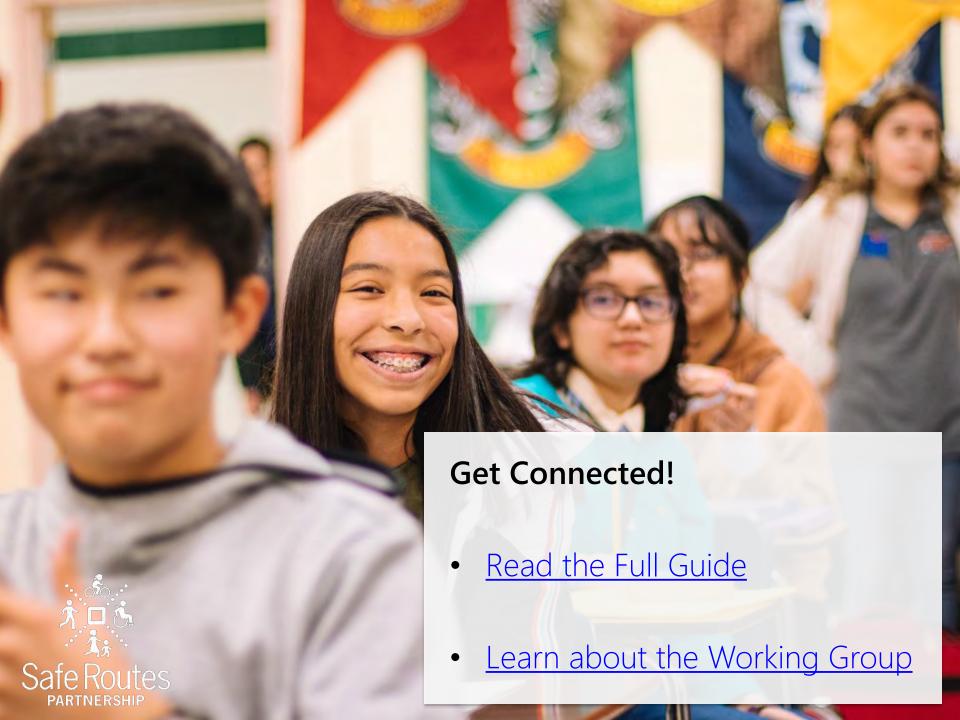
HYBRID PROGRAMMING TIPS & STRATEGIES

Encouragement

Promote bike trains as a naturally physically distant travel mode for days students are attending school in-person.











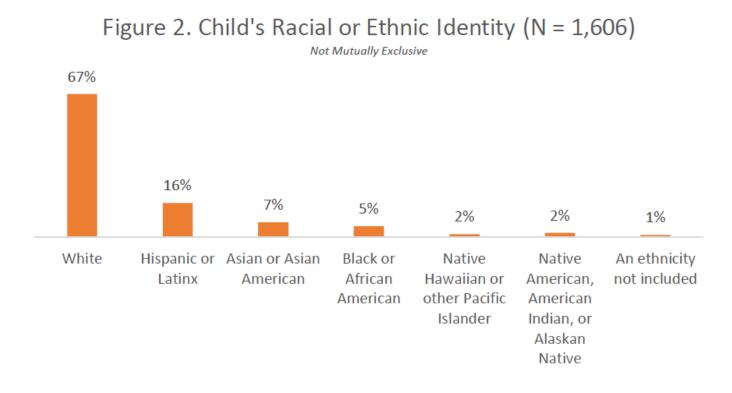


Metro Safe Routes Back to School Toolkit

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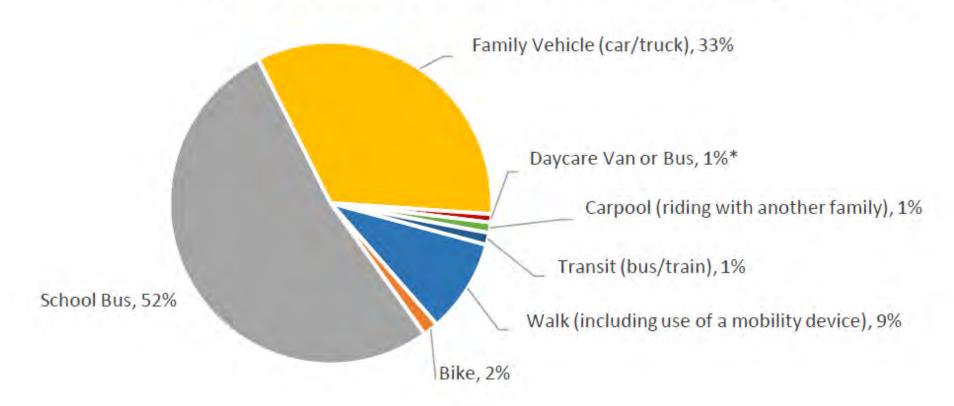
Back to School Transportation Survey

Language	Survey Responses
English	1,375 (94.8%)
Spanish	66 (4.5%)
Russian	7 (0.5%)
Chinese	3 (0.2%)
Somali	0 (0%)
Vietnamese	0 (0%)
Total	1,451



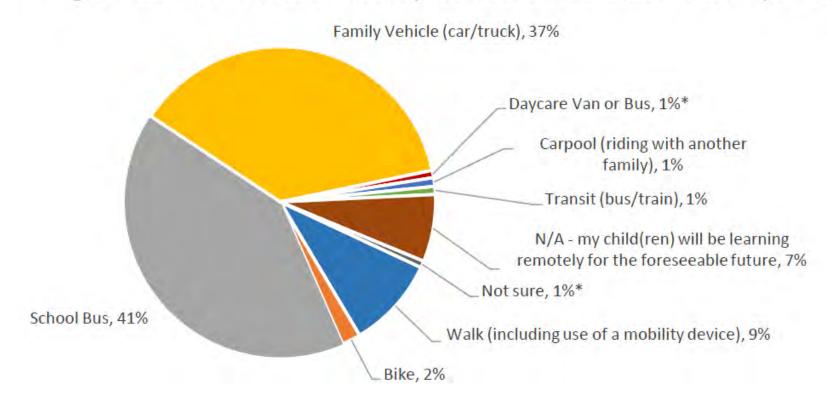
Survey: How did your child(ren)travel to school BEFORE schools closed to in-person learning?

Figure 3. Pre-COVID School Commute Mode (N = 1,450)



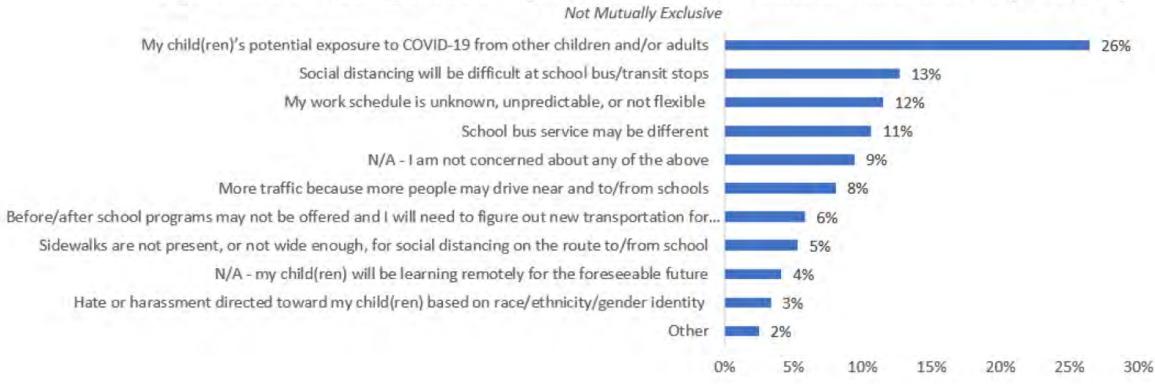
Survey: How will your child(ren)travel to school WHEN schools re-open to in-person learning?

Figure 4. Return to School Anticipated School Commute Mode (N = 1,448)

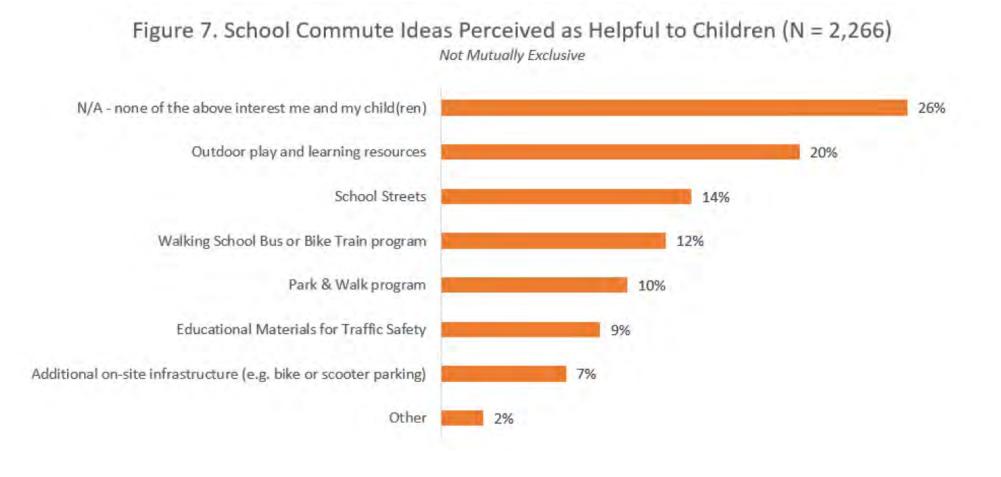


Survey: When schools re-open, what are the challenges/concerns you have about getting them to/from school?



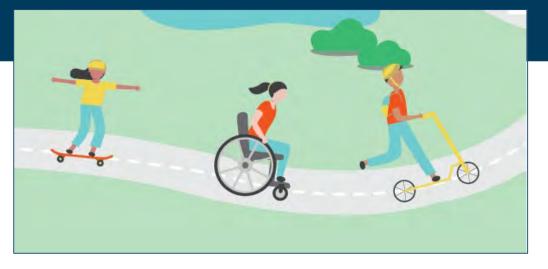


Survey: When schools re-open, which of the following transportation-related ideas might be helpful to you/your child(ren)?



Safe Routes Back to School Toolkit

- Remote learning strategies
 - * Education
 - Encouragement
- School Commute Strategies
 - ★ Pop-up/Temporary Design Pilots
 - ★ Walking & Rolling
 - Bussing
 - Driving family vehicles/Carpooling
- Messaging Strategies
 - Trauma informed messaging
 - Anti-hate messaging
 - Inclusive messaging
 - Idle-Free program & messaging





Education Strategies

Lesson Plans

Activity Books & Worksheets

*Wiggle Breaks

*Safe Routes to School StoryTime







Walking & Rolling Strategies

*Walking School Buses & Bike Trains

Corner Greeters/Safe Passage Program

Secure Bike & Scooter Parking

*Park & Walk







Pop-up Design Pilots

*School Streets

One-way streets

Sidewalk Extensions

Re-Imagining Parking Lots

*Traffic Playgrounds/Playspaces

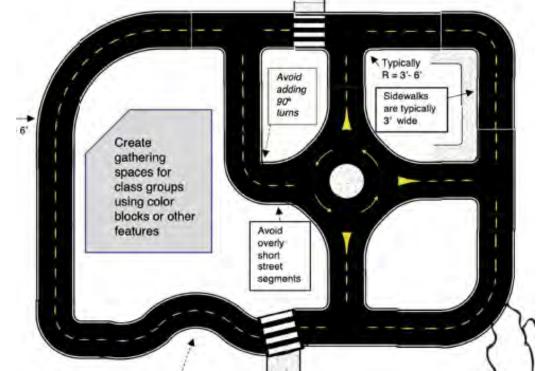




Traffic Playgrounds

Metro Traffic Playground Toolkit also available

Temporary traffic playgrounds identified locally as a way for socially distanced learning



Developing funding source for implementation & lending library of supplies

Local example: Temporary Traffic Playground

Harrison Park K-8 – Portland Public School District







Local example: Temporary Playspace

Hacienda CDC – Cully neighborhood







Anti-Hate Messaging

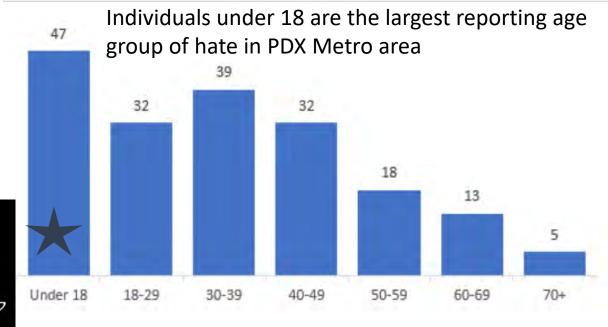
Back to School Survey results showed that 16% of families with children of color noted hate/harassment as a key concern

 24% of families with Asian or Asian American children

AGAINST HATE

 23% of families with Black children Hate is experienced more on streets/sidewalks in PDX Metro area than nationally





Editable Walk & Roll Map

[School Name]

Walk & Roll to School Map

Find out more about how to get to and from [School Name] at [school transportation web page URL].







Grab & Go Conversation Sheets



Walking & Rolling Strategies

Walking School Buses & Bik

A Walking School Bus (WSB) or Bike Train (BT) is an organized g or bike to and from school with adult supervision. WSBs and BTs and many have stops where students join the group. Some WSBs meet-up location, while others 'collect' kids along the route.

WSBs and BTs provide adult supervision of groups of students along the without requiring all parents and caregivers to be present with students.

- WSBs and BTs can help reduce the number of adults on campu help with physical distancing protocols.
- WSBs and BTs can offer an organized, routine way for families they can also support improved attendance and student learning.

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Older students can also lead WSB and BTs themselves (without a approved by parents) and organize traveling together instead of w support greater personal safety.



Pop-up/Temporary Design Pilots

School Streets

School Streets provide car-free or reduced car traffic street environments adjacent to schools by preventing or limiting car traffic on the street(s). School streets only allow residents living on that street to enter and exit in a car, while maintaining the space for families walking and rolling to and from school.

School Streets can:

- Improve students' safety in the face of a possible COVID-related increase in singlefamily vehicle trips
- Provide additional room for social distancing on the block(s) leading up to school grounds as more students walk and roll to school
- . Encourage more students to walk and roll, which will:
 - Reduce single-family vehicle trips that contribute to traffic congestion and toxic emissions around schools
 - Get physical activity before and after school, when opportunities for exercise may be limited

School Streets PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST ZONE



8:00 - 8:30 am 3:00 - 3:30 pm



Oregon Metro Safe Routes Back to School Toolkit





Funding & Resources

Program support funds dedicated to Back to School Support

- Up to \$5,000 per applicant
- Additional bike/scooter parking, stipends for walking school bus leaders

Metro-procured resources for specific strategy implementation

- PPE for program leaders
- Paint & supplies for traffic playgrounds
- Items to borrow

Contract services for programs to access

- Translation and interpretation
- Screenprinting
- Video-editing
- Temporary bike parking





Toolkits and resources all available online!

www.oregonmetro.gov/saferoutes

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SRTS CHALLENGES & ADAPTATIONS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Jenny Weiss, Projects Coordinator Redwood Community Action Agency Eureka, California



Humboldt County, California

Area: 4,052,22 sq. miles

Population 134,623 (2020)

 Primary population centers: Eureka and Arcata on Humboldt Bay =approx. 45,255 residents (2018)

7 Incorporated cities

8 Tribal Nations



Humboldt County Schools

- Approximately 90 schools in 32 Districts
- Diverse school settings; Some walkable/bikeable, others in remote locations





Humboldt County Rural Challenges







Safe Routes to School Successes



Bike to School Day Events



Bike Rodeos



Pedestrian & Bike Safety Lessons



Walkability Assessments & Workshops

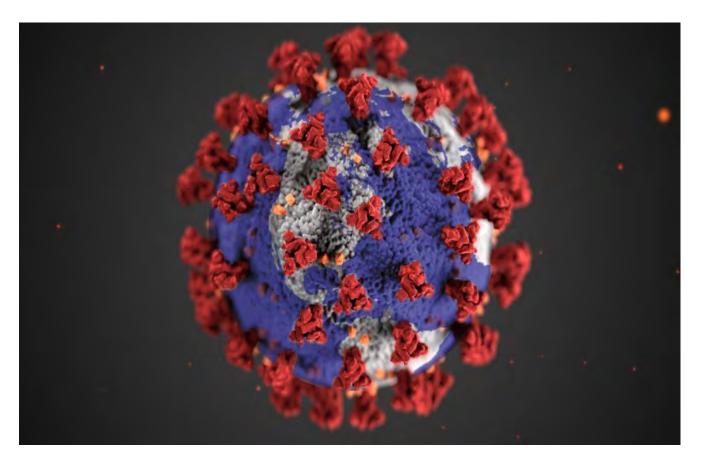


Trail Development



School Bike Clubs

Now What?









Maintaining Momentum

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Crazy for e-Bikes

by Jenny Weiss

Electric bicycles have been getting more popular in recent years but they were not really on my radar until the Redwood Coast Energy Authority announced it was providing over \$40,000 in rebates for the purchase of electric bicycles to existing residential electricity customers. Since then, I have seen more electric bikes on our local roads and trails than ever before.

The program was created with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Humboldt County. By replacing car trips with electric bicycle trips, county residents can help improve air quality while



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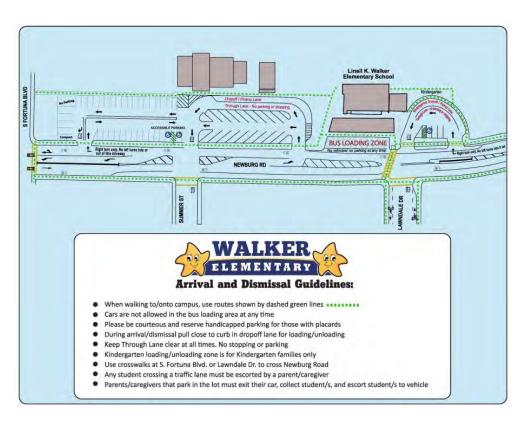
by Jenny Weiss

As our country reels from the painful losses of life from the coronavirus pandemic and grapples with racial strife and national unrest brought on by systemic racism, many people are struggling to visualize what the future holds for our community and nation. Re-imagining how we work, provide our children with education, and restructure how businesses operate is a difficult task with many unknowns. Being open to change and willing to move forward in new ways is key to opening the country back up safely and equitably. Communities, governments, and organizations across the country are doing what they can to address health concerns and disparities.

humboldtsaferoutes.org

Mapping Tools and Resources

- Walking Maps with suggested routes
- Arrival/Dismissal procedures
- Ped and Bike Route maps





http://www.hcaog.net/node/285

Ped/Bike Safety Information



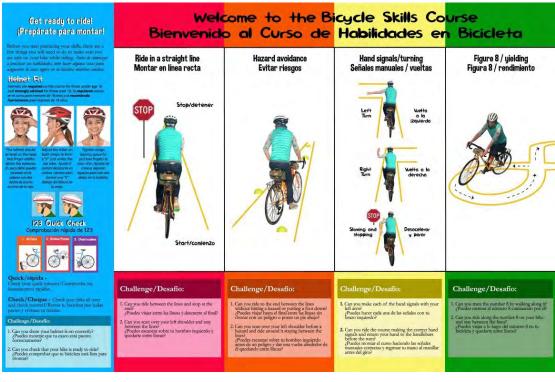




Permanent Bike Skills Courses



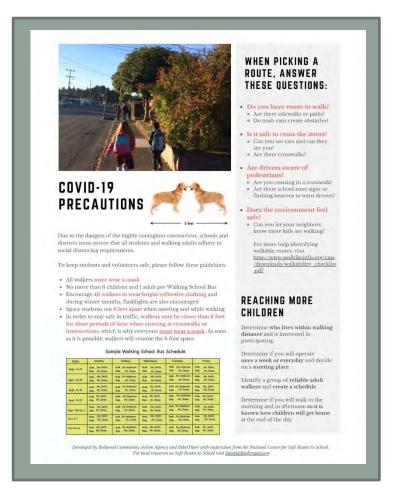




http://www.hcaog.net/sites/default/files/ ots_bike_skills_course_report_final.pdf

Walking School Bus Guidelines during COVID-10





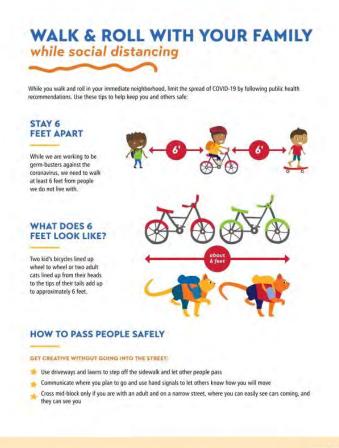
http://www.hcaog.net/sites/default/files/starting_a_wsb_ during_covid_0.pdf

Development: ATP Cycle 5 Annie & Mary Trail





Walk to School Day & COVID-19 Safety Precautions





✓ Siempre camine por la banqueta si están disponibles o de cara al tráfico si no hay un área de banqueta disponible ✓ Cruce las calles en los cruces peatronales o en las esquinas evitando cruzar a mitad de la cuadra ✓ Haga contacto visual con los conductores antes de cruzar la calle ✓ Hazte visible a los conductores vistiendote con colores brillantes ✓ Mantenga una distancia de 6 pies entre usted y los demás ✓ Usa su mascarilla en público y cuando tenga que pasar a otras personas donde no se puede mantener 6 pies de espacio ✓ Lávate las manos cuando llegue a casa y quédese en casa si se siente enfermo

Sea seguro, sea respetuoso, sea responsable

Parents and guardians, stay up to date on local COVID-19 information: https://humboldtgov.org/

https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/traveloptions/rideshare/programs/schoolpool/social-distancing.aspx

What's Next?



Thank you!

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SAFE ROUTES TO ZOOM BIKE AND PED SAFETY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE TIME OF COVID-19



Safe Routes to Zoom

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

Safety Patrol Zoom Sessions

Food Bank Distribution

Safe Routes to Anywhere

Story Time

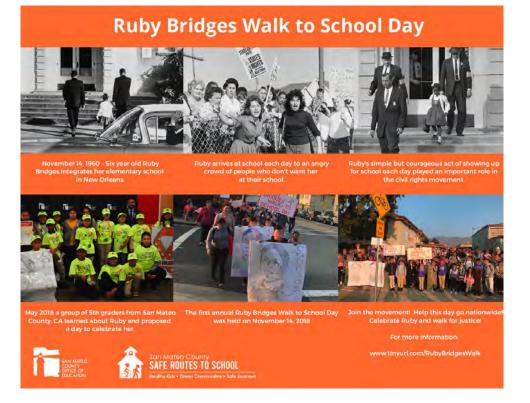
Teddy Bear Challenge

Virtual Walk Audit & Engineering



Ruby Bridges Walk to School

Day



www.tinyurl.com/RubyBridgesWalk

RBWTSD Website





Safety Patrol Zoom







Safe Routes to Anywhere



Safe Routes to Anywhere!

www.tinyurl.com/SafeRoutesSMC

STORY TIME

with Safe Routes to School



Come take a lunch break with San Mateo County Office of Education's Safe Routes Program every Wednesday at 1PM. A chapter from a different book will be read each week. Join our reading adventure and gain a better understanding of pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety. Most appropriate for Kindergarten to 8th graders.

Readings every Wednesday at 1:00 PM

Register Here: https://tinyurl.com/StoryTimeSafeRoutes











TEDDY BEAR CHALLENGE



Join San Mateo County Office of Education's Safe Routes
Program in promoting fun family cycling, walking, and rolling.

Place a Teddy bear or stuffed animal in a street facing window to be part of a social distancing scavenger hunt! Stay aware on your safe rides, walks, and rolls through your neighborhood while keeping an eye out for bears. Post photos of your safe and successful hunt with #goingonabearhunt.













COLOR THIS PAGE



Join San Mateo County Office of Education's Safe Routes to School Program in promoting fun family cycling, walking, and rolling. Place a teddy bear, stuffed animal, or a colored-in version of this page in a street-facing window for a social distancing scavenger hunt! Always remember to stay safe and aware on your rides, walks, and rolls through your neighborhood while keeping an eye out for teddy bears. Post photos of your successful teddy bear hunt with the hashtag #goingonabearhunt. Color in and share your teddy bear art to SRTS@smcoe.org for a chance to be featured on the County Office of Education's website. Also be sure to sign up at www.smcoe.org/storytime to join us for weekly story time.









COLOR THIS PAGE!

WALK TO ANYWHERE WEEK

October 5-9, 2020

Join San Mateo County Office of Education's Safe Routes to School Program in promoting Walk to Anywhere Weeld Always remember to stay safe on walks through your neighborhood. Look both ways, behind you, and all around you before crossing the street. And don't forget to out your phone in your pocket!

Color in and share this page with SRTS@hmcoe.org for a chance to be featured on the County Office of Education's website. Looking for more functions so do! Sign up at tinyurl.com/StoryTimeSafeRoutes to join us for weekly story time. Want to receive a Safe Routes to School Safety Activity Kit? Learn about the Pedestrian Challenge at tinyurl.com/PedChallenge.













San Mateo County: Supporting Back to School Travel During COVID-19



Schools county-wide are preparing for students to return to campuses this fall. Is your municipality ready to support the travel pattern changes generated by school travel? Participants will learn from regional and national campaigns that reduce traffic congestion and support active transportation. Emma Shlaes, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Deputy Director and Mark Fenton, Public Health and Transportation.

Virtual Walk Audit



Healthy School Travel at **Sunshine Gardens Elementary**



Ann Banchoff Stanford University



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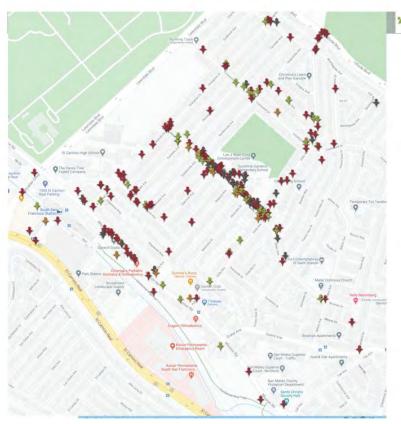


3 Ps:

Programs: pop-ups, encouragement, education, outreach

Projects: physically improve walking/biking infrastructure

Policies: change rules, practices or procedures to improve conditions for walking/biking



markfenton.com

Hotspots you identified.

8 Themes Identified:

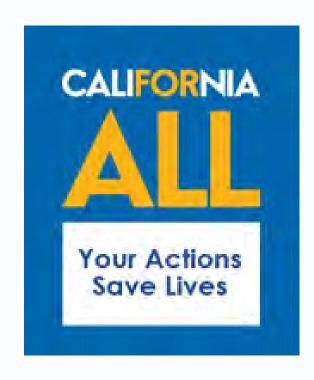
- Sidewalks/pathway conditions
- Crossings/crosswalks
- Vehicle Behaviors
- General safety & security
- Bike accommodation & facilities
- Traffic signs, lights, & controls
- Sidewalk/pathway connectivity
- Vehicle speeds

Thank you!

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California COVID – 19 Websites



https://covid19.ca.gov/



https://www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19



CA Dept. of Education and CA Public Health Covid-19 Guidance for Schools

 CA Department of Education Guidance and Announcements – Updated weekly:

https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp

 CA Department of Public Health: COVID-19 Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf

NACTO's COVID -19 Response Guides + Resources

COVID-19 Transportation Response Center

https://nacto.org/program/covid19/

Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery

https://nacto.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/NACTO Streets-for-Pandemic-Response-and-Recovery 2020-06-25.pdf

Community Engagement During COVID-19 (Webinar)

https://nacto.org/event/community-engagement-during-covid-19/



CDC COVID-19 Readiness & Planning Tools

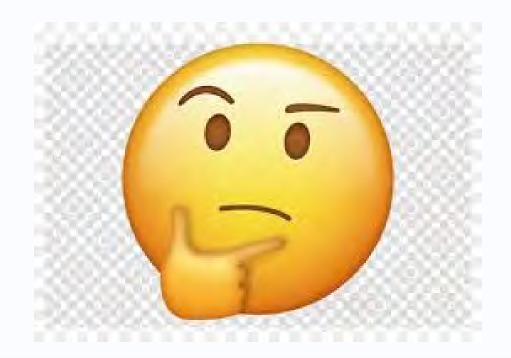
Event Gathering:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/downloads/community/COVID19-events-gatherings-readiness-andplanning-tool.pdf

Youth Programs and Camps:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/camp-planning-tool.pdf

Questions?



Thank You! The ATRC NI Team

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