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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SR2S-AC

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Meetings are being provided both in person at 423 Main Street, Suisun City, CA 94585 and

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ITEMS

MEMBER/STAFF

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/CONFIRM QUORUM

Commander Healy, Chair

(1:30 – 1:35 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members

(1:35 – 1:40 p.m.)

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(1:40 – 1:45 p.m.)

4. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Group

(1:45– 1:50 p.m.)

5. PRESENTATIONS

(1:50 – 2:20 pm)

A. Walk to School Day Recap

Janelle Gregorio, STA

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

(2:10– 2:15 p.m.)

Recommendation:

Approve the following consent items in one motion.

A. SR2S-AC Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2024

Natalie Quezada, STA

Recommendation:

Approve the SR2S-AC meeting minutes of August 21, 2024

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SR2S-AC MEMBERS

Valezka Emes
Vallejo City Unified School District
Commander Henderson- Chair
Suisun City
Police Department

Eden Winniford
Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD)
Vacant
Member At Large

Dave Belef
STA's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Teri Booth
STA's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Tina Machado- Vice-Chair
City of Fairfield
Brant Beavers
City of Vacaville

Jennifer Leonard
Solano County Office of Education
Dail Montañez
Solano County Public Health

7. ACTION ITEMS – FINANCIAL

(2:15– 2:20 p.m.)

A. Safe Routes to School Micro Grant Cycle 3

Amy Antunano, STA

Recommendation

Approve recommendations for the remaining funds of the Safe Routes to School Micro Grant Cycle 3 funds

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8. ACTION ITEMS - NON-FINANCIAL

(2:20– 2:25 p.m.)

A. SR2S Plan Update

Amy Antunano, STA

Recommendation:

Josh Pilachowski, DKS

Seeking approval of the Goals and Objectives to be adopted in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan as shown in Attachment A.

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9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(2:25– 2:45 p.m.)

A. SR2S Program Update - Pg. 17

- 1. Countywide Events and SR2S Program Support
- 2. Benicia/Vallejo City Unified School Districts
- 3. River Delta (Rio Vista), Travis, and Vacaville Unified School Districts
- 4. Dixon and Fairfield-Suisun Unified School Districts

Janelle Gregorio, STA

Suzanne Antone, STA

Leigh Moilanen, STA

Crystal Preacher, STA

B. Enforcement Status Updates - Pg. 21

- 1. Benicia Police Department
- 2. Suisun City Police Department

Elizabeth Carillo, Benicia PD

Jeff Henderson, Suisun City PD

C. Solano Public Health (SPH) - Pg. 23

Dail Montanez, SPH

D. Community Task Force Updates - Pg. 25

- 1. City of Fairfield
- 2. City of Vacaville

Tina Machado, City of Fairfield

Brant Beavers, City of Vacaville

10. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE AND FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

(2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Schedule for the Calendar Year 2025

For questions regarding this agenda:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday August 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact Assistant Program Manager, Amy Antunano at (707) 399-3210 or aantunano@sta.ca.gov



**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SR2S-AC)
Minutes for the Meeting of
August 21, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS/ CONFIRM QUORUM

The meeting of the STA's SR2S-AC was called to order by Chair Jeff Henderson at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the STA via Zoom.

(In Alphabetical Order by Last Name):

SR2S-AC Members Present:	Brant Beavers	City of Vacaville
	Jeff Henderson- Chair	Suisun City Police Department
	Jennifer Leonard	Solano County Office of Education
	Tina Machado- Vice-Chair	City of Fairfield
	Dail Montanez	Solano County Public Health
	Eden Winniford	YSAQMD

SR2S-AC Members

Absent:	David Belef	Bicycle Advisory Committee
	Teri Booth	Pedestrian Advisory Committee
	Valezka Emes	Vallejo City Unified School District
	Vacant	Member at Large

Others Present:

Maazirn Ahmed	Member of the Public
Alexandria Diosdado	Benicia Police Dept.
Daniel Healy (Alternate)	Suisun City Police Department
Cody Hess (Alternate)	YSAQMD
Tracy Nachand (Alternate)	Solano County Public Health
Jordan Santos	City of Dixon
Lauren Teel	Benicia Police Dept.
Amy Antunano	STA
Janelle Gregorio	STA
Suzanne Antone	STA
Crystal Peacher	STA
Leigh Moilanen	STA
Dulce Jimenez	STA
Andrea Solis	STA
Natalie Quezada	STA

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Dail Montanez and a second from Jennifer Leonard, the SR2S-AC approved the agenda unanimously. (6 Ayes)

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES
None.

5. PRESENTATION

A. STA Safe Routes to School Annual Report

Janelle Gregorio provided an overview of the SR2S fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 accomplishments from across the county. Ms. Gregorio highlighted the successful programs of the Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant and third cycle of Micro-Grant being awarded, the Music Notes assemblies and Walk/Wheel on Wednesdays (WoW) program being launched at new schools, and the continued partnership with Solano County Public Health for the second year with the Lights, Camera, Safety program.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendation:

Approve the following consent items in one motion.

A. SR2S-AC Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024

Recommendation:

Approve SR2S-AC Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024.

On a motion by Dail Montanez and a second from Jennifer Leonard, the SR2S-AC approved the minutes of May 15, 2024. (6 Ayes)

7. ACTION ITEMS- FINANCIAL

A. None

8. ACTION ITEMS NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. SR2S Plan Update

Josh Pilachowski, DKS, presented the goals and objectives of the SR2S Plan update, which aim to improve the health and well-being of Solano County children by promoting active travel to school, facilitating safe and convenient routes, reducing traffic congestion and air pollution, and developing a long-term program. The objectives are quantifiable and include increasing the rate of students walking, biking, or taking transit to school, improving attendance, and enhancing education and encouragement programs. Josh emphasized the importance of equity, ensuring all schools and students have equitable access to safe and convenient transportation options across the county.

Amy Antunano opened discussion for any feedback or question, she concluded the plan is projected to be completed in September 2024.

Recommendation:

Recommending Approval Goals and Objectives to be adopted in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan Update

On a motion by Dail Montanez and a second from Jennifer Leonard, the SR2S-AC approved goals and objectives to be adopted in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan Update (6 Ayes)

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Solano Safe Routes to School Program Update

1. Rio Vista/Travis AFB/Vacaville School Districts

Leigh Moilanen stated her efforts for WoW days in Vacaville and 6 Safety Days across the county. She will be hosting Bike Mobiles in Vacaville and Rio Vista (RV) and attending RV Airport Day, Sept. 20th

2. Dixon/Fairfield/Suisun City School Districts

Crystal Peacher participated in Back-to-School Resource Fair and National Night Out at Heritage Park in Suisun City. She will focus on school community events rather than individual schools to

encourage greater participation and reach to partner with neighboring schools. She concluded with new partnership with Armijo High School Key Club to encourage a future in transportation careers.

3. Benicia/Vallejo School Districts

Suzanne Antone shared International Walk to School Day is on October 9. She listed events attended and efforts for countywide Safety Story Time for primary students. She is partnering with Bike Vallejo for the Vision of the Wild event on September 14th. She concluded with an invitation by Vallejo's Councilmember Matulac to the two-by-two commission to present on the SR2S programs.

B. Enforcement Status Updates

1. Benicia Police Department

Ally Diosdado stated school year has begun and drop off and picks up are going smoothly.

2. Suisun City Police Department

Dan Healy reported School Safety Traffic Officer (SSTO) position is open and Community Service Officers (CSOs) have been out at all the schools.

C. Community Task Force Updates

1. City of Fairfield

Tina Machado shared the completion of several infrastructure improvements and upcoming pedestrian safety initiatives. She continued with City of Fairfield second year of Public Service Announcement (PSA) regarding ped. safety tips in collaboration with STA's SR2S and students, PSAs will be released in September. She concluded with Red Top Rd. widening project has been completed and open for use in time for new school year.

2. City of Vacaville

Brant Beavers announced the City of Vacaville's Safe Routes to School Plan has been completed. He continued with the prioritization projects. He stated the city is also currently in the process of its Pavement Rehab Project. He added the installation of radar feedback signs with the SR2S Micro Grant. He concluded City of Vacaville is in pursuit of additional funding for reducing speed zones signs near schools from 25 to 15 mph and flashing beacons.

D. Micro-Grant Update

Amy Antunano provided an update to the remaining \$25,000 unallocated microgrants funds. A second call for projects will be released on September 9th to expend the remaining funds, with the grant closing on October 11th.

10. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE AND FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS.

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the SR2S-AC is on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in person at 423 Main Street, Suisun City, CA 94585, and virtually via Zoom.**

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DATE: November 15, 2024
TO: SR2S- AC
FROM: Amy Antunano, Assistant Program Manager
RE: Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Micro-Grant Program Project Recommendations

Background:

In November 2019, the STA Board launched a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Micro-Grant Pilot Program to support small-scale projects or capital purchases that improves bike and pedestrian usage and safety around schools in Solano County. Eligible applicants include, Solano County schools, school districts, cities and/or CBO's or nonprofit organizations. Two funding cycles have been conducted, resulting in the funding of 30 projects totaling \$271,575. Types of projects include installation of Radar Feedback signs, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, Crosswalk restriping, and installation of skateboard and bike racks. To date, all thirty (30) projects have been completed.

The STA Board authorized the SR2S Micro Grant Program Cycle 3 with \$212,172 in TDA Article 3 funds. On December 22nd, 2024, the application period opened for six weeks, and closed on February 2, 2024, at 5:00pm. Cycle 3 of the SR2S Micro Grant Program was advertised to Solano County cities, schools, school districts, community-based organizations, the STA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, and the public through the SR2S website, emails, social media posts, and stakeholder meeting announcements. Twelve applications totaling \$186,450.58 were approved for funding, with the remaining balance of \$25,721.42.

Discussion:

The second Call for Projects for the Safe Routes to School Micro-Grant Program was released on September 9th, with applications due by October 11th. Five applications totaling \$57,220 were received. These applications were reviewed and scored by the Micro-Grant subcommittee, with funding recommendations proposed (see Attachment A) based on the scoring rubric. Criteria included the project proposal, letters of support from stakeholders, specific implementation plan, project timeline, and how proposed incentives and equipment encourage or support safety and/or walking and biking programs. Projects that serve a Title 1 school, Community of Concern, or underserved community, or those incorporated into a prioritization plan, received additional consideration.

STA staff recommends approving the allocation of the remaining Micro-Grant funds to the City of Rio Vista for bicycle and pedestrian improvements around D.H. White Elementary School and to Kairos Public School in Vacaville for the Kairos Safer Streets and Active Feet program

Fiscal Impact:

The SR2S Microgrant Program is funded by TDA Article 3 funds.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA TAC and Board to approve the funding award recommendations for the SR2S Micro Grant Cycle 3 as proposed in Attachment A

Attachment:

- A. Safe Routes to School Micro-Grant Funding Recommendation List

Safe Routes to School Cycle 3 Micro-Grant Recommendation

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested
City of Rio Vista	DH White Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$17,358.56
Kairos Public Schools	Kairos Safer Streets and Active Feet Program	\$5,000
Total:		22,358.56



DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Amy Antunano, Program Manager
Josh Pilachowski, DKS
RE: SR2S Plan Update

Staff is seeking approval of the Goals and Objectives to be adopted in the 2024 Safe Routes to School Plan.

Attachment:
A. 2024 Goals and Objectives

3. RECOMMENDED PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The goals and objectives included in the 2024 STA SR2S Plan Update refine those established in the 2013 Plan Update and 2019 Evaluation Report. The 2019 Evaluation Report focused on the pilot program related to the school walk audits, essentially providing a similar framework. The strategies, policies, and benchmarks were revised to assist in measuring the effectiveness of each objective. The 2024 goals and objectives are listed in the following section. The inclusion of two additional goals focused on equity and partnership codifies a commitment to providing equitable access for all county schools, aiming to increase awareness and engagement to programmatic transportation options, and the need to re-organize the SR2S community task forces to strengthen partnerships with schools, enforcement agencies, the public, and the decision makers.

The recommended planning framework to guide and evaluate the STA SR2S program is summarized below. The strategies and benchmarks added into this plan update aim to tackle any potential issues relating to data availability to track the objectives' status. The 2024 SR2S goals and objectives were approved by the SR2S Advisory Committee in August 2024.

2024 PLAN GOALS, POLICIES, OBJECTIVES, AND BENCHMARKS

GOAL 1: IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF SOLANO COUNTY CHILDREN BY FOCUSING ATTENTION ON AND INCREASING ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

Objectives

- Objective 1A: Increase the rate of students walking, biking, and taking other active forms of travel to school
- Objective 1B: Increase student attendance
- Objective 1C: Annually increase the number of children exposed to SR2S education and encouragement activities
- Objective 1D: Continually improve the quality and variety of education and encouragement activities of the Solano SR2S Program

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Provide a variety and natural progression of bicycle safety curriculum by introducing on-street skills training for middle school and elementary students with previous SR2S skills training
- Implement a walking school bus program for all elementary schools in the County, and encourage 'bicycle trains' and bike clubs for older students
- Emphasize the health, environmental, educational, and social benefits of walking and bicycling to school through activities, contests, and incentives
- Form a coordinated media strategy, utilizing outreach, the program website, social media, and paid media of multiple formats
- Incorporate SR2S into school district wellness policies

- Support school districts to adopt and implement a bicycle helmet policy

Benchmarks

- Mode share as recorded in student hand tallies and parent surveys (with a focus on those living within ½ mile of school)
- Qualitative mode split (combined walk/bike/transit) from on-site staff and/or principal and periodic surveys
- Student attendance versus school enrollment percentage
- Students reached through bike rodeos, traffic safety assemblies, and other education activities
- Schools involved in participating in STA SR2S activities and independently performing activities
- Helmets and encouragement materials distributed and/or bicycles repaired
- Greater media exposure as measured through website traffic, Facebook followers, and number of articles or radio spots
- Annual publication/noticing of bike helmet policies in back-to-school student information packets
- Review of hosted and available activities over time

GOAL 2: FACILITATE SCHOOL TRAVEL ROUTES THAT ARE ACCOMMODATING, SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND MULTI-MODALLY ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL MODES

Objectives

- Objective 2A: Limit traffic speeds and volumes along key routes to school
- Objective 2B: Reduce the frequency and severity of pedestrian and bicyclist collisions near schools
- Objective 2C: Increase funding for walking, bicycling, and transit investments near schools
- Objective 2D: Implement high priority capital projects from this Plan
- Objective 2E: Incorporate SR2S policies, priorities, and design guidance into future city general plan updates, specific plans, and other neighborhood planning efforts
- Objective 2F: Eliminate or reduce the impact of physical barriers and gaps that impede convenient and safe walking and bicycling to existing and new (planned) schools

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Prioritize physical improvements along suggested walking and bicycle routes to school. Consider formal adoption of a SR2S Priority Network and establishing best practice design guidelines for these facilities
- Develop a county school-based active transportation infrastructure program with dedicated funding for each jurisdiction
- Support creative strategies to ensure targeted school enforcement during commute periods, including the potential for continued STA enforcement grant funding and increased

coordination with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for school communities along state routes (e.g., SR 12)

- Ensure consistent and high-quality training of crossing guards throughout the county utilizing the manual/training video.
- Carefully consider pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access and facilities in the siting and design of new and renovated schools; discourage school siting along high-speed arterial streets
- Monitor and comment on (as necessary) the compatibility of new developments with non-motorized school travel demand and safety
- Assist schools in providing adequate, secure and conveniently located bicycle parking, skateboard and scooter storage facilities to support increased active travel
- Utilize the Assembly Bill 43 (AB 43) capabilities to reduce speed limits near schools
 - AB 43 was passed on October 8, 2021 and was put into full effect on June 30, 2024
 - This bill allows California cities to lower speed limits in 5 mph increments with consideration to factors included in the CA MUTCD and California Vehicle Code (CVC).
- Collaborate with local law enforcement on desired and undesired behavior

Benchmarks

- Number and severity of pedestrian/bicycle-related crashes within ½ mile of schools
- Percent of parent respondents citing traffic speeds, volumes, and intersection safety as a barrier to more walking and biking
- Grant funding and priority projects completed along suggested routes to school
- Federal, state, regional, and local (STA) funding awards for capital improvements
- Number and percentage of active crossing guards who have completed training
- Number of city general plan updates incorporating SR2S
- Speed surveys (7 years or city frequency), speed limits, road and access closures
 - 85th percentile speeds near schools and posted speed limits
- Review of 2013/2019 recommendations against implementation
- Review of walking maps compared between 2013 and 2024 and perceived barriers related to comfort, level of traffic stress

GOAL 3: SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BY REDUCING SCHOOL-RELATED TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AIR POLLUTION, AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT)

Objectives

- Objective 3A: Convert drive alone to other modes, including carpooling and transit
- Objective 3B: Educate and engage parents on safe, healthy alternatives to driving their children to school, especially for those children that live within ½ mile from school

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Expand bicycle skills training to include a focus on family-oriented riding and best driving practices near schools for parents
- Provide suggested routes to school maps for parents and promote the use of remote drop-off or “park & walk” areas, Walking School Bus (WSB) pilots
- Promote and enhance a localized Carpool program for parents to arrange carpooling
- Discourage vehicle idling at schools
- Recruit/train parent and student volunteers as school safety officers and valet loading assistants
- Market existing and planned youth bus passes and integrate travel training into school-based education events

Benchmarks

- Number of students/student families carpooling, bicycling, walking, or taking transit to school (as measured by hand tallies)
- Local air quality around local schools during drop-off and pick-up times
- Vehicle and/or non-motorized counts at screen line locations during school drop-off and pick-up periods
- Emission reductions associated with overall VMT compared to past years
- Review of hosted and available educational awareness activities over time targeted at parents

GOAL 4: DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN A SR2S PROGRAM FOR THE LONG-TERM

Objectives

- Objective 4A: Maintain a countywide Advisory Committee that meets and reports to the STA Board quarterly, and support local SR2S Task Forces to meet on a regular basis
- Objective 4B: Identify and train a network of parent and school champions, including students, to help lead local SR2S implementation and increase program capacity
- Objective 4C: Broaden the range of SR2S events offered for schools that regularly participate in SR2S programming; expand program to new schools, including private schools
- Objective 4D: Seek and secure outside grant funding for SR2S programs and activities, and leverage local funding for school area improvements

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Increase the capacity of the STA SR2S program by developing stand-alone SR2S tools and conducting training to bring in school leadership, parent groups, and school champions as partners in walking and biking events
- Organize regular SR2S “Summits” for interested students and champions to meet, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration. Consider providing mini scholarships for such students to attend similar regional or national events

- Conduct hand tallies every semester and parent surveys every 1-2 years to be able to track progress and respond to feedback
- Maintain a high level of functionality and parental activity on the STA SR2S website and related social media
 - Redesigning the STA SR2S website to be more user-friendly
- Seek adoption by Parent volunteers of a walking school bus subcommittee to encourage and sustain walking school bus program participation over time

Benchmarks

- Frequency and regularity of countywide SR2S Advisory Committee and Community Task Force meetings
 - Review of local task force activities and effectiveness
- Number of schools (or percent of participating schools) with regular hand tally participation and high parent survey response rates
- Number of SR2S training events and participants, schools with identified parent/students champions
- Parent volunteers with adopted walking school bus subcommittees and/or similarly formalized SR2S representation.
- Federal, state, regional, and local (STA) funding awards for programmatic improvements
- Frequency of insights onto the STA SR2S website on a monthly basis

GOAL 5: ACHIEVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CONVENIENT, SAFE, AND LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL FOR ALL COUNTY SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Objectives

- Objective 5A: Ensure STA funding for SR2S projects and programs is equitably awarded through use of the equity framework in project prioritization
- Objective 5B: Ensure outreach and engagement activities for SR2S programs are performed equitably across the County

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Tailoring communication and engagement strategies to ensure relevant cultural groups are included, using translation services, interpreters, and community advocates when possible.
- Prioritize investment in communities where historic inequities in transportation planning and infrastructure have occurred.
- Supporting bus service in areas where perceived safety concerns present a barrier to students walking and biking to school.
- Ensuring school infrastructure and programs provide universal accessibility.
- Evaluate effectiveness and success of programs across multiple metrics, including demographics and mode usage.

- Collaborate with local organizations and community-based organizations that serve marginalized communities.

Benchmarks

- Review of funding awards with respect to Solano Equity Framework
- Review of school and community engagement with respect to Solano Equity Framework and effectiveness across demographics.

Advisory Committee Recommendation

(Include language relating to outcome/recommendations/conditions from the advisory committee meeting regarding this goal)

GOAL 6: CONTINUE TO BUILD A COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM BY STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL AGENCIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

Objectives

- Objective 6A: Facilitate collaboration between city staff, school districts, and SR2S task forces
- Objective 6B: Ensure consistency between related planning efforts (CTP, SR2S, LRSP, ATP)
- Objective 6C: Utilize perspectives from multiple committees for project identification and prioritization (SR2S, Equity Working Groups, TAC, BAC, PAC)

Recommended Policies & Programs

- Maintain a public process to periodically review and equitably prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in the CTP and the Solano County Active Transportation Plan.
- Work to balance the needs of all local jurisdictions in Solano County.
- Maintain an Equity Working Group to provide an equity perspective to the STA Board.

Benchmarks

- SR2S agenda items on committee meetings
- Number of identified multi-jurisdictional/multi-departmental projects and programs

Advisory Committee Recommendation

(Include language relating to outcome/recommendations/conditions from the advisory committee meeting regarding this goal)

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DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Amy Antunano, Program Manager
Janelle Gregorio, Program Coordinator
Suzanne Antone, Program Coordinator
Leigh Moilanen, Program Coordinator
Crystal Peacher, Program Coordinator
RE: SR2S Program Update

Background:

The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program aims to boost the participation of students in walking and bicycling to school by ensuring a safe, enjoyable, and healthy journey. Employing an inclusive strategy, the program incorporates six key elements, often referred to as the 6 E's: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, engagement, and evaluation. This initiative is accessible to all schools throughout the county and centers its efforts on implementing activities and programs that educate students about safety, promote health awareness, and identify opportunities for enhancements within communities countywide, ultimately fostering safer travel for students engaged in active modes of transportation.

The Solano SR2S plan was first established in 2008 and later updated in 2013. Currently, the plan is undergoing another update in collaboration with various SR2S partners, the SR2S Community Task Forces, and the SR2S Countywide Advisory Committee, all of whom provide ongoing guidance to the program. Since its inception, the program has steadily grown, with more schools participating each year. It remains a vital service offered by the STA to each school district.

Program Coordinator Updates:

1. *Janelle Gregorio – Countywide Events and SR2S Program Support*
On October 9th, a total of 47 schools across Solano County participated in International Walk and Roll to School Day (W2SD). This included 2 schools from Benicia Unified School District, 2 from Dixon Unified School District, 18 from Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, 2 from the City of Rio Vista, 5 from Travis Unified School District, 7 from Vacaville Unified School District, and 11 from Vallejo City Unified School District. The event highlighted the county-wide commitment to encouraging active and safe student travel. City of Benicia's Mayor Young and Vice Mayor Scott joined participants

at Robert Semple and Matthew Turner Elementary Schools, City of Dixon’s Mayor Bird joined students at Dixon Montessori as they walked to school from a nearby park, and City of Fairfield’s Mayor Moy joined students at B. Gale Wilson Elementary School.

2. *Suzanne Antone – Benicia and Vallejo City Unified School Districts*

On September 30th, SR2S conducted a bike helmet survey at Hogan Middle School to observe how many students were wearing a helmet when arriving on bicycle, scooter, or skateboard. Another survey will be conducted in Spring to observe and record how SR2S programs are positively impacting the community.

Recently, SR2S collaborated with local libraries in Vallejo to pilot a “Safety Story Time” program which featured a reading of a book that promotes pedestrian and bicycle safety, accompanied by music from the established partnership with Music Notes. This initiative was taken to two school sites, Robert Semple Elementary School in Benicia and Cooper Elementary School in Vallejo, and targets students in grades TK – 3rd grade. The book, Watch Out! On the Road, by Claire Llewellyn was read out loud, followed by the music presentation, and then concluded with a handout for students to draw “This Is How I Stay Safe”.

SR2S was invited to join City of Vallejo’s 2x Committee meeting on October 28th, where the SR2S program and its offerings were presented, as well as how the program could assist in pedestrian and bicycling safety.

In addition to the annual International Walk and Roll to School Day in October, Joe Henderson Elementary School in Benicia celebrated Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day which had more than 150 participants.

3. *Leigh Moilanen – River Delta (Rio Vista), Travis, and Vacaville Unified School Districts*

For the 2024-2025 school year, the SR2S program has actively engaged in community events, including participating in a free haircut and backpack giveaway event organized by the City of Vacaville, and attending the “Meet the Teachers” event at Scandia Elementary School in the Travis Unified School District.

In the coming months, SR2S is working with communities in both the City of Vacaville and Rio Vista to schedule bike mobile events. At these events, and in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), SR2S is working to also have a bike rodeo to promote safe cycling practices.

In September, SR2S joined other departments from STA at the City of Rio Vista’s Annual Airport Days event.

Looking ahead, SR2S aims to organize six Safety Day Assemblies across various schools in the County to further reinforce student safety and awareness.

4. *Crystal Peacher – Dixon and Fairfield-Suisun Unified School Districts*

Dixon Montessori Charter School hosted their annual Bike Mobile event where 39 bikes

were serviced and 11 helmets were properly fitted and distributed to the youths.

Green Valley Middle School and Cordelia Hills Elementary School invited SR2S to host a “Safe Walking Routes” table at their back-to-school events to encourage and educate parents on how to safely access their school sites by walking or wheeling as well as sharing options for parking farther then walking, to get ahead of traffic congestion issues.

FSUSD invited SR2S to participate in their Principal’s Café Cooler virtual meeting as well as their Parent Leader Group Meetings at the district office. This has been a great outreach opportunity for our program.

Since our last meeting in August, SR2S has successfully engaged with the Key Club at Armijo High School in hosting and managing events on their campus. They initially started with International Walk and Roll to School Day, where club members advertised the event, organized stations to distribute incentives, and photographed the event, on behalf of SR2S. On October 30th, they hosted their second SR2S event, a bike mobile, and serviced 25 bikes and 18 helmets distributed.

With the recent influx in vehicle versus pedestrian accidents, Crystal Middle and Suisun Elementary School took the initiative to host a Helmet Education and Fitting event on their campuses. Between these two events, 32 students were fitted with new helmets and taught the importance of wearing them when riding their bike, scooter, or skateboard.

SR2S recently attended City of Fairfield’s 3E’s Committee meeting to discuss and collaborate on the best methods to educate the public on safe pedestrian and driving habits.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

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DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Elizabeth Carillo, Benicia PD
Jeff Henderson, Suisun City PD
RE: Enforcement Status Update

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

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DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Dail Montanez, SPH
RE: Solano Public Health (SPH) Update

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

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DATE: November 20, 2024
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Tina Machado, City of Fairfield
Brant Beavers, City of Vacaville
RE: Community Task Force Update

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