Safe Routes to School
In San Mateo County
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Overview

● 6 E’s
● SMCOE SRTS Grant Structure and Funding
● Teacher Fellowship Program
● Parent/Caregiver Survey Results
● Pandemic Adaptations
● School Streets
The 6 E’s of Safe Routes to School

- **Engineering**
  Creating safe, connected, and comfortable places for bicycling and walking

- **Encouragement**
  Fostering a culture that supports and encourages active transportation

- **Education**
  Equipping people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to bike and walk

- **Evaluation**
  Monitoring efforts to active transportation and planning for the future

- **Engagement**
  Increasing access and opportunity for all residents, including disadvantaged, minority and low income populations

- **Equity**

Credit: Oregon SRTS
Grant Program

2019-2020
- 17 grantees
- $240,000 - NI

2020-2021
- 20 grantees
- $253,000 - NI + $121,000 - I (TA)
Safe Routes to Schools Partners and Shared Goals

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Partners:
• Bay Area Bike Mobile
• Marine Science Institute
• Perfection on Wheels
• Parisi
• Alta
• Kinley Horn
• Strategic Energy Innovations
• Kid Power
• SVBC
• YBike
Requirements:
• SRTS Coordinator meetings
• Participate in education and encouragement events
• Promote walking and biking
  Funder: City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant
Partners:
• SVBC
• YBike
• Marine Science Institute
• Alta
• San Mateo County Office of Education STEAM Center
Requirements:
• Implement in-class curriculum
• Participate in education and encouragement events
  Funder: ATP Cycle 1 - Caltrans

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant
• Meet regularly (up to once a month) at school site
• Pedestrian Education & a bike rodeo
• $600 worth of traffic safety supplies
• Free helmets
• Educational traffic safety materials
  Funder: CA Office of Traffic Safety

Shared Program Goals:
• Educate and encourage children and their families on safe walking and biking

Shared Expectations:
• County-wide Walk & Roll to School Days
• Parent/Caregiver Survey, Student Travel Tallies
• Promotion of active transportation

Shared Partners:
• Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
• YBike
• Bay Area Children’s Theatre
2021-2022 Grant Funding

21-22 School Year Grant is Now Open!

Find all the dates, information and forms here: smcoe.org/srts

Grant Applications are due: June 23rd by 5:00 pm
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2020-21 Partners

MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Discovering Our Bay

ourvoice
http://ourvoice.stanford.edu

EarthCapades

PERFECTION ON WHEELS
BICYCLE STUNT TEAM

kidpower®

MUSIC notes

Parisi

alta PLANNING + DESIGN

Pikmykid

SILICON VALLEY BICYCLE COALITION

moveafe

mybikeskills.com

Ecology Action

YBIKE PROGRAM
Solutionary
Teacher Fellowship
2021-2022
Summer Institute - Transportation

http://tinyurl.com/SMCOE-STF
October 2019 - March 2020

**How does your child usually travel to school?**

- **Family Vehicle (your kids only)**: 56.47%
- **Walk**: 62.47%
- **Carpool**: 5.01%
- **City Bus/Transit**: 5.88%
- **Drives Self (High School student)**: 0.21%
- **Carpool**: 0.21%
- **School Bus**: 2.18%
- **Other (scooter, skateboard, etc.)**: 1.66%
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- **Take a Car Service (Uber, Lyft, Zum, etc.)**: 0.00%
- **Take a Car Service (Uber, Lyft, Zum, etc.)**: 0.11%

**What are your top three concerns regarding your child or children walking and/or biking to school?**

- **Don't know best route to school**: 1.14%
- **Lack of bike parking at school**: 1.36%
- **Violence/crime in neighborhood**: 2.84%
- **No adults to walk or bike with**: 6.01%
- **No crossing guards**: 7.26%
- **Child's before or after school activities**: 10.24%
- **Lack of bike lanes**: 18.27%
- **Stranger danger**: 22.93%
- **Lack of sidewalks and/or paths**: 27.13%
- **Too far from school**: 31.44%
- **Unsafe intersections**: 44.01%
- **Too much traffic along route**: 47.75%
- **Speeding traffic along route**: 56.64%
- **Speeding traffic along route**: 66.88%
2020-2021 Survey Results

Potential Exposure to COVID-19

Concerns About Social Distancing

Too Much Traffic Along Route/Speeding Along Route

Q41 When your child/children return to school in-person, either full-time or part-time, what are the challenges or concerns you have about getting them to/from school? Select all that apply.
Pre-Pandemic
Safe Routes to Zoom

- Safety Patrol Zoom Sessions
- Food Bank Distribution
- Safe Routes to Anywhere
- Teddy Bear Challenge
- Virtual Walk Audit & Engineering
- Escape Room
Safety Patrol Zoom

Food Bank Distribution

Safe Routes to Anywhere

Socially Distanced Bike Rodeos

www.tinyurl.com/SafeRoutesSMC
Escape Room

www.tinyurl.com/SRTSEscapeRoom
Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

www.tinyurl.com/RubyBridgesWalk
Supporting a Virtual Walk Audit

3 Ps:

Programs: pop-up, encouragement, education, outreach

Projects: physically improve walking/biking infrastructure

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

“What makes it easy or hard to walk or bike in the Sunshine Gardens neighborhood? What ideas do you have for making it better?”

¿Qué hace que sea fácil o difícil caminar o andar en bicicleta en el vecindario de Sunshine Gardens? ¿Qué ideas tienes para mejorarlo?“
San Mateo County:
Supporting Back to School Travel
During COVID-19
School Streets

Helping cities reimagine school travel and creating spaces that support walking/biking

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Lessons Learned and the Future of SRTS
Thank You!
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