



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

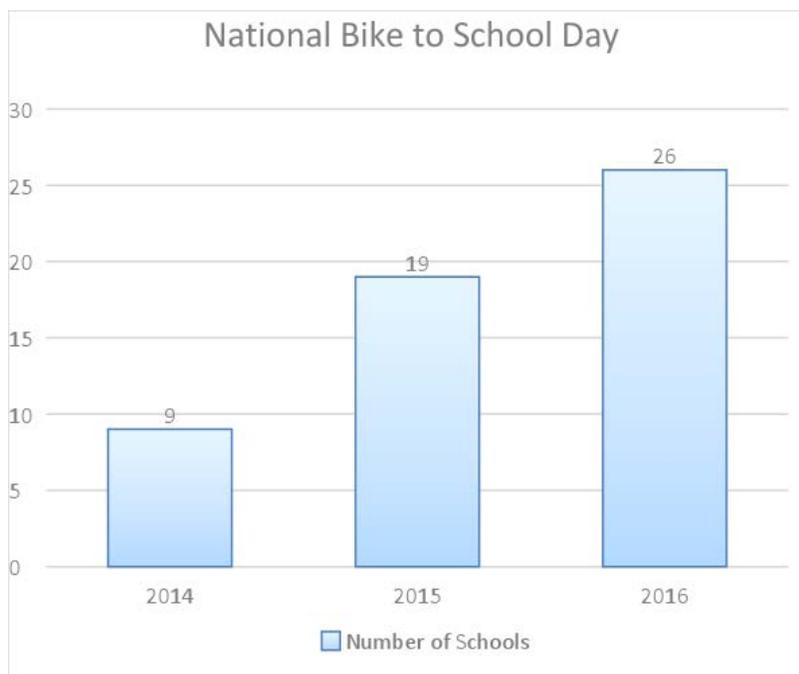
During FY 2015-16, SR2S, in partnership with Solano County Public Health, conducted programs to teach students how to walk and bike safely to school and in their communities. Students were also educated on the benefits of walking and biking to school and using the road safely. In addition, through TDA-3 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

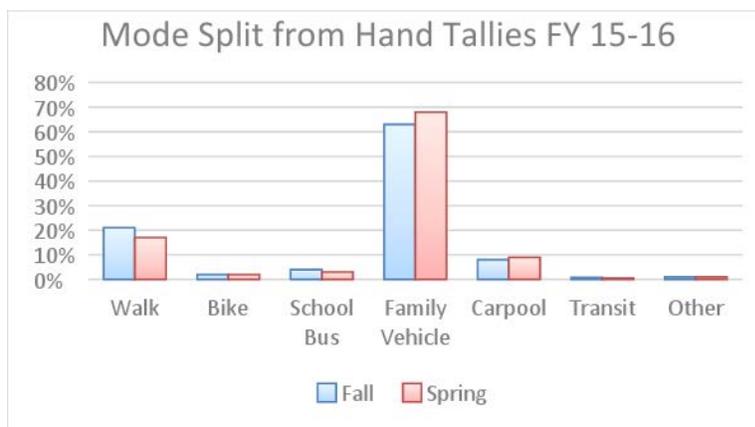
The SR2S program was allocated \$1.2M of OneBayArea (OBAG) funding for six priority infrastructure projects identified in the 2013 SR2S Plan. An additional \$314,000 is being allocated to SR2S for FY16-17. See Attachment 07.Aa_SR2S Project and Status 8-10-16 for a description and status update for these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

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 \$1.256M 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.

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 Farmar