

The SR2S Newsletter is published twice a year - every March and every September - to update the community about the program and highlight Safe Routes to School events throughout the County.

What is Safe Routes To School?

Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) is a program that encourages children to safely walk or bike to school by supporting this effort with free, fun, educational events and programs at schools, and by providing safety information and public outreach at community events.

The program works with schools, police agencies, public health staff, city traffic engineers, and other community members to improve traffic safety and the health and well-being of Solano County youth.

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SR2S MICRO GRANT

SR2S Micro Grant Cycle 3 Announcements

In 2019, the SR2S Micro Grant Pilot Program was launched in Solano County to enhance pedestrian and bike safety around schools through small-scale projects and capital purchases. The program, funded with Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA 3) funds, recently completed its third cycle, with a total of 12 applications being received and awarded a total funding amount of \$186,450.

In October 2024, the STA Board awarded \$25,721 to three applicants. The approved projects were from the City of Rio Vista, the City of Suisun City, and Kairos Public Schools in Vacaville.

- City of Rio Vista: Rio Vista's primary goal of this project is to enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, specifically students, around DH White Elementary School, by installing two Radar Feedback Signs and four flashing stop signs along Elm Way and other key intersections.
- City of Suisun City: Suisun City's proposed project focuses on improving student safety for those
 traveling to and from school by implementing California Assembly Bill 413 (AB413), known as the
 Daylighting Bill. AB413 requires vehicles to stop or park at least 20 feet from marked crosswalks to
 enhance visibility at intersections and crosswalks. The project includes painting curb sections and
 installing "No Parking" signs at key intersections to ensure compliance and promote safer travel routes for
 students.
- Kairos Public Schools (Vacaville): Kairos Public Schools is an active participant in the SR2S Program and plans to further expand engagement and community involvement. Awarded funds will be used to provide incentives that encourage increased participation.

PLANS AND REPORTS

SR2S Plan Update and Reports

In June 2023, the STA staff launched the third update of the Solano Safe Routes to School Plan. Working with Solano Public Health and local SR2S Community Task Forces, STA and SR2S staff gathered input on the program's 5-year vision and effectiveness.

The updated SR2S Plan is scheduled to be completed by Summer 2025.

For more information, contact SR2S Program Manager, Amy Antunano, by email ataantunano@sta.ca.gov

Click here to view the 2013 SR2S Plan Update

Take Our Comprehensive Transportation Plan Survey!



The STA oversees countywide transportation planning, allocates transportation funding, manages and delivers transportation programs and projects, and sets priorities for Solano County. The STA is currently updating the Solano County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) to establish long-term transportation priorities and guide Solano County's transportation investments over the next 30 years.

Please tell us how to improve your travel experience within and outside of Solano County by completing the short survey.

Take Our CTP Survey Here!

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Pedal, Roll, and Stroll! Join Us for National Bike & Roll to School Day – May 7, 2025! Grab your wheels, rally your friends, and make the journey to school an adventure!



What is National Bike and Roll to School Day (B2SD)?

B2SD is an annual event that encourages students and families to bike, roll, or walk to school, promoting healthier habits and safer streets. It's a fun way to highlight the benefits of active transportation while building community and advocating for safer routes to school Mark your calendar for May7, 2025 and join the fun!

Schools can register by visiting https://tinyurl.com/B2SD2025 - be sure to sign up by April 4, 2025.

Let's roll together toward safer and healthier communities!



Register here for B2SD 2025

Click here for more information about B2SD and for downloadable flyers.



- April 16, 2:30PM-5:30PM Fairfield Community Bike Fair hosted by Green Valley Middle School 1350 Gold Hill Road, Fairfield, CA 94534 (click here for flyer)
- April 23, 4:30PM-6:30PM Bike Mobile at John Finney Educational Center 1347 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
- May 3, 11:00AM-1:00PM Benicia Community Bike Fair 1101 Military W, Benicia, CA 94510 (click here for flyer)
- May 21, 1:30PM-3:30PM SR2S Advisory Committee Meeting, in-person or via Zoom(see below for more details)

Click here to visit the SR2S Events
Calendar

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

Countywide

International Walk and Roll to School Day

October 9, 2024

Every October, schools across the county - and the world - celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day to encourage students and families to walk, roll, bike, or use other non-motorized transportation to get to school.

In Solano County, this year's event was a great success! Forty-seven school registered through the SR2S program, with over 7,000 students participating. The day promoted healthy habits, reduced traffic congestion, and raised awareness about pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Many schools hosted festive welcome tables, group walking events, and giveaways to inspire students and families to travel actively. Thanks to the support of schools, families, and volunteers, the event demonstrated how small changes can lead to safer, healthier communities.

Click here for a full list of the schools that participated.









Solano Transportation Authority's 27th Annual Awards - SR2S Category Winner November 13, 2024



Green Valley Middle School (GVMS), in Fairfield, was the recipient of STA's SR2S Award for 2024. GVMS has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to the SR2S program during the 2023-2024 school year. Principal Steve Trotter (pictured on the left with City of Fairfield District 1 Councilwoman, K Patrice Williams) spearheaded a successful "Walk or Wheel" initiative for upper-grade students, aimed at reducing traffic congestion at the school, with consistent participation from around 500 students every month. Additionally, he organized a Community Bike Fair hosted at GVMS, which brought together 200 students and families from the Cordelia and Green Valley areas in preparation for National Bike and Roll to School Day. His dedication to

promoting active transportation has significantly improved student safety and strengthened community engagement.

Benicia



Safety Story Time at Robert Semple ElementaryOctober 28, 2024

Five classes, totaling 121 students, participated in the pilot program, *Safety Story Time*, and listened to <u>Watch Out! On the Road</u>, read out loud by SR2S staff. Afterwards, they danced to songs from SR2S partner, Music Notes, and drew pictures to visualize "*This Is How I Stay Safe*."

Dixon



Bike Mobile at Dixon High

January 31, 2025

Dixon High students came out in the cold and rain

to have the opportunity for free bike repairs and helmet fittings while also visiting their school's free food pantry. Bay Area BikeMobile and SR2S staff engaged with students of all grade levels, including elementary and middle school students, educating them in bike safety and leadership, empowering older students to set positive examples by wearing helmets, and promoting safe riding practices. Students, families, and staff, with or without bikes, took the opportunity to visit and discuss pedestrian and bike safety. Twelve bike were serviced, and 11 helmets were properly fitted and distributed.

Helmet Audit at John Knight Middle

October 7, 2024

SR2S staff conducted a helmet audit during the morning drop-off at John Knight Middle School. Sixty-four students arrived at school on wheels, of which 30% were wearing helmets. A follow-up helmet audit will be conducted at the end of the year to compare data after outreach, engagement, and education efforts are made.

Fairfield-Suisun

Helmet Fitting at Suisun Elementary

September 18, 2024

Suisun Elementary partnered with SR2S to identify students who are regularly biking or rolling to school without wearing a



Bike Mobile at Armijo High

October 30, 2024

Students from Armijo High School's International



helmet. The 13 students identified were fitted and given free helmets. Informational packets were also given, informing their parents they were fitted and provided with a helmet, along with helmet information and statistics regarding helmet safety.

Baccalaureate Club and Key Club partnered with SR2S to host a bike mobile for their school community. Club members earned volunteer hours by leading the event where they registered participants, fitted students for helmets, and engaged in peer-to-peer education about pedestrian and bike safety. Twenty-five bikes were serviced, and 17 helmets were fitted and given to students in need.

Travis Air Force Base



Bike Mobile at Center Elementary

February 11, 2024

SR2S partnered with Center Elementary, Golden West Middle, and Vanden High Schools to host the Bay Area BikeMobile and Safe Moves Bike Rodeo. Over 25 students attended with their famlies. The bike mobile serviced 7 bikes.

Vacaville



Bike Mobile at Fairmont Elementary

March 13, 2023

Fairmont Elementary hosted SR2S and the bike mobile team. They were able to service 12 bicycles.

Vallejo

Safety Story Time

On November 6, 2024, Cooper Elementary School hosted SR2S for their pilot program, Safety Story Time, where five classes participated. Over 125 students joined in on an interactive story reading, followed by a dance session with music from SR2S partners, Music Notes, and then a coloring session for the students to visualize how they walk and ride safely to school.

Another Safety Story Time was hosted at Vallejo Charter School on December 3, 2024, with 116 students from five classes participating.

Bike Mobiles

Cooper Elementary School hosted SR2S and the bike mobile team on November 13, 2024. Eight bikes were serviced, and 24 helmets were properly fitted and given to students in need.

On February 3, 2025, Vallejo Charter School held a bike mobile event of their own where the mechanics serviced 8 bikes and SR2S properly fitted and distributed 25 helmets.

SR2S PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Safety Helmet Fitting

SR2S is committed to promoting student safety through its Safety Helmet Fitting Program, which ensures that students

who bike or scooter to school have properly fitted helmets. Schools can participate in two ways, allowing for flexibility and convenience to best meet their needs.



After School Drop-In Fittings This is the most convenient option for schools. After schools, students can stop by a designated location, where SR2S coordinators are available to provide helmet fittings on a first-come basis. This informal format makes it easy for students in need of a helmet to get fitted and ready to ride safely.

Scheduled In-School Fittings For a more tailored approach, school administrators can assist by identifying students who regularly bike or scooter to school without a helmet. SR2S coordinators can then schedule a day to fit helmets during the school day. Students are called in individually or in a small groups, ensuring personalized attention and a properly fitted helmet for each participant. Both options provide students with the tools they need to stay safe while traveling to and from school.



SR2S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Solano Safe Routes to School program is guided by the SR2S Advisory Committee, comprised of community members from cities and disciplines within Solano County. The committee meets quarterly and gives recommendations for funding projects and programs to the STA Board.

The SR2S Advisory Committee meets virtually via Zoom, and/or at the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) building from 1:30-3:00PM. Meeting dates, Zoom links, and agendas can be found on the **STA Calendar**.

Interested in participating on the Solano Transportation Authority SR2S Advisory Committee?

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SR2S TEAM



All of our SR2S team members can assist your school; however, each school district and private school is assigned their own Program Coordinator to give personalized and efficient service. Our team is available to work with you to offer events and activities (either in-person or virtually) for your school community.

We look forward to meeting and engaging with schools to provide educational programs, resources, and guidance to make walking, biking, and rolling to school a safe and healthy journey for students and their families.



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