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**STA's Solano Safe Routes to School Program receives 2nd Office of Traffic Safety Grant in 2018-2019!**

**SUISUN CITY, CA** – The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded The Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant, worth \$85,000. The Grant will be used to host multiple community pedestrian safety workshops across Solano County, with the goal of engaging the community, sharing information, and collaborating with key city and county stakeholders to find solutions to make local roadways safer for both youth and adult pedestrians.

"Traffic accidents involving pedestrians are becoming all too common in Solano County," STA Board Chair and Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez said. "With this Grant, the Solano Safe Routes to School Program will be able to educate pedestrians and reduce distracted walking from smartphone usage and increase visibility while walking at night with light colored or reflective clothing."

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> OTS grant awarded to SR2S. Last year, the SR2S program also received a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant and used the funds to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety among elementary and middle school youth in Solano County. SR2S provided helmets, education, and presented at schools and events across Solano County. SR2S also evaluated schools within high-collision areas performing bicycle and pedestrian safety audits and is currently implementing community-driven solutions to decrease the amount of pedestrian/bicycle collisions and injuries surrounding the schools.

According to recent statistics from OTS, Solano County is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in pedestrian collisions and 2<sup>nd</sup> in collisions involving pedestrians under 15 years old across counties statewide.

OTS is a state agency whose goal is to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries. It seeks to accomplish this goal by making available grants to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions.

For more information on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety grant, please contact Lloyd Nadal, Program Services Division Manager at (707) 399-3219 or [lnadal@sta.ca.gov](mailto:lnadal@sta.ca.gov). For more information about the California Office of Traffic Safety, go to: <http://www.ots.ca.gov>.

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**SOLANO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

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

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