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Solano Safe Routes to School

The objective of the Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program is to increase the number of students walking and biking to school by focusing on safety, while making the journey a fun and healthy one. Using a comprehensive approach, the program includes 6 “E’s”: **Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, Engagement and Evaluation**. Solano SR2S offers all Solano County schools activities and programs to educate students about walking and biking safety and health awareness. The program also identifies safety improvements within our communities to enhance active student travel.

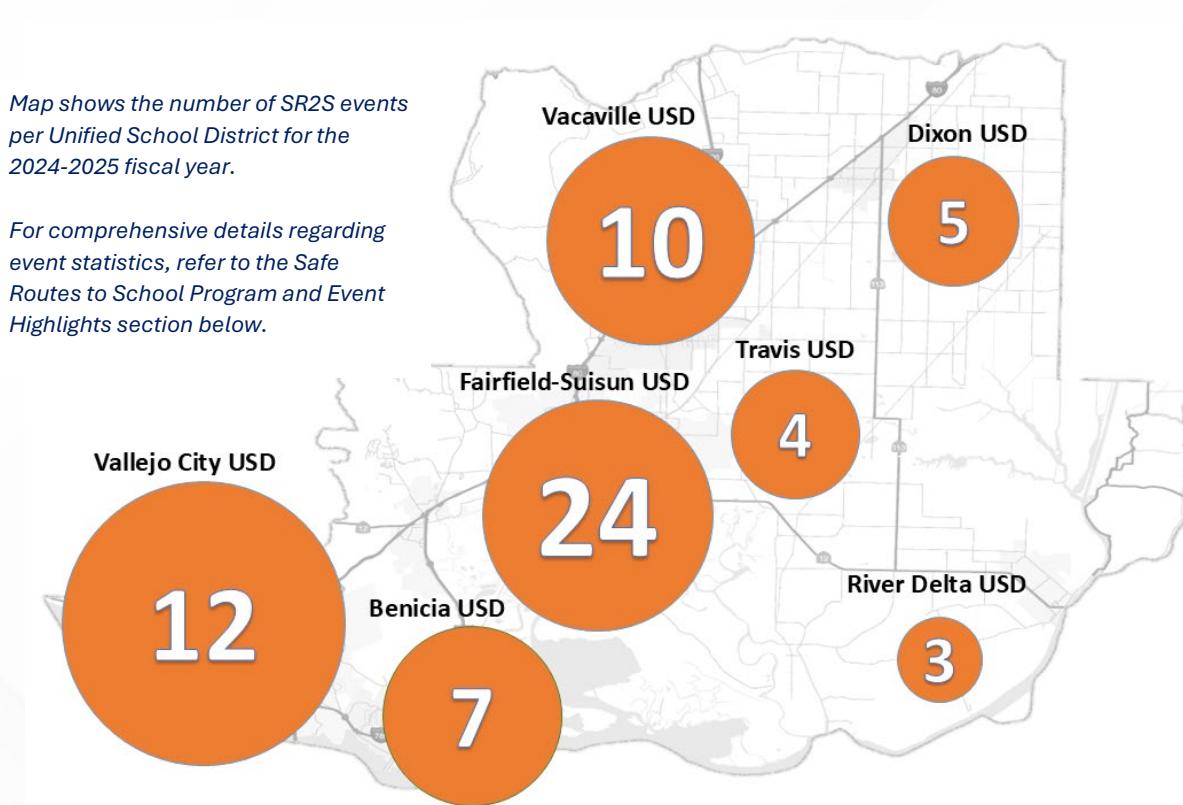
In 2008, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board adopted Solano County’s first Safe Routes to School Plan and authorized staff to create a Safe Routes to School Program. This plan provided the direction for the SR2S Program through 2012 and led to the adoption of a second plan in 2013 which continues to guide the program today.



Solano SR2S Program Updates

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, SR2S coordinators attended 69 school and community events, reaching a combined 7,900+ participants. Coordinators distributed and fitted 267 helmets for students in need and coordinated 20 bike mobiles across the county.

Event highlights include annual events, such as International Walk and Roll to School Day (W2SD) and National Bike and Roll to School Day (B2SD), helmet fittings, bike rodeos, Safety Story Times, and youth-led engagement activities.



SR2S Staffing Update

The SR2S team continued to support schools and community partners across Solano County, providing coordination, resources, and technical assistance to advance walking and biking safety initiatives. This year also marked a staffing transition, as former SR2S Program Coordinator, Suzanne Antone, who previously supported the Benicia and Vallejo City Unified School Districts, departed from the STA. Suzanne continues to contribute to SR2S efforts in her new capacity outside STA, and the SR2S team remains grateful for her years of dedication to the program.

Coordinator Roles and Assignments:

Program Manager (full-time) – Amy Antunano

Continued to provide program development and support to the coordinator team



Program Coordinator (part-time) – Leigh Moilanen

Leigh is responsible for the River Delta (Rio Vista), Travis, and Vacaville Unified School Districts.



Program Coordinator (part-time) – Crystal Peacher

Crystal is responsible for the Dixon and Fairfield-Suisun Unified School Districts.



Program Coordinator (full-time) – Janelle Gregorio

Janelle assists the Program Manager and supports overall program operations, while temporarily covering Benicia and Vallejo City Unified School Districts.



SR2S 2024-2025FY Highlights

Annual Events

International Walk and Roll to School Day



City of Benicia Vice Mayor Terry Scott (far right) joined early walkers at Matthew Turner Elementary.

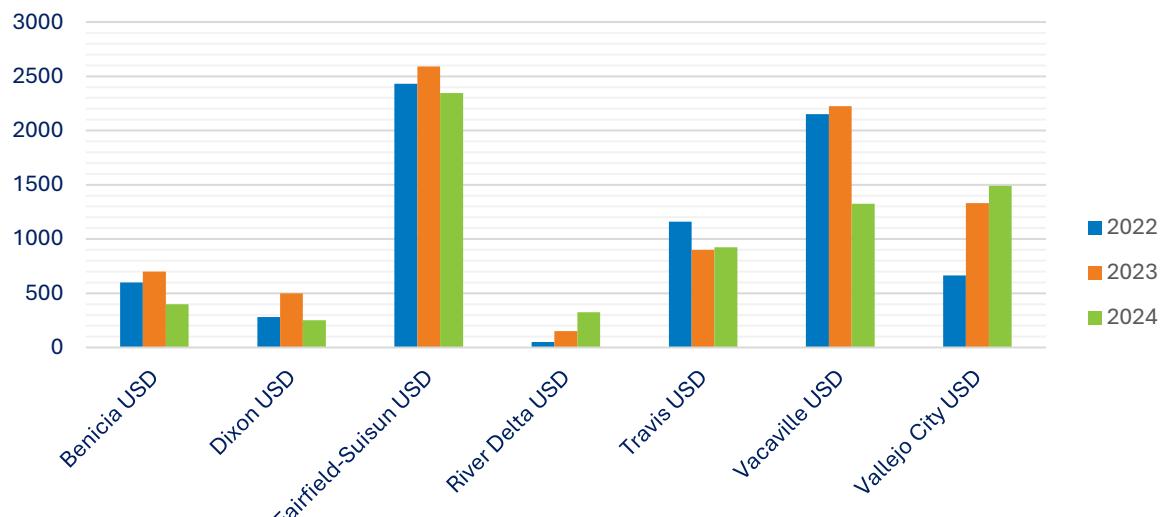
On October 9, 2024, a record 47 schools across Solano County took part in W2SD, with more than 7,000 students participating. The annual event unites schools, families, and community leaders in promoting safe and active travel to school while raising awareness about the importance of pedestrian safety and neighborhood connectivity.

Throughout the morning, students gathered in walking and “walking school buses,” accompanied by parents,

teachers, and local officials who demonstrated safe walking habits and assisted with crossings near school zones. Many campuses hosted safety-themed assemblies, resource booths, and incentive giveaways, turning the day into both an educational and celebratory experience.

The event was supported by city staff, local police departments, and community volunteers, whose presence reinforced the partnership between schools and local agencies working to make walking to school safer and more accessible. Each year, W2SD continues to be the largest SR2S event countywide, highlighting the community’s commitment to fostering healthier, more connected neighborhoods for students and families.

International Walk and Roll to School Day Student Participation by Unified School District



National Bike and Roll to School Day



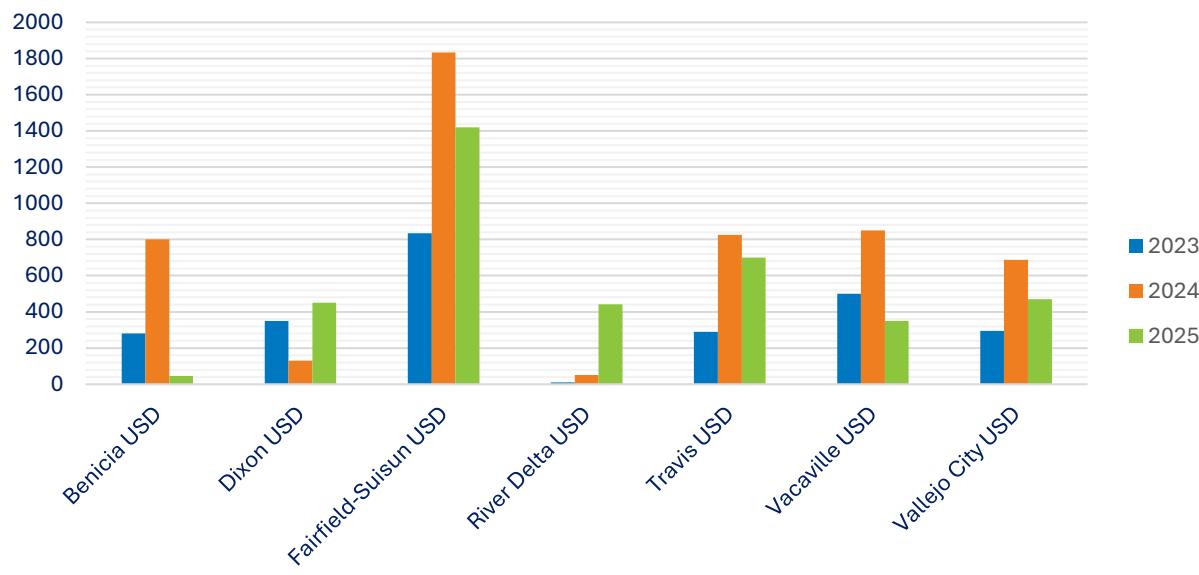
City of Vallejo Mayor Sorce (second from left) leads a biking and walking group at Lincoln Elementary.

On May 7, 2025, 36 schools registered through SR2S for B2SD, engaging approximately 3,500 students. The annual celebration encourages students, families, and school communities to experience the benefits of active transportation while promoting safety awareness and community connection.

Throughout the county, schools hosted morning bike parades, campus safety rallies, and incentive giveaways to motivate student participation. City officials, school staff, and parent volunteers joined students on their routes, helping to create a visible show of support for safer streets and healthier travel

habits. The event also served as a reminder of the lasting impact of SR2S education and engineering efforts that make it safer and easier for students to choose walking or biking year-round.

National Bike and Roll to School Day **Student Participation by Unified School District**



SR2S Programs and School Events: Education – Engagement – Encouragement

Walk or Wheel (WoW) Days

WoW Days continued to be a cornerstone of the SR2S Program this fiscal year, providing schools with the opportunity to promote active commuting on a weekly or monthly basis. These recurring events encourage students to walk, bike, or scooter to school regularly – not just on designated event days – helping to build healthy habits and reduce traffic congestion near campuses.

Across the county, SR2S staff supported 5 WoW events during the year, reaching more than 650 students.

Two schools stood out for their consistent participation – Green Valley Middle in Fairfield and Dixon Montessori Charter in Dixon. Both schools held monthly WoW events throughout the school year by developing a strong culture of participation, supported by staff, parent volunteers, and student leaders who helped promote the events and kept momentum going.

Parent volunteers remain an essential part of WoW's success countywide. They assisted as crossing guards, helped manage drop-off areas, and distributed incentives to participating students. Their dedication ensured each event ran smoothly and made students feel recognized and celebrated for choosing active transportation.

The WoW initiative demonstrates that consistent encouragement, paired with community support, can lead to lasting behavior change among students and families.



Director Ernest from Dixon Montessori Charter helps students cross safely on their designated WoW Day.



Mary Farmar Elementary (Benicia) students closely observing their fellow classmate ride through the Bike Rodeo course.

Safe Moves Bike Rodeo

In 2024-2025FY, the Bike Rodeo Program delivered hands-on, skills-based safety education across schools in the county. Each event set up a “mini city” where students practiced navigating sidewalks, crosswalks, intersections, and bike lanes. With guidance from trained instructors, participants applied the rules of the road, recognized common traffic signs, and built safe, confident habits for both biking and walking.

This past year, SR2S contracted with Safe Moves to deliver five rodeo events across schools and community fairs, reaching more than 850 participants countywide.

At the Fairfield Community Bike Fair, hosted at Green Valley Middle on April 16, 2025,



Another great event by Safe Routes. I look forward to seeing how we can continue to grow and adapt the program. Great job and thank you!
-Steve Trotter, Principal
Green Valley Middle (Fairfield)

students rotated through the rodeo stations while also accessing helmet fittings and free bike tune-ups from the Bike Mobile, making it one of the largest and most comprehensive events this year.

The Benicia Bike Fair, hosted at Benicia High on May 3, 2025, also drew steady participation, where families visited the bike rodeo course alongside the repair and safety booths. The event highlights strong community partnerships, with local volunteers and first responders supporting the day.

At Anderson Elementary in Dixon, on May 22, 2025, SR2S tailored the bike rodeo program as a pedestrian rodeo for their second and fifth grade students. Instead of bikes, children walked through the mock crosswalks and intersections to practice safe pedestrian behaviors, making the training age-appropriate and widely engaging.

Additional rodeos were held for the Travis Unified School District community in Vacaville, further extending safety education to students and families in diverse settings.

Through these events, students countywide had the opportunity to practice real-world safety skills in a fun, memorable setting, equipping them with knowledge to travel safely whether on foot, on bike, or on scooter.



Students at Anderson Elementary (Dixon) practice safe walking skills during the Pedestrian Rodeo.



SR2S Program Coordinator Crystal Peacher fits a student with a helmet at Suisun Elementary (Suisun City).

Helmet Fittings and Audits

Helmet safety remains a core priority of the SR2S program. Staff conducted five dedicated helmet fitting events and 16 helmet audit events, ensuring students had access to properly sized helmets. Across these activities, SR2S fitted and distributed 267 helmets to students in need. Events ranged from large community fairs – where dozens of helmets were fitted in a single morning – to smaller school-based activities, where students were able to exchange ill-fitting helmets for properly sized ones.

To track impact, SR2S staff administer pre- and post-helmet use audits at select schools in the county. Audits are completed in early fall (baseline) and again in spring (follow-up). At John Knight Middle School, continuous engagement paired with helmet distribution was associated

with a 43% increase in observed helmet use between the fall and spring counts.

Collectively, these efforts support safer biking and scootering and reinforce the importance of head protection for students across the county.



Students and families with their bikes waiting patiently for their turn at the Fairfield Bike Mobile.

children and families how to maintain their bicycles at home. At many events, SR2S staff supplemented the program by fitting helmets and distributing safety incentives.

Bay Area BikeMobile

With funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SR2S brought the Bay Area BikeMobile team to school and community events throughout Solano County. The program provided 20 events this year – 13 at schools and 7 at community locations, serving over 1,150 participants.

Bike mobile mechanics repaired everything from flat tires to faulty brakes, while also teaching



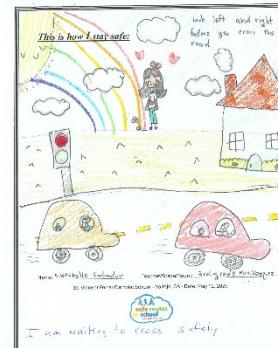
It was a great way to support Armijo students and local community.

*-Katie Lee,
International Baccalaureate Coordinator
Armijo High (Fairfield)*

Safety Story Time

To reach younger audiences, SR2S staff hosted 3 Safety Story Time events at schools and libraries, reaching approximately 380 children. These sessions combined storytelling with interactive discussion, teaching basic pedestrian and traffic safety concepts in an age-appropriate way.

Children also participated in art activities, such as drawing how they stay safe while walking or biking. At St. Vincent Ferrer School in Vallejo, students illustrated “safety superheroes” and received helmets if needed. By blending creativity and safety messaging, Safety Story Time events helped build early awareness around the importance of safe walking and biking habits.



Student illustration on how they stay safe.

Music Notes Assemblies

SR2S continued its partnership with Music Notes, a high-energy, hip-hop inspired assembly program that teaches traffic safety through songs, videos, and interactive performances. During the 2024-2025 school year, Music Notes delivered multiple assemblies across the county, reaching hundreds of students with positive, catchy, memorable messages.



The assembly was fun and engaging to all our TK-8 students. It helps support our WOW Wednesdays safety message.

*-Karina Guzman,
Spirit Kids Coordinator
Dixon Montessori Charter*

Highlights included visits to Cordelia Hills Elementary and Sheldon Academy of Innovative Learning in Fairfield, and

Dixon Montessori Charter in Dixon. Students from upper and lower grades danced along

while learning about helmet use, safe crossing, and active commuting. Teachers and administrators praised the assemblies for their ability to combine entertainment with practical safety education.



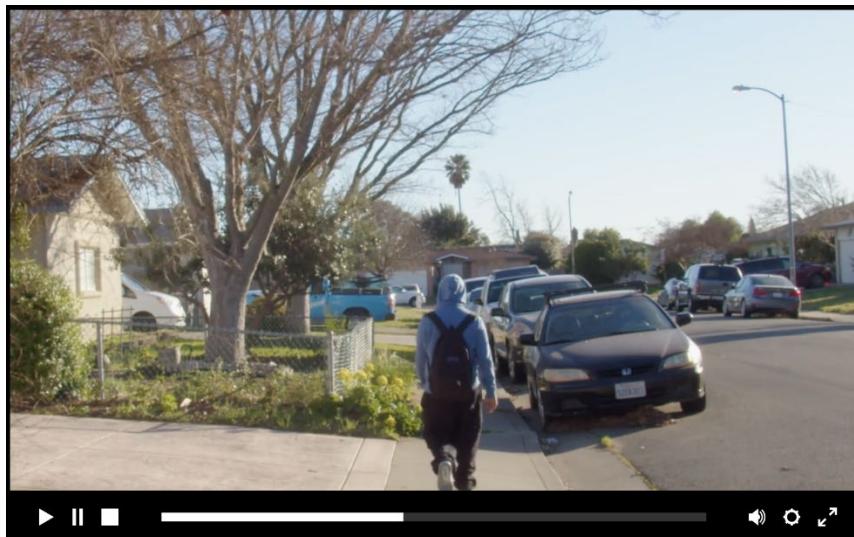
Music Notes Snippet at Sheldon Academy of Innovative Learning (Fairfield)
Upper Elementary Assembly



Music Notes Snippet at Sheldon Academy of Innovative Learning (Fairfield)
Lower Elementary Assembly

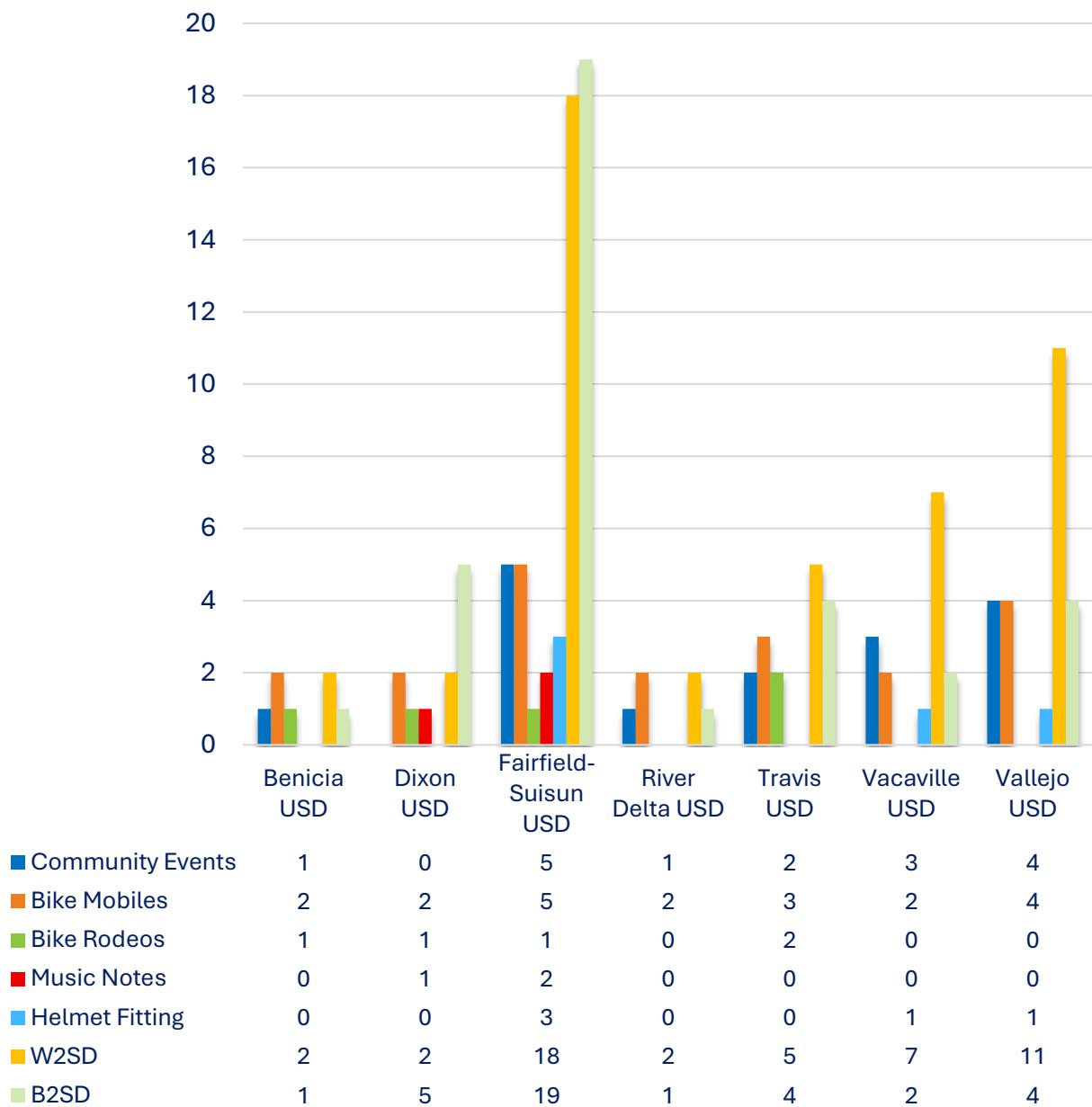
Youth Engagement

The *Lights, Camera, Safety!* Video Production Partnership entered its third year, empowering high school students to create safety-focused public service announcements. In 2024-2025FY, two youth-produced videos were developed and shared with the community. Students from Fairfield High tackled topics such as distracted walking, helmet use, and traffic awareness. Their videos were formally recognized at an STA Board meeting and also shared on SR2S social media channels. This initiative continues to showcase the creativity and leadership of Solano County youth, while spreading peer-to-peer safety messages in ways that resonate with students.



Safe Routes to School Video
by
Cameron Wayne and
Narely Soto
Fairfield High School

SR2S Events by Unified School District 2024-2025FY



Enforcement

SR2S continues to partner with local law enforcement agencies to promote safe travel to and from schools. This past fiscal year, SR2S staff worked closely with the Police Departments from Suisun City and Benicia City through the SR2S Advisory Committee, ensuring that traffic safety education and enforcement priorities are integrated into program planning and community outreach.

In addition, SR2S collaborates with the Fairfield Police Department through the City of Fairfield's 3E's Committee (Education, Engineering, and Enforcement). This partnership provides a platform to coordinate strategies that improve driver awareness in school zones, encourages safe walking and biking behaviors among students, and align traffic enforcement with community education efforts.



CHP officers assist SR2S with helmet fittings at the Fairfield Community Bike Fair.

SR2S also maintains a strong partnership with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). CHP officers supported SR2S events countywide by assisting with helmet fittings and participating in bike rodeos – reinforcing proper helmet use, bike handling skills, and traffic safety messages alongside SR2S staff. Their presence enhances on-the-ground education and helps connect enforcement with positive, hands-on learning for students and families.

These partnerships reflect SR2S' commitment to working together with law enforcement to build safer, healthier routes

for students countywide.

Engagement

SR2S Advisory Committee

The SR2S Program is guided by the SR2S Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from cities and multiple disciplines across Solano County. The committee provides recommendations on project and program funding to the STA Board. In 2024-2025FY, the SR2S Advisory Committee met quarterly and provided strategic direction for development of the 2025 SR2S Plan Update.

Ongoing Agency and Community Partnerships

Separate from the SR2S Advisory Committee, SR2S staff engage regularly with city and school partners to align priorities, surface site-specific needs, and coordinate implementation. This includes:

- Participation in the City of Fairfield's 3E's Committee to coordinate school-area safe strategies and outreach.

- Attendance at the City of Vacaville's Quarterly Traffic Meeting to share data, address immediate safety issues, and coordinate program support around schools.
- Participation in Parent Volunteer Group meetings at various schools to gather parent feedback, promote SR2S events and resources, and strengthen school-site coordination.

Together, these engagement channels ensure countywide planning is complemented by consistent, on-the-ground collaboration with local agencies and school communities.

Engineering

Micro Grant Cycle 3

The SR2S Micro Grant Pilot Program launched in 2019 to support small-scale projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety around schools. Funded through Transportation Development Act Article 3, the program provides cities, school districts, and community organizations with resources to implement capital improvements and safety initiatives that directly benefit students and families.



SR2S Program Coordinator delivers traffic calming equipment purchased with SR2S Micro Grant Cycle 3 funds to awardee, Green Valley Middle School.

During the 2024-2025FY, SR2S made substantial progress in closing out prior grant cycles and advancing Cycle 3 projects:

- All outstanding projects from earlier funding rounds in the City of Vallejo were completed, closing those previous cycles.
- Cycle 3 implementation is well underway across multiple jurisdictions, with many projects completed – including crosswalk enhancements, rapid-flashing beacons, school-zone traffic management tools, and bicycle education equipment.
- Cycle 3 projects in Vallejo, Benicia, and Suisun City remain in progress and are moving toward completion.

This phased approach keeps construction and procurement on track while ensuring each jurisdiction's safety priorities are delivered with quality and consistency.

Evaluation

The SR2S Program continues to be guided by countywide planning efforts that help shape both infrastructure priorities and programmatic initiatives. Since its launch, STA has

completed two countywide SR2S Plans (2008 and 2013), each providing a roadmap for safer, healthier travel to and from school.

In 2023, STA staff began development of the third SR2S Plan Update, with support from Solano Public Health and input from Community Task Forces in each city. During the 2024-2025FY, this work advanced through extensive outreach, including community meetings, school walk audits, and surveys that gathered input from parents, students, and stakeholders across Solano County. Walk audits were completed at priority schools in each district, and recommendations have been compiled to guide future safety investments.

The 2025 SR2S Plan Update is now available for public review and comment. This updated plan will guide the next five years of program direction by:

- Identifying and prioritizing safety projects near schools
- Strengthening programs that encourage walking, biking, and rolling
- Continuing to address pedestrian and bicycle safety for students and families

Community input remains a vital part of this process. The draft plan can be viewed online, and feedback may be submitted through the STA website.

The final plan is scheduled for completion and adoption in Spring 2025, following public review and feedback available through the STA website.

To review the draft plan, click [HERE](#).

List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

B2SD	National Bike and Roll to School Day
BUSD	Benicia Unified School District
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CTF	Community Task Force
DUSD	Dixon Unified School District
FAST	Fairfield and Suisun Transit
FSUSD	Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
FY	Fiscal Year
OTS	Office of Traffic Safety
RDUSD	River Delta Unified School District (Rio Vista)
RFP	Request for Proposal / Projects
SR2S	Safe Routes to School
SR2S-AC	Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
SRO	School Resource Officer
STA	Solano Transportation Authority
TUSD	Travis Unified School District
VCUSD	Vallejo City Unified School District
VUSD	Vacaville Unified School District
W2SD	International Walk and Roll to School Day
WoW	Walk or Wheel
WSB	Walking School Bus
YSAQMD	Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District