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SR2S-AC

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Solano Transportation Authority
Conference Room 1
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585-2473



<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	Jim Antone, Chair
2. INTRODUCTIONS	
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1:30 – 1:35 p.m.)	SR2S-AC Members
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (1:35 – 1:40 p.m.)	
5. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES (1:40 – 1:45 p.m.)	
6. CONSENT CALENDAR	Sheila Ernst, STA
<u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the following consent item. (1:45 – 1:50 p.m.)	
A. Minutes of the SR2S-AC Meeting of May 18, 2016	
<u>Recommendation:</u> Approve SR2S-AC minutes of May 18, 2016. Pg. 3	

<u>Mitchell Romao</u> Vallejo City USD	<u>Jim Antone, Chair</u> YSAQMD	SR2S-AC MEMBERS <u>Mike Segala</u> STA BAC	<u>Garland Wong</u> City of Fairfield	<u>Jay Speck</u> Solano County Superintendent of Schools
<u>Andrew White, Vice-Chair</u> Suisun City Police Department	<u>Lt. Mike Green</u> Benicia Police Department	<u>Kevin McNamara</u> STA PAC	<u>Shawn Cunningham</u> City of Vacaville	<u>Robin Cox</u> Solano County Public Health

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – DISCUSSION

- A. **One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 1 Project Delivery Report Card**
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)
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- B. **One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 Program Funding Priorities**
(2:00 – 2:10 p.m.)
Pg. 9 Lloyd Nadal,
Anthony Adams, STA
- C. **SR2S Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Annual Report**
(2:10 – 2:20 p.m.)
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- D. **Solano County Public Health Narrative Report**
(2:20 – 2:30 p.m.)
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Solano County Public Health
- E. **Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant Update - Round 3**
(2:30 – 2:40 p.m.)
Pg. 35 Andrew White, SCPD
Lloyd Nadal, STA
- F. **Vallejo High School Walk Audit Results**
(2:40 – 2:50 p.m.)
Pg. 37 Robin Cox, Tracy Nachand,
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Tiffany Gephart, STA
- G. **SR2S Coordinator Updates**
(2:50 – 3:00 p.m.)
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Tiffany Gephart, STA

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO DISCUSSION

- A. **2016 SR2S-AC Meeting Schedule & Attendance Matrix**
Pg. 43 Sheila Ernst, STA

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEMBER COMMENTS

Group

- OBAG 1 – SR2S Engineering Projects Update
- OBAG 2 – SR2S Recommendations
- Safe Routes to School May Survey Results
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3 Updates

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the SR2S-AC will be at ***11:30 a.m.***, Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Solano Transportation Authority in Conference Room 1, located at One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585. **Please note the earlier time.**

For questions regarding this agenda:

Please contact Lloyd Nadal at (707) 399-3219 or lnadal@sta.ca.gov



**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes of May 18, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee (SR2S-AC) was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the STA Main Conference Room.

SR2S-AC Members

Present:	Jim Antone	Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
	Ozzie Hilton	City of Vacaville, Public Works Department
	Kevin McNamara	Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative
	Mitchell Romao	Vallejo City Unified School District
	Mike Segala	Bicycle Advisory Committee
	Jay Speck	Solano County Office of Education
	Andrew White	City of Suisun City Police Department
	Garland Wong	City of Fairfield, Traffic Engineering
	James Laughter	City of Benicia Police Department

SR2S-AC Members	Robin Cox	Solano County Public Health
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Absent:

STA Staff Present:	Karin Bloesch	STA
	Ryan Dodge	STA
	Sheila Ernst	STA
	Sarah Fitzgerald	STA
	Tiffany Gephart	STA
	Drew Hart	STA
	Judy Leaks	STA
	Robert Macaulay	STA

Others Present:	Rachel Dula	FSUSD
	Julie Gorwood	Rio Vista Police Department
	David Harvey	California Highway Patrol
	Todd Milowe	Rio Vista Police Department

2. INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 18, 2016

Chair Antone motioned to move Informational Item 9.D to 9.B.

With a motion from Jay Speck and a second from Andrew White the SR2S-AC approved the agenda as amended *above in bold and italics.*

(9 Ayes, 1 Absent)

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approve the SR2S-AC minutes of February 17, 2016.

On a motion from Jay Speck and a second from Andrew White the SR2S-AC approved the February 17, 2016 meeting minutes. (8 Ayes, 2 Absent)

7. ACTION ITEMS - FINANCIAL

A. Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant - Round 3

Sarah Fitzgerald provided an overview of the Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant - Round 3. She explained that Letters of interest for the Education and Enforcement Grant, Round 3, were received by STA on April 7, 2016 from the City of Rio Vista Police Department (RVPD) for \$25,000 and from the Suisun City Police Department (SCPD) for \$125,000.

Julie Gorwood provided an overview of the Rio Vista Safe Routes to School Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant Proposal. She identified areas of focus and discussed safety incentives.

Andrew White provided an overview of the Suisun City Safe Routes to School Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant Proposal. He identified areas of focus and discussed traffic safety issues.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Forward a recommendation to the STA TAC and Board to authorize the STA Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of Rio Vista for \$25,000 for the Safe Routes to School Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant – Round 3.
2. Forward a recommendation to the STA TAC and Board to authorize the STA Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of Suisun City for \$125,000 for the Safe Routes to School Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant – Round 3.

With a motion from Michael Segala and a second from Kevin McNamara the SR2S-AC approved the recommendations. (9 Ayes, 1 Absent)

B. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Performance Assessment

Robert Macaulay provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Performance Assessment. He explained that the initial MTC assessment scores for projects in Solano County are provided in Attachment A. He stated that STA transmitted a letter expressing concerns about this assessment to MTC and underlining the benefits of both projects. Mr. Macaulay added that the focus of

STA's comments pertain to the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange and SolanoExpress Bus Service. He concluded that STA staff is requesting the SR2S committee consider sending a letter asking MTC to amend the RTP project assessment for the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange to more accurately capture the active transportation and health benefits that the project will provide.

Michael Segala asked that an informational item describing how the RTP ties together with SR2S be provided to the committee at a future meeting.

Recommendation:

Approve forwarding a letter to MTC from the SR2S Committee supporting STA's requested changes to the RTP Performance Evaluation for the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange as specified to address the benefits of the project pertaining to and active transportation and SR2S.

With a motion from Jay Speck and a second from Kevin McNamara the SR2S-AC unanimously approved the recommendations. (9 Ayes, 1 Absent)

8. ACTION ITEMS – NON-FINANCIAL

A. Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Cycle 3

Drew Hart provided an overview of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Cycle 3. He explained that the STA anticipates three applications coming out of Solano agencies that will include Safe Routes to School improvements, and gap closures on the Bay Trail and Vine Trail. Mr. Hart added that the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo are all represented in these three applications. He concluded that STA staff will provide technical assistance and guidance with the application preparation.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Chair of the SR2S Advisory Committee to sign a letter of support for the following projects seeking funding under the Active Transportation Program – Cycle 3

- City of Fairfield's East Tabor Ave Railroad Crossing Safety Project
- City of Suisun City's McCoy Creek Trail Project
- City of Vallejo's Bay Trail/Vine Trail Project

With a motion from Jay Speck and a second from Michael Segala the SR2S-AC unanimously approved the recommendations. (9 Ayes, 1 Absent)

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – DISCUSSION

A. OBAG 1 – Status of SR2S Engineering Projects

Anthony Adams provided a presentation on the OBAG 1 – Status of SR2S Engineering Projects. He discussed SR2S project delivery issues and high construction bid returns Lessons learned from this experience of federally funding 6 engineering projects will be used to guide future recommendations for federal funds on infrastructure projects. .

B. Solano County Public Health Narrative Report

Solano County Public Health staff was not present to report on this item.

C. Automated Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters One-Year Summary Report

Ryan Dodge provided a brief update on the Automated Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters One-Year Summary Report. He explained that the STA purchased eight portable automated counters in 2015 for the purpose of collecting data used primarily for competitive grant applications to help evaluate the effectiveness of implemented projects, and to assist in prioritizing future projects.

D. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 Update

Sarah Fitzgerald provided an update on the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2. She explained that for OBAG 1, MTC created a non-competitive set aside for SR2S non-infrastructure programs in each of the nine Bay Area Counties in which Solano's SR2S program was allocated \$1.256M. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that OBAG 2, non-infrastructure projects are eligible for funding, however, there will not be a set aside for these education, encouragement and enforcement activities. She concluded that this committee will discuss recommendations for SR2S OBAG 2 projects at the August meeting to be presented to the STA Board in September.

E. SR2S Coordinator Updates

Karin Bloesch provided an overview of National Bike to School Day 2016 event. She stated that it was their largest Bike to School Day. She concluded that this year each city as well as each district had schools participating as well as locally elected officials that also participated in events at schools throughout the county.

Tiffany Gephart provided a brief summary on the SR2S 'Think Outside the Car!' Poster Contest. She stated that there were 129 entries from 23 schools in the county. She concluded that prizes included a bike for the First Place winners and a \$100 gift certificate to a local bike shop for the Second Place winner, and a \$50 local bike shop gift certificate for Third Place.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEMBER COMMENTS

- SR2S Program Funding (Sarah Fitzgerald)
- OBAG 2 (Bob Macaulay)

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO DISCUSSION

A. 2016 SR2S-AC Meeting Schedule

B. Attendance Matrix

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SR2S-AC will be August 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the STA Conference Room.



DATE: August 10, 2016
TO: STA SR2S-AC
FROM: Anthony Adams, Assistant Project Manager
RE: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 1 Project Delivery Report Card

Background:

The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program was originally a four-year funding program for federal transportation dollars that allowed 45% of the total funding to be distributed to Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs). The Solano Transportation Authority had a total distribution of \$21.085M during OBAG cycle 1. Included in this amount was a \$1.256 regionally funded Safe Routes to School program allotment. When including PDA planning, STA planning, and Dixon's West B St project, \$11,473,000 was available for disbursement to STA member agencies for a call for projects.

With the delay in passing a federal transportation bill in 2015, OBAG Cycle 1 was extended to a five-year program (FY 2011/12 - FY 2016/17), without providing any additional funding. This additional year did provide extra time for OBAG projects to be delivered within the required fiscal years. This extra time was needed for a few OBAG projects as delivery schedules have not been met with regularity during this funding cycle.

Discussion:

The Solano Countywide project delivery rate, projects that were delivered within MTC defined funding timelines, was poor, see attachment A. Overall, nearly 74% of OBAG infrastructure projects missed delivery deadlines or requested additional funds. This delivery rate is alarming and shows the need for a revised project delivery policy within STA.

While no projects within Solano County had funding rescinded due to not delivering projects, MTC and Caltrans have noticed a few member agencies that seem to have difficulty in satisfying federal funding timeline requirements. While it is the job of STA to support our member agencies in the delivery of transportation projects, the more often we have to request an extension or additional funding from MTC or Caltrans, the less likely they are to assist us in the future. One of STA's primary responsibilities is to serve as an advocate for additional regional, state, and federal funding for projects within Solano County. For every project that is delayed or has a cost-overrun, which makes it more difficult for STA to make the case that our member agencies can deliver when provided additional resources.

Attachments:

- A. Solano SR2S OBAG Project Updates

OBAG 1 – Status of SR2S Engineering Projects

SOLANO COUNTY							
#	Responsible Agency (agency to receive funds)	Project Name	Description of Work	Project Completion Date (Expected)	FY Programmed	Total Project Cost	Current Status
1	City of Suisun City	Suisun Safe Routes to Schools Project	Stripe high-visibility crosswalks by Crescent Elementary and Crystal Middle School. Design a Class I pedestrian/bicycle facility along the west side of Marina Boulevard between State Route 12 and Lotz Way, and along Lotz Way between Marina Boulevard and the Suisun multi-modal transit station on Main Street. Design and construct a path along the south side of Driftwood Drive from Whispering Bay Circle to Marina Boulevard. Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons on Harrier Drive at the main entrance to Dan O. Root Elementary School.	4/30/2017	15/16	\$635,000	Project bids came back far above estimates. City is considering re-bidding the job, but not until January of 2017, due to concerns over weather. Construction is expected to begin March of 2017.
2	City of Vallejo	Vallejo Safe Routes to Schools Project	Intersection, striping, and signage improvements in the vicinity of Wardlaw Elementary School. High visibility crosswalks and pedestrian signs will be the first priority projects, with additional lane reconfiguration with any remaining funds.	9/1/2016	15/16	\$280,428	The project has received E-76 clearance. Construction is scheduled to begin in late August.
3	City of Dixon	Dixon Safe Routes to Schools Project	Construct sidewalk bulb-out on North Lincoln Street at CA Jacobs. Construct sidewalk bulb-out on Pheasant Run Drive at Tremont Elementary School. Installation of high visibility crosswalks at various schools. Install bike racks and overhead covering at CA Jacobs. Install gate in fence along pedestrian path near Silveyville Elementary School. Restripe bike lane on Rehrmann Drive from Evqans Road to North Lincoln Street. Plant trees and gate improvements along Rehrmann Drive at Tremont Elementary School. Miscellaneous striping improvements at Tremont Elementary and CA Jacobs.	8/1/2017	16/17	\$ 219,386	Project received an additional \$94,430 in funds from another project. Expecting to add speed feedback signs as additional scope. Field review is scheduled for May 19th.
4	City of Vacaville	Vacaville Safe Routes to Schools Project	Construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements for VUSD and TUSD. Vacaville High School Area-Work includes improvements on Monte Vista Avenue and West Street including curb extensions at the Monte Vista/West St. intersection and potential landscape installation to limit erosion and widen effective sidewalk width. Sidewalk improvements to Monte Vista Ave. and West Street and possible sidewalk extension from school to Stinson Ave. Installation of accessible curb ramps and high vis. crosswalks at various crossings. Bicycle network improvements including possible low vol. signed bikeway with sharrows. Cambridge Elementary School-Construct curb extension, accessible ramps and high vis. x-walks at Nut Tree/Cambridge intx. Citywide-installation of radar speed feedback sign and rect. rapid flashing beacons at priority locations.	9/30/2016	15/16	\$342,607	Construction expected to begin in August
5	City of Benicia	Benicia Safe Routes to Schools Project	New sidewalks in the vicinity of Robert Semple School Install widened sidewalk landings and new crosswalks across Dempsey - Drive and the entrance to the parking lot adjacent to Matthew Turner School, install a flashing beacon on Southampton Road in front of the Benicia Middle School, and construct wider sidewalk landings on Southampton Road in front of Benicia Middle School	Complete	13/14	\$124,000	Project Complete and Closed-out
6	City of Rio Vista	SR 12 crossing with updated lighting	New updated lighted crosswalk at SR 12 Crossing.	9/30/2016	15/16	\$120,000	Project delayed due to not having the correct pole necessary for Caltrans standards. Construction expected to begin in early September



DATE: August 8, 2016
TO: STA SR2S-AC
FROM: Lloyd Nadal, SR2S Program Administrator
RE: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 Program Funding Priorities

Background:

One Bay Area Grant 2 (OBAG 2) is the second round of the federal funding program designed to support the implementation of Plan Bay Area, the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The program will establish commitments and policies for investing roughly \$800 million over the five year period from FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22, funded by federal funds authorized by Congress through the FAST Act for the nine Bay Area Counties, including Solano County. Solano County will receive approximately \$21M from OBAG 2, which is funded by a combination of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds.

The majority of current funding for the Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Program (SR2S NI) comes from OBAG 1. MTC supported SR2S NI at a regional level in OBAG 1 and included a set aside based on a formula distribution with school population to each Congestion Management Agency (CMA). STA received \$1.256M for SR2S NI. OBAG 1 was originally designed as a 4-year funding program. It extended into a 5-year program by MTC, with no additional funds added for the 5th year, with the exception of the SR2S NI program, which added an additional \$314,000, bringing the total SR2S NI funds to: \$1.57M.

The SR2S Program also received \$1.2M in OBAG 1 through the competitive process to fund high priority SR2S Infrastructure projects in six cities. To date, \$440,000 in additional funding has been secured by the cities to enhance these projects, bringing the total to \$1.6M in engineering improvements

Discussion:

Safe Routes to School programs that are eligible for OBAG 2 funding include infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that facilitate reduction in vehicular travel to and from schools, therefore Solano's SR2S program is eligible for OBAG 2 funds. Of the \$21M available in OBAG 2, STA has dedicated \$1.030M towards the SR2S Program (marking a change from OBAG 1, when a guaranteed amount of regional funds was dedicated solely to SR2S non-infrastructure). Additionally there is \$4.865M in CMAQ projects subject to a call for projects that SR2S priority projects can seek funding for. With additional ATP grants and other funds, SR2S NI has funding through Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 but will continue to seek funding opportunities to support the program.

SR2S engaged 61 schools in all seven school districts throughout the county for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. SR2S NI educates and encourages students to walk or cycle to school through a staffing partnership between STA and Solano Public Health. In addition, approximately \$75,000 per year has been distributed to local enforcement agencies for specific SR2S enforcement strategies.

Solano's SR2S Program is highly regarded throughout the state as a premier Safe Routes program. The collaboration between all seven cities, school districts, police departments, city engineers and public health is a very unique quality, setting Solano's Program apart from many other SR2S programs. This strong collaboration has meant that SR2S projects are more competitive when applying for additional funds. The Program has been able to successfully leverage current funding in order to obtain other funds,

based upon the success of this countywide program. These achievements would not have been possible without the significant amount of funding from the OBAG 1 program.

Fiscal Impact:

With the \$1.030M over 5 years allocated in the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Project (CMAQ) for the SR2S Program already, a request of \$1.2M to provide programmatic support to SR2S Infrastructure priority project(s) (the same amount SR2S received in OBAG 1 Infrastructure last year) will bring the total to \$2.23M SR2S infrastructure and non-infrastructure over 5 years.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: August 17, 2016
TO: Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Advisory Committee
FROM: Lloyd Nadal, SR2S Program Administrator
RE: SR2S Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Annual Report

Background:

The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program works to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school by helping to make the journey safe, fun and healthy. Using a comprehensive approach, the program includes 5 “E’s”: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation. The program is available to all schools countywide and focuses on activities and programs that educate students on safety, health awareness and identifying improvements within communities countywide to enhance active student travel safety.

In 2008, the STA Board adopted Solano's first Safe Routes to School Plan (Plan) and authorized STA staff to create a Safe Routes to School Program in Solano County. This Plan provided the direction for the SR2S Program through 2012 when the STA and the various SR2S Advisory Committees began the process of updating the 2008 Plan. The updated Plan was adopted by the STA Board in October 2013.

Discussion:

Highlights for FY 2015-2016

The 2015-16 school year saw over 15,000 students and 63 schools participating in an SR2S event. There was an increase in school participation in International Walk to School Day, National Bike to School Day, the Bike to School Day Poster Contest and Spring and Summer Student Travel Survey responses. There was also increased student participation in the Bike to School Day Poster Contest, Bike Mobiles and Bike Safety Assemblies.

Education & Encouragement Events

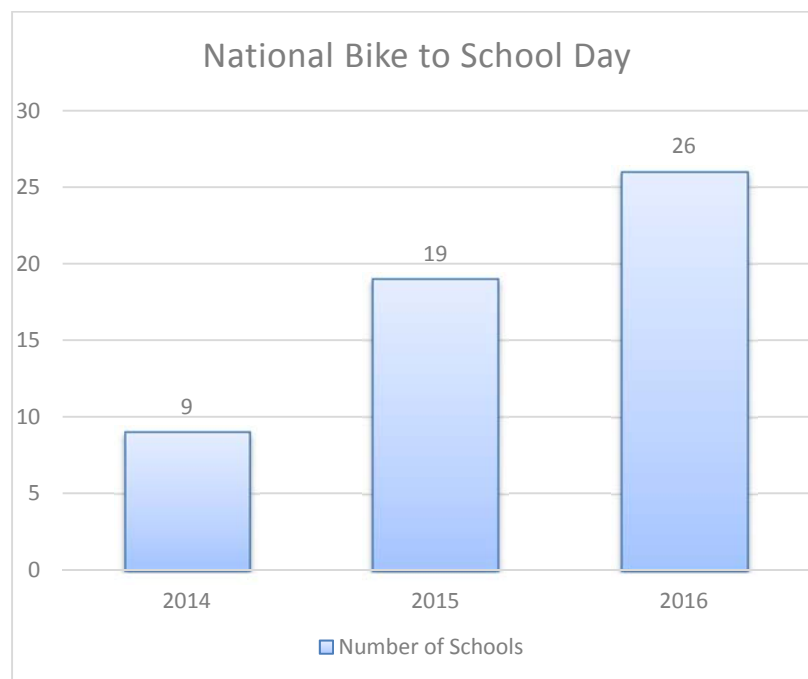
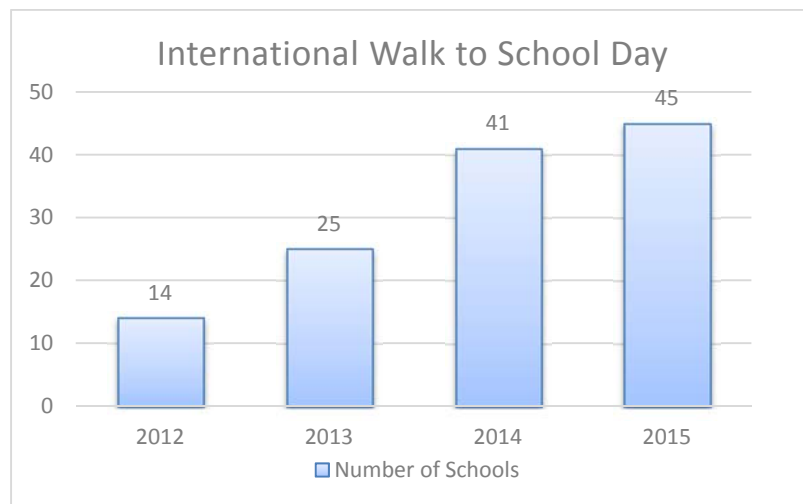
During FY 2015-16, SR2S, in partnership with Solano County Public Health, conducted programs to teach students how to walk and bike safely to school and in their communities. Students were also educated on the benefits of walking and biking to school and using the road safely. In addition, through TDA-3 funding allocated to the SR2S program by the STA Board and MTC’s Spare the Air Youth (STAY) grant funding, the Bay Area Bike Mobile (Bike Mobile) continued to conduct free bike repair events throughout Solano County. The educational and encouragement activities work hand in hand to create healthy habits for students.

Over 15,000 students were reached through program events. Highlights include:

- 928 students participated in 19 School and Community Bike Rodeos and Bike Mobiles
- 3,255 students participated in 12 School Safety Assemblies
- 88 students participated in 5 Helmet Education Events
- 9,455 students participated in 45 International Walk to School Day Events
- 1,421 students participated in 26 National Bike to School Day Events

International Walk to School Day in October 2015 marked the second year in a row that all seven cities and all school districts in Solano County participated in the event.

National Bike to School Day was held on May 4, 2016. SR2S also conducted a poster contest, which was highly successful with 129 entries received from schools across the County. The winning poster was sent to all schools in the County to promote National Bike to School Day.



Enforcement

Police departments from both the City of Rio Vista and the City of Vacaville completed activities for their Public Safety Enforcement Grants at the end of this current school year. The City of Vacaville updated crossing guard manual and DVD, and directed enforcement around schools. The City of Rio Vista's activities included purchasing electronic portable speed and messaging boards, participating in International Walk to School Day, and attending school PTA meetings and assemblies regarding traffic safety. On May 25, 2016, the STA TAC voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the STA Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Cities of Rio Vista and Suisun City for the SR2S Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant – Round 3.

Engineering

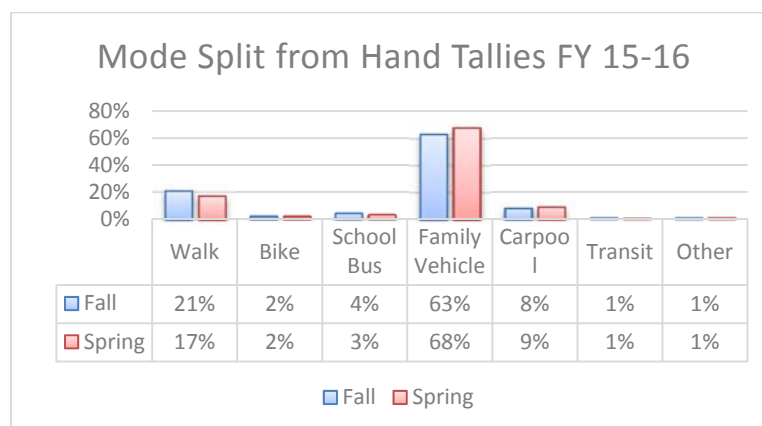
The SR2S program was allocated \$1.2M of OneBayArea (OBAG) funding for six priority infrastructure projects identified in the 2013 SR2S Plan. An additional \$314,000 is being allocated to SR2S for FY16-17. See Attachment 07.Aa_SR2S Project and Status 8-10-16 for a description and status update for these engineering projects.

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Evaluation

Twice a year, the SR2S program evaluates its progress through Student Travel Hand Tally Surveys. The graph below displays hand tally data for Solano County for FY 2015-16. Sixty-eight schools participated in the in-class hand tallies during the fall (37) and spring (31) of FY 2015-16, representing over 54,000 trips taken to school. The data shows that although the primary way of getting to school is in a family vehicle, 21% of all trips taken to school are by walking or bicycle.



Engagement

Typically, a comprehensive Safe Routes to Schools programs contain 5 “E’s.” However, in Solano County a sixth “E” (engagement) was added in the Plan Update to emphasize the importance of engaging with all stakeholders to make this program successful. Engagement strategies are designed to open up lines of communication and involvement among all stakeholders, especially parents, for the benefit of an improved Safe Routes to School program. SR2S maintains an up-to-date website, which includes maps with suggested walking routes to all elementary and middle schools in the county. In order to reach out and engage parents, the SR2S program has a presence at a number of community events throughout the year, including the Fairfield Tomato Festival and Earth Day festivities, Vacaville Kidfest and the Rio Vista Safety Fair. At these events, SR2S staff educates the public about the program and recruits parents to be leaders for Walking School Buses.

Walking School Bus (WSB) and SR2S Champion Appreciation

Several parents and school staff have been responsible for the successful implementation of daily WSB routes, regularly scheduled Walking Wednesday programs, and the continuation of the SR2S events at their schools. The SR2S program acknowledged the efforts of 13 exemplary schools in the county, in addition to several staff and parents who went “above and beyond” to further the SR2S program goals. Certificates of Appreciation, signed by the STA Board President and the mayor of each recipient’s respective city, were presented. Schools that participated in 4 or more SR2S activities in the 2015-2016 school year were recognized. Listed below are the schools and the number of activities they participated in:

Benicia Unified School District:

Matthew Turner (4)
Robert Semple (4)
Mary Farmar (8)

Dixon Unified School District:

Gretchen Higgins (5)

Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District:

Cordelia Hills (4)
Crescent (4)

Vacaville Unified School District:

Browns Valley (5)
Callison (4)
Fairmont (5)
Hemlock (5)

Vallejo City Unified School District:

Beverly Hills (4)
Loma Vista (6)
Grace Patterson (7)

In addition, parents, school staff and Academic Support Providers were recognized for their efforts at the following schools:

Beverly Hills
Browns Valley

Callison
Loma Vista
Mary Farmer

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. Benicia SR2S Update 2016
- B. Dixon SR2S Update 2016
- C. Fairfield SR2S Update 2016
- D. Rio Vista SR2S Update 2016
- E. Suisun SR2S Update 2016
- F. Vacaville SR2S Update 2016
- G. Vallejo SR2S Update 2016

Benicia Unified School District Participation in
Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities
August 2015- April 2016



Presented at the City of Benicia and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, May 4, 2016.

Walking Wednesday Events

Mary Farmar and Matthew Turner Elementary schools continue to participate in Walking Wednesdays with the average number of students walking:

Mary Farmar –One weekly morning route led by principal, Wendy Smith: 12

Matthew Turner – Three morning routes once a month, with principal, Leslie Beatson leading a route: 70

International Walk to School Day

October 7, 2015

904 students participated in Benicia

Benicia Middle School	200
Mary Farmar:	216
Matthew Turner:	270
Robert Semple:	218



Student Travel Surveys

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In October 2015, the BUSD had 100% participation with all 5 schools returning 108 surveys: Benicia MS (42), Joe Henderson (20), Mary Farmar (10), Matthew Turner (20), and Robert Semple (16). St. Dominic's also returned 7 surveys.

May 2016 survey requests were sent to all K-8 Benicia schools. The data gathered helps the program compete for grant funding.

2016 'Think Outside the Car' Poster Contest



12 students from 4 schools in the BUSD (Benicia MS, Joe Henderson, Mary Farmer and Matthew Turner) participated in the contest held in February.

Contest **winner**s included **3 students** from Benicia MS, Joe Henderson, and Matthew Turner.

Bike Rodeo and the Bay Area Bike Mobile

Mary Farmer held a Bike Rodeo and Bike Mobile event on April 8, 2016. 83 students participated in the Bike Rodeo; 35 bikes repaired.

Upcoming Events -

Robert Semple is scheduled for both events on May 27, 2016.



Bike to School Day: May 4, 2016

Mary Farmer participated with Mayor Patterson on hand to greet students and give incentive items to students riding to school.



City of Dixon & Dixon Unified School District
Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities
August 2015 – March 2016



Presented at the City of Dixon and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, April 4, 2016

International Walk to School Day

October 7, 2015

670 students participated in Dixon

Anderson:	120
Gretchen Higgins:	200
Tremont:	350



Mayor Batchelor at Tremont Elementary

Student Travel Surveys

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In October 2015, Gretchen Higgins returned 15 surveys; Tremont Elementary returned 4.

Survey requests will be sent to all schools in Dixon in **May 2016**. The data gathered helps the program compete for grant funding.

Upcoming Events at Dixon Schools

The following SR2S events will take place before the end of the 2015-2016 school year:

April 27, 2016	Bike Rodeo at Gretchen Higgins Elementary
May 4, 2016	Bike to School Day

CHP & SR2S Safety Fair, September 20, 2015

SR2S and the CHP held a safety fair that featured a bike rodeo, a City of Dixon fire truck, bike helmet fittings and giveaways, and a raffle for bikes donated by Wal-Mart. Approximately 25 children and parents attended on an extremely hot day.



Bay Area Bike Mobile, March 19, 2016



The Bay Area Bike Mobile visited the Dixon Public Library and provided free bike repair and hands-on learning to both children and adults in the community. 24 bikes were repaired. SR2S is funding 20 bike mobile events through 2017. The Bike Mobile is available to all schools and libraries in the county.

\$150,000 Public Safety and Education Enforcement Grant Opportunity

The current round of the Safe Routes to School Education and Enforcement Grant is currently open to all law enforcement agencies in the county. Its intent is to engage local law enforcement in the Safe Routes to School program with the goal to increase safety for those walking and biking to school. Individual jurisdictions may apply for the two-year grant for a partial amount or up to the full amount of \$150,000.

The application package was released on March 10. The deadline for Letters of Interest is April 7, 2016, and formal proposals are due May 13, 2016.

SR2S OBAG 1 Engineering Project

\$100,000	OGAG 1 Funds
\$24,956	Local Funds

Project Description

Construct sidewalk bulb-out on North Lincoln Street at CA Jacobs. Construct sidewalk bulb-out on Pheasant Run Drive at Tremont Elementary School. Installation of high-visibility crosswalks at various schools. Install bike racks and overhead covering at CA Jacobs. Install gate in fence along pedestrian path near Silveyville Elementary School. Restripe bike lane on Rehrmann Drive from Evans Road to North Lincoln Street. Plant trees and gate improvements along Rehrmann Drive at Tremont Elementary School.

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City of Fairfield School Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities (August 2015-May 2016)

Presented at the City of Fairfield and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation Funding Meeting, May 23, 2016.



International Walk to School Day

October 7, 2015

1717 Students

Cordelia Hills
Green Valley MS
KI Jones

Nelda Mundy
Rolling Hills



International Walk to School Day, Cordelia Hills Elementary



National Bike to School Day, Nelda Mundy Elementary

National Bike to School Day

May 4, 2016

191 Students

Anna Kyle
Green Valley MS

Laurel Creek
Nelda Mundy

Travel Surveys

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Survey requests have been sent to the schools for the May 2016 survey period. Schools have been asked to return the survey data sheets by June 1st.

October 2015 Surveys

School	Number of surveys returned
Anna Kyle	30
Cordelia Hills	12
Laurel Creek	17

'Think Outside the Car' Poster Contest



In February, students were asked to design a poster to encourage their fellow students to walk, bike or scooter to school. There were 129 entries.

40 Students from Fairfield schools submitted artwork. The First Place winner in the 6th-8th grade category was a student from the PSA, and the 3rd place winner in the 3rd-5th grade category was from Cordelia Hills Elementary. To announce the winners from Fairfield, Mayor Price joined the SR2S staff during a KUIC Radio promotion.

East Tabor Avenue Project-Parent Outreach

In May, the SR2S staff worked with FSUSD, Grange Middle School and Tolenas Elementary in developing a survey to provide additional community outreach for the East Tabor Avenue Project ATP application. Parents were asked at both schools to provide feedback about the project. Over 125 surveys were returned and the early data shows support for the project and a willingness for parents to allow their children to walk or bike to school after the project is completed.

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Rio Vista School Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities (August 2015- March 2016)

Presented at the City of Rio Vista and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, April 6, 2016.



International Walk to School Day, October 2015

D. H. White*: 210 Students

Riverview Middle School: 125 Students

*Mayor Norm Richardson attended the event along with Police Chief Greg Bowman. Several officers from Rio Vista Police Department met and walked to school with students.



Safety Assembly

Riverview Middle School: 289 Students

In March 2016, Rio Vista Police Officer Rafferty arranged a schoolwide safety assembly with the school leadership class.

Travel Surveys

Each October and May, schools are asked to participate in the Safe Routes to School Travel Surveys. D.H. White returned 10 classroom tally surveys. Data gathered by these surveys allow the Solano SR2S Program to compete for grant funding. Survey requests will be sent to the schools again in May 2016.

Community Wide Events

August 2015, the Bay Area Bike Mobile, a mobile bike repair service attended the Rio Vista 3rd Thursday event. 15 bikes were repaired at this event.



Public Safety Enforcement Grant

In 2014 Rio Vista Police Department was awarded funds to partner with the SR2S program and provide student safety education, enforcement and program support. This partnership has been successful and increased engagement of the Rio Vista schools in the SR2S program. Since being awarded the Enforcement Grant the police department has:

- Held Safety Assemblies at both D. H. White Elementary and Riverview Middle School
- Participated in International Walk to School Day
- Held a Safety Fair in the city of Rio Vista
- Participated in direct enforcement around schools
- Held a Crosswalk Enforcement and Education Operation

Crosswalk Enforcement and Education Operation

March 2016

- Hwy 12 and Gardiner Way, Main and 4th Street
- To enforce traffic laws for cars while pedestrians are present in the crosswalk
- 15 citations for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk
- 1 citation for driving on a suspended license



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Suisun City School Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities (August 2015- April 2016)

Presented at the City of Suisun City and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, May 9, 2016.



International Walk to School Day, October 2015

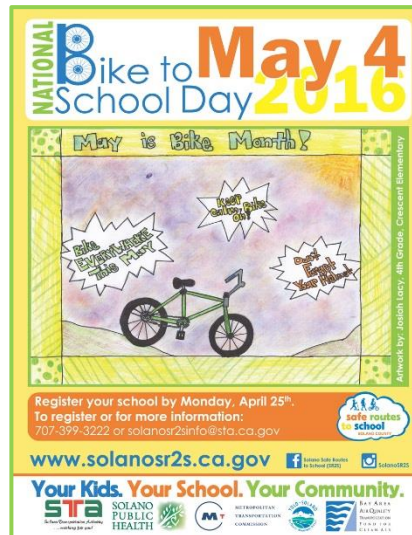
569 Students

Crescent Elementary	160 Students
Dan O Root Elementary	224 Students
Suisun Elementary	185 Students

Bike to School Day, May 2016

Crescent Elementary
Dan O Root*

*Councilmember Lori Wilson attended the Bike to School Day event at Dan O Root. She greeted students as they arrived at school.



The Solano County Bike to School Day 2016 Poster featured artwork from Josiah Lacy, a 4th grade student at Crescent Elementary.

Travel Surveys

Each October and May, schools are asked to participate in the Safe Routes to School Travel Surveys. Data gathered by these surveys allow the Solano SR2S Program to compete for grant funding.

Survey requests have been sent to the schools for the May 2016 survey period. Schools have been asked to return the survey data sheets by June 1st.

October 2015 Surveys

School	Number of surveys returned
Crescent Elementary	26
Crystal Middle School	14
Dan O Root	5

'Think Outside the Car' Poster Contest



In February, students were asked to design a poster to encourage their fellow students to walk, bike or scooter to school. There were 129 entries.

17 Students from Crescent Elementary submitted artwork and the First Place winner in the 1st-5th grade category was a student from the school. To announce the winner from Suisun City, Mayor Sanchez joined the SR2S staff during a KUIC Radio promotion.

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City of Vacaville & Vacaville Unified School District
Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities
August 2015- April 2016



Presented at the City of Vacaville and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, April 26, 2016.

Walking School Bus

Browns Valley and Callison Walking School Buses continue to be led by school staff with the average number of students walking:

Browns Valley – One route daily, morning and afternoon: 5
Callison – Three routes daily, morning and afternoon: 46



International Walk to School Day

October 7, 2015

1,689 students participated in Vacaville

Ace Charter:	75
Browns Valley:	235
Callison:	468
Fairmont:	159
Hemlock:	100
Markham:	200
Orchard:	185
Padan:	267



Student Travel Surveys

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In October 2015, 5 schools returned 120 surveys: Alamo (26) Browns Valley (21), Callison (33), Fairmont (17) and Padan (23) for a total of 120 surveys.

May 2016 survey requests were sent to all Vacaville schools this week. The data gathered helps the program compete for grant funding.

2016 'Think Outside the Car' Poster Contest

20 students from 5 schools in the VUSD (Browns Valley and Orchard), TUSD (Cambridge and Foxboro) and from Kairos School Public Academy Vacaville participated. A first grader from Kairos won Honorable Mention in the TK-2 grade category.

Bike to School Day: May 4, 2016

The following 8 schools will be participating:

Ace Charter
Browns Valley
Cambridge
Fairmont (also hosting a Bike Rodeo)
Hemlock
Markham
Orchard
Padan



Kidfest, October 10, 2015

Safe Routes to School participated in the city-sponsored event for the third year.

Public Safety Enforcement Grant

The Vacaville Police Department applied for and received a \$60,000 Enforcement Grant to support SR2S for a two-year period ending June 2016. The department provided direct enforcement around schools during pick up and drop off times, assisted in International Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day, and updated crossing guard training materials.



City of Vallejo School Participation in Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Activities (August 2015 - June 2016)

Presented at the City of Vallejo and Solano Transportation Authority Staff Transportation and Funding Meeting, June 8, 2016.



Vallejo Community Task Force February 12, 2016 (meets semi-annually)

SR2S Plan identified priority projects funded Wardlaw (OBAG-1), Cooper & Lincoln (ATP)
Future priority project: Vallejo Highschool/ Nebraska street



International Walk to School Day October 7, 2015

3,254 Students, 16 schools

Participating Schools

Beverly Hills	Loma Vista
Cave Language Academy	Mare Island Health & Fitness
Federal Terrace	Grace Patterson
Franklin MS	Pennycook
Glen Cove	Solano MS
Highland	Vallejo Charter
Johnston Cooper	Wardlaw
Lincoln	Widenmann



Fall and Spring Family Nights

FALL (12)

Beverly Hills, Elmer Cave, Cooper, Dan Mini, Glen Cove, Lincoln, Loma Vista, Patterson, Pennycook, Vallejo Charter, Wardlaw, Widenmann

SPRING (11)

Beverly Hills, Cooper, Dan Mini, Federal Terrace, Lincoln, Loma Vista, Mare Island, Pennycook, Steffan Manor, Vallejo Charter, Wardlaw



Think Outside the Car Poster Contest
March 1, 2016

31 Students, 6 schools



Umar Vasani, Grade 2, First Place Winner
 Wardlaw Elementary
**Won a free bicycle from Authorized Bicycles in Vallejo*



Participating Schools

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Loma Vista | Pennycook |
| Mare Island | Steffan Manor |
| Grace Patterson | Wardlaw |

National Bike to School Day
May 4, 2016

181 Students, 5 schools



Participating Schools

- Federal Terrace
- Highland
- Johnston Cooper
- Loma Vista
- Patterson

Fall/Spring Student Travel Surveys

October 165 Surveys, 15 Schools
May 84 Surveys, 10 schools*
**to date*

Each October and May, schools are asked to participate in the Safe Routes to School Travel Surveys. Data gathered by these surveys allow the Solano SR2S Program to compete for grant funding.

Survey requests have been sent to the schools for the May 2016 survey period and we are still receiving completed surveys to date.

May Participating Schools (to date)

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Beverly Hills | Lincoln |
| Cave | Loma Vista |
| Cooper | Solano Middle |
| Federal Terrace | Steffan Manor |
| Glen Cove | Wardlaw |



Solano County Public Health

Narrative Report re:

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program, Education and Encouragement Components

2015-2016

Task	Funding Program	Progress this reporting period
Education and Encouragement	SR2S General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 126 events at 54 sites serving 15,669 students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 45 schools participated in International Walk to School Day (IW2SD) with 9,455 participants ○ PH staff worked with two of the three schools who had either weekly or monthly Walk on Wednesday (WoW) days. The two schools had 18 events serving 1,033 students. ○ There were 11 assemblies held serving 2,966 students. ○ There were 12 bicycle rodeo and Bike Mobile repair events that PH staff worked on serving 489 students distributing 316 helmets. ○ 26 schools participated in National Bike to School Day (NB2SD) with 1,421 students participating. ○ 4 schools participated in the Helmet Education and Fitting program serving 87 students. ○ PH staff participated in 10 Vallejo Schools Family Resource nights serving 218 participants. • PH staff worked with STA staff to develop and modify the existing Bicycle Rodeo format and program implementation guide. • PH staff staged and tested the new Bike Rodeo stations.

Middle School Development	SR2S General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health (PH) staff worked with Franklin, Solano, Green Valley, Benicia, Riverview, and C.A. Jacobs Middle Schools (MS) implementing nine events serving 1,012 participants. • PH staff attempted to work with Hogan and Green Valley to set up a MS program incorporating competitive activities to promote walking and biking to school. • PH staff modified and updated the power point safety assembly presentation for MS students. • PH staff promoted Poster contest for STA with providing Hogan Middle School with Poster Contest packet.
High School Pilot Program	TFCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH and Solano Transportation Authority (STA) staff met with Vallejo High School (VHS) staff early in the year to encourage the implementation of the grant. • PH staff met on three other occasions to provide support for any and all planned activities that were put into the work plan by Vallejo High School Staff and students promoting walking, carpooling, and riding public transportation. One occasion was to introduce staff from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) promoting the Youth for the Environment and Sustainability, or YES, Conference. • PH staff communicated with VHS staff on numerous emails to provide assistance implementing the pilot program. • PH staff conducted a youth focus group to gather information on what students would like to do to implement the grant funds. • PH staff provided research on various ideas from the student provided suggestions from the youth focus group.
SR2S Policy	SR2S General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH staff developed a draft of a Solano County policy status document and submitted for review. • PH Manager followed up with fellow presenters of the Chronic Disease Prevention Subcommittee meeting of the California Conference of Local Health Officers/California Health Executive Association of California meeting

		<p>to gather additional input into School Siting policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH staff and PH manager worked with Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) on adding stronger Safe Routes to School language into their School District Wellness Policy.
Parent Education Workshop	ATP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH staff developed a power point presentation for parents and community members on the benefits and activities of the SR2S program. • PH staff provided the power point presentation during the 10 Vallejo Schools Family Resource nights serving 218 participants.
Student & Parent outreach and marketing	SR2S General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH staff used Facebook to post items related to SR2S and as applicable re-posted or re-tweeted STA postings to “drive traffic” to the STA webpages for SR2S. • PH staff used the VibeSolano.com pages to promote Safe Routes to School and to link people to the STA webpages for SR2S. • PH staff promoted International Walk to School Day and National Bike to School Day using newspapers and social media.
Overall program	SR2S General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city of Fairfield utilized the bicycle rodeo trailer at the Police Departments annual Motorcycle event. The event served 48 participants who were fitted and received a bicycle safety helmet. • PH staff provided maintenance to the bicycle rodeo trailer and equipment in preparation for future bicycle rodeo events. • PH staff implemented inventory control measures for incentive items. • PH staff met with Solano School Health Collaborative for monthly meeting as often as possibly could.

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DATE: August 8, 2016
TO: STA SR2S-AC
FROM: Lloyd Nadal, Program Administrator
RE: Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant Update – Round 3

Background:

The STA's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program encourages students to walk and bike to school and supports these activities with education and encouragement events throughout the year. The program brings together city planners, traffic engineers, police, and public health experts to create safer, less congested routes to school. The STA also supports a variety of engineering and enforcement strategies. The main goal for SR2S enforcement strategies is to deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, and to encourage all road users to obey traffic laws and share the road safely. Enforcement is one of the complementary strategies that SR2S programs use to enable more children to walk and bicycle to school safely.

The first SR2S Public Safety Enforcement Grant was piloted in 2011 by the City of Suisun City and the City of Fairfield. Program tasks and activities in the pilot included: development of crossing guard training materials and DVD, bike rodeo instructional DVD, bike rodeo and event assistance and support, coordination with schools, and directed enforcement at schools.

The second round of SR2S Public Safety Enforcement Grants were awarded in 2014 to the City of Rio Vista and the City of Vacaville in the amounts of \$30,360 and \$60,000, respectively. The City of Rio Vista's activities included purchasing electronic portable speed and messaging boards, participating in International Walk to School Day, and attending school PTA meetings and assemblies regarding traffic safety. The City of Vacaville's tasks included updating the crossing guard manual and DVD, and directed enforcement around schools. Both enforcement grants will conclude at the end of this current school year.

On May 25, 2016, the STA TAC voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the STA Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Cities of Rio Vista and Suisun City for the SR2S Public Safety Education and Enforcement Grant – Round 3.

Fiscal Impact:

STA entered into funding agreements with the Cities of Rio Vista and Suisun City for \$25,000 and \$125,000, respectively starting on July 1, 2016 and ongoing till 2018.

Update:

Updates will be given on the status of both projects and Commander Andrew White from the Suisun City will be present to provide an in-person update.

Recommendation:

Informational.

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DATE: August 8, 2016
TO: STA SR2S-AC
FROM: Lloyd Nadal, Program Administrator
Tiffany Gephart, SR2S Coordinator
RE: Vallejo High School Walk Audit Results

Background:

The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program works to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school by helping to make the journey safe, fun and healthy. Using a comprehensive approach, the program includes 5 “E’s”: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation. The program is available to all elementary and middle schools countywide and focuses on activities and programs that educate students on safety, health awareness and identifying improvements within communities countywide to enhance active student travel safety.

The majority of the funding for the SR2S program comes from federal grants, which stipulates the monies be spent in K-8 schools. Therefore, the SR2S program has had limited interactions with high schools in the county.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) 40% Program Manager Funds are administered the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for Solano County. Eligible TFCA projects are those that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. Examples include clean air vehicle infrastructure, clean air vehicles, shuttle bus services, bicycle projects, and alternative modes promotional/educational projects.

On August 14, 2013, the STA Board approved \$24,981 in TFCA Program Manager Funds for the SR2S program to fund a High School Trip Reduction pilot project. \$20,000 was provided to the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD), with the remaining monies being used to cover STA staff time associated with providing technical assistance and support for the high school pilot project. The project was implemented in September 2015 with project updates given during this one-year pilot. The VCUSD pilot project focused on students, walking, carpooling and busing to school to reduce traffic congestion around the schools in the morning and educate students on the benefits of active transportation. The project included a Walk Audit on June 30, 2016 with the details to be presented at August SR2S Advisory Committee Mtg.

Fiscal Impact:

\$20,000 was granted to VCUSD to execute the High School Trip Reduction pilot program and the final report is due on October 31, 2016.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. Progress Report covering September 2015 – June 2016

INTERIM PROJECT REPORT FORM

Safe Routes to School – Vallejo High School

Total grant amount = \$20,000

Progress Report covering September 2015 – June 2016

1. Summarize activities performed during September – June 2016:

This project focused on students walking, carpooling, and busing to school.

Activities performed:

- **Fall 2015-Spring 2016:** Safe Routes to Schools teacher leaders met with students across academies to discuss final safe routes projects, determine actions, and how to execute the plan
- **Winter – Spring 2016:** Students constructed posters to advertise upcoming activities
- **Winter – Spring 2016:** Students advertised Safe Routes to schools by walking around campus, displaying posters, and speaking to students about upcoming events. Posters were also displayed in several buildings on the campus. Information was also displayed on VHS website
- **Winter – Spring 2016:** Teachers supervised students giving out raffle tickets to students that walked, carpoled or bused to school.
- **Spring 2016:** Teachers and Safe Routes student leaders researched times students would arrive at the bus stops and had students stationed to give out raffle tickets. Other students were in strategic places for carpool and walking students to give out raffle tickets.
- **May- June 2016:** Culminating Safe Routes to Schools Raffle was held for two days in which students were instructed to bring their tickets to the quad, a central location on campus during the lunch period. Students whose raffle ticket was called were rewarded with bicycles, helmets, bicycle lights front and back, water bottles as well as gift cards.
- **School Year 2015-16:** Vallejo High School media department took pictures and videoed Safe Routes events (ex. student planning meetings, giving out of raffle tickets, announcing raffle winners in the quad, etc.)
- **June 2016:** Walk Audit at Vallejo High was done. Stakeholders met to review campus traffic patterns, monitored the VHS Summer School morning drop off to collect data, and met as a group to discuss data collection and identify possible next steps for action.

2. Provide Survey Results for September 2015. Describe how survey was implemented. Include the total number of students surveyed and the total number of students at VHS.

Academy lead teachers were given surveys to disburse to their teachers. The teachers polled students in each of their classes.

3. Provide a list of expenditures.

Total amount spent during August 2015 – June 2016 = **\$20,000.00**

Description of Expense and Purpose	Cost
Equipment used by Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) students to record Safe Routes events	\$2,347.80
Materials for Safe Routes student group meetings and activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food and meeting supplies - Materials for Safe Routes student events and activities 	\$1,220.43
Cameras for students in all academies (Engineering, Health & Fitness, Hospitality and VAPA) to record Safe Routes events	\$3,406.05
Incentives for Safe Routes events and activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gift Cards for Healthy Restaurants (Subway) - Bike Accessories – helmets, locks, lights - Bicycles 	\$2,765.89
Walk Audit with consultant, City of Vallejo, Solano Transit, and VCUSD staff to collect and review data to develop strategies to address traffic and safety concerns	\$4,000.00
High School Surveillance Cameras to provide additional opportunities for to triangulate data as outlined in Safe Routes surveys and to monitor students' safe arrivals and departures from school	\$5,763.00
Extra Hours for Teachers to Supervise Student Participating in Safe Routes events before and after school	\$496.83
Total Expenditures for Safe Routes to Schools Program	\$20,000.00

4. Provide a description and schedule for activities that remain to be completed:

- **July – September 2016:** Consultant for the VHS Walk Audit will finalize report and submit to VCUSD and the VHS Safe Routes team. Team will review and identify next steps to share information with the VCUSD and City of Vallejo community.
- **Summer 2016:** VCUSD will ensure security cameras are installed around the campus to support the sustainability of the Safe Routes to Schools program.

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DATE: July 25, 2016
 TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
 FROM: Betsy Beavers, Karin Bloesch, Tiffany Gephart-SR2S Program Coordinators
 RE: SR2S Coordinator Updates

Informational Items – Discussion

A. SR2S Events

Countywide Safe Routes Event schedule: May-October 2016

School Events	Date	City
Spring Family Night at Beverly Hills	Thurs., May 19	Vallejo
Bike Mobile at Robert Semple	Friday, May 27	Benicia
Walk Audit-Vallejo High School	Thurs., June 30	Vallejo
International Walk to School Day (20 th Anniversary)	Wed., Oct. 5	Countywide

Community Events	Date	City
Rio Vista 3 rd Thursday Bike Mobile event	Thurs., June 16, 2016	Rio Vista
Civic Center Library Bike Mobile event	Sat., June 18, 2016	Fairfield
Tomato Festival	Sat./Sun. Aug.20-21	Fairfield
JFK Library Bike Mobile event	Thurs., Aug. 25	Vallejo
Rio Vista Safety Fair (Bike Mobile will attend)	Sat., Sept. 24	Rio Vista
Vacaville Kidfest	(October) TBD	Vacaville

B. City Funding Priority Meetings

The SR2S Program Coordinators attended meetings in each city with STA staff and city staff members to give an update on school and SR2S participation within the respective cities. The goal of these meetings was to help identify the future need for funding based on infrastructure projects in each city. Several cities commented that SR2S projects and the program have been a good partnership with their city.

See attachments for individual city updates

C. Walking School Bus (WSB)/Walking Wednesday Update

City	District	School	Update/Events
Benicia	BUSD	Mary Farmar	WSB on Wednesdays led by principal
Benicia	BUSD	Matthew Turner	Monthly Walking Wednesdays
Fairfield	FSUSD	B. Gale Wilson	Walking School Bus Tuesdays/Thursdays
Fairfield	FSUSD	Rolling Hills	Met with Principal Gentry to discuss startup of WSB routes for 2016/17 school year
Fairfield	FSUSD	Dover Academy of International Studies	Met with Principal Hatzke to discuss SR2S program options for the new school
Vallejo	VCUSD	Loma Vista	Daily WSB in mornings
Vallejo	VCUSD	Grace Patterson	Weekly Walking Wednesdays
Vallejo	VCUSD	Beverly Hills	Weekly Fit Fridays
Vacaville	VUSD	Browns Valley	One WSB route 3 days/wk. led by staff
Vacaville	VUSD	Callison	Three daily WSB's led by school staff

D. Student Travel Tally Surveys-May 2016

In April, survey packets including letters to the principal or ASP were sent to all K-8, elementary and middle schools in Solano County. Schools were asked to conduct the Spring Travel Tally Survey during the month of May. 28 schools returned survey data for this data collection period. This is the same number of schools participating from last May, typically a busy time of the year for schools.

Fall (October)	2014	2015	
	27	38	
Spring (May)		2015	2016
		28	28

Recommendation:

Informational.

Karin Bloesch has left her position as SR2S Coordinator but will remain with STA as a Marketing Assistant. April Wells has been hired to replace Karin and will officially start on Aug 16, 2016.



DATE: August 1, 2016
 TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee (SR2S-AC)
 FROM: Sheila Ernst, Administrative Assistant II/SR2S-AC Clerk
 RE: 2016 SR2S Meeting Schedule & Attendance Matrix

**Solano Transportation
 Authority
 Conference Room 1
 One Harbor Center, Ste. 130
 Suisun City, CA 94585**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. (earlier time)

Member	Position	Feb 2015	May 2015	Aug 2015	Nov 2015	Feb 2016	May 2016
Mike Greene/James Laughter	Law Enforcement representative, Benicia	X	CA	CA	CA	CA	X
Garland Wong	STA TAC appointee	X	X	CA	X	X	X
Jay Speck	School representative	A	X	X	CA	X	X
Jim Antone	Air District representative	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mitch Romao	School representative	X	X	CA	X	X	X
Kevin McNamara	STA PAC appointee	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Segala	STA BAC appointee	X	CA	CA	CA	X	X
Ozzie Hilton	STA TAC appointee	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robin Cox	Public Health representative	X	X	X	X	X	CA
Andrew White	Law Enforcement representative, Suisun City	X	X	X	X	X	X

X = Present

CA = Contacted Absence

UA = Uncontacted Absence

SR2S-AC Bylaws state that “Members of the SR2S-AC that do not attend three scheduled meetings in succession and do not contact staff to indicate that they will not be present is considered to be an ‘un-contacted absence’ which may have their position declared vacant by the STA Board. Absence after contacting staff is considered a ‘contacted absence.’ Contacted absences and un-contacted absences shall be documented in the minutes of each meeting. If a SR2S-AC member has missed a combination of four contacted and un-contacted absences in any one-year period, he or she will be sent a written notice of intent to declare the position vacant. If there is no adequate response before or at the next scheduled meeting, and based upon a recommendation from the SR2S-AC, the position may be declared vacant by the STA Board.

Recommendation:
 Informational.