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Bike to School Day is May 8th!

Safe Routes to School Program Encourages Solano County Students to Bike and be Healthy

SUISUN CITY, CA - Solano County students are encouraged to strap on their safety helmets and pedal their way to school on National Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 8, 2019. This annual event, organized locally by Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S), a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and Solano Public Health, focuses attention on the physical and environmental benefits of biking to school instead of commuting by car.

“Biking is a great way for students to travel to school, get some exercise, and reduce traffic around their school. For our young adults, biking provides a sense of independence and reinforces the development of healthy, lifelong habits,” says Harry Price, STA Board Chair and City of Fairfield Mayor.

This year, 28 Solano County elementary and middle schools are participating. Drivers should pay extra attention around schools as more children will be riding bikes and scooters that day. Students should be sure to follow these bike safety rules: always wear a helmet, ride with the direction of traffic, walk your bike when crossing at crosswalks and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

In addition to National Bike to School Day on May 8th and Bike to Work Day on May 9th, the STA is organizing family-friendly community rides in each city. These rides will take families and recreational riders on biking trails, through local neighborhoods and downtown districts, showcasing Solano County’s numerous biking options.

To find a list of participating schools and for more information on the community ride in your city, visit www.solanosr2s.ca.gov or call (707) 399-3222.

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SOLANO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The Solano Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S), with the goal to encourage children to walk or bike to school regularly as a healthy, safe, and car-free alternative, is a program of the Solano Transportation Authority in partnership with Solano County Public Health. Find out more about the SR2S Program at www.solanosr2s.ca.gov or call (707) 399-3222.

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