

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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## PLANS AND REPORTS

#### **SR2S Plan Update**

SOLANO COUNTY

### Safe Routes to School Plan Update 2025



Over the past two years, Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has worked alongside Solano Public Health (SPH), local cities, school districts, and SR2S Community Task Forces to prepare the 2025 Safe Routes to School Plan Update. This update highlights expanded youth engagement programs and new educational opportunities, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

As part of the planning process, STA staff partnered with each jurisdiction to identify priority projects and conduct walk audits around schools. This plan updates the original SR2S Plan adopted in 2008, which set the foundation for improving pedestrian and bicycling safety near school sites.

Community input is a key part of the process. You can review the draft plan and provide your feedback here or email them to publiccomment@sta.ca.gov.

To view the SR2 Draft Plan, click here.

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

Get ready to lace up your shoes, hop on your bike or scooter, and join students and families around the world for International Walk and Roll to School Day - Wednesday, October 8th!



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

The annual event celebrates the fun and benefits of active travel to school - walking, biking, or rolling any way you can. Last year, a record *47 schools* across Solano County registered to participate in W2SD. More than 7,200 students joined the celebration, making W2SD once again the largest countywide SR2S event of the year!

By choosing active transportation, families help:

- Stay healthy start the day with fresh air and exercise
- Boost Safety reduce traffic around schools
- Go Green cut down on pollution from car trips
- Build Community Walk and roll together with friends, families, and neighbors

All schools are encouraged to participate, and resources are available to make planning easy. Whether your school hosts a group walk or a bike train, every step and pedal counts toward healthier, safer streets for our kids.

Mark your calendars for <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 8</u>, <u>2025</u> - let's make this Walk and Roll to School Day the *biggest* one yet!

Register here for W2SD 2025

Click here for more information about W2SD and for downloadable flyers.



- October 4, 10:00am-6:00pm: Vallejo Fest 301 Mare Island Way
- October 7: National Night Out Countywide
- October 8: International Walk and Roll to School Day Countywide
- October 23: Bike Mobile David Weir Preparatory Academy (Fairfield)
- October 24: Bike Mobile John Knight Middle School (Dixon)

Click here to visit the SR2S Events
Calendar

## **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES**

Countywide



## National Bike and Roll to School Day

May 7, 2025

On Wednesday, May 7th, students and families across Solano County joined together to celebrate National Bike and Roll to School Day. This year, 36 schools registered with SR2S, with an estimated 3,477 students participating. From biking and scootering, to walking and rolling, students enjoyed an active and fun way to start the school day while highlighting the importance of safe and healthy transportation choices.

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

















## Benicia

### **Benicia Community Bike Fair**

May 3, 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined SR2S at Benicia's Bike Fair!

Throughout the day, SR2S and their partners saw:

- 33 bicycles and 1 scooter get repaired by the bike mobile team
- 10 helmets were properly fitted to ensure riders ride safely
- 14 riders participated in the Bike Rodeo, learning new riding and safety skills





## **Dixon**



# **Pedestrian Rodeo at Anderson Elementary** *May* 22, 2025

SR2S hosted a Pedestrian Rodeo at Anderson Elementary, engaging 123 students in hands-on safety education. All of the school's 2nd and 5th grade classes participated in the event, where students practiced safe walking skills, learned how to navigate intersections, and reviewed the importance of being alert and visible when traveling near traffic. The pedestrian rodeo gave students the chance to apply what they learned in

a fun, interactive setting, helping to build confidence and safe habits for their daily walks to and from school.

## Fairfield-Suisun

### Fairfield Community Bike Fair

April 26, 2025

The Fairfield Community Bike Fair was a great success, bringing together families, students, and community partners for a fun day of bicycle safety.



More than 150 participants attended the event, where children had the chance to practice safe riding skills and learn the rules of the road. The California Highway Patrol was on site to fit and hand out free helmets, ensuring young riders were properly protected. In addition, the bike mobile team provided much-needed support by servicing 52 bicycles, helping kids get their bike road-ready.

#### **Music Notes Assemblies**

April 29, 2025

SR2S brought the Music Notes Assembly to Cordelia Hills Elementary and Sheldon Academy of Innovative Learning. This high-energy program uses music, movement, and interactive storytelling to teach students about the importance of walking and biking safely to school.

The performers captured students' attention with songs and skits that highlighted key safety messages, such as looking both ways before crossing the street, wearing a helmet when riding a bike, and making safe choices on the way to and from school. To better connect with each age group, the assembly was presented in two versions - one geared toward lower elementary and one designed for upper elementary.

Teachers and staff praised the assembly for keeping students actively engaged while reinforcing safety lessons in a fun and memorable way. By blending entertainment with education, the Music Notes program helps young students develop lifelong safe travel habits while encouraging active transportation.





Check out the videos below for a glimpse of the fun and energy from both assemblies.



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## Travis Air Force Base

## **Bike Mobile at Foxboro Elementary**

May 28, 2025

Along with the mechanics from Bay Area BikeMobile, SR2S had a successful visit to Foxboro Elementary. An estimated 50 students and families stopped by the event to learn about bicycle safety and receive free tune-ups. The bike mobile serviced 13 bicycles, helping riders get back on the road safely. In addition, 5 helmets were properly fitted and given away to students, reinforcing the importance of safe riding.



### **Trucks of the Trade (Vacaville Library)**

June 11, 2025

SR2S joined the fun at Vacaville's Trucks of the Trade event, hosted by Solano County Libraries. Families had the chance to explore a variety of vehicles and equipment used by local agencies - including the Bay Area BikeMobile van. Kids and attendees were able to step inside, check out the tools, and learn how the bike mobile team keeps bike safe and ready to ride.

The event was a great way to showcase the resources available to the community while sparking excitement about biking and road safety.

## Vallejo



#### **Safety Story Time**

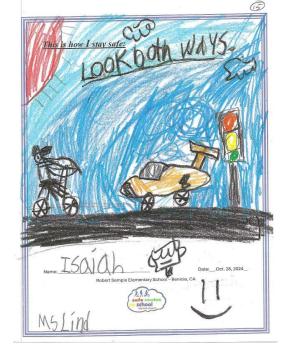
On May 12, SR2S hosted a Safety Story Time at St. Vincent Ferrer, bringing traffic safety lessons to life through stories and interactive activities. Students listened to engaging read-alouds, then had the chance to reflect on what they learned by drawing their pictures of "How I Stay Safe." In addition to the story and activities, 8 helmets were properly fitted and given to students in need, helping ensure they are protected while biking and scootering

# **SR2S PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT**

## Safety Story Time



Safety Story Time brings Safe Routes to School lessons to life through engaging children's books and interactive activities. Hosted at schools, libraries, and community events, this program introduces young students to important traffic safety topics - such as walking safely, looking both ways, wearing helmets, and sharing the road - in a fun and age-appropriate way. Each session features a story read aloud by SR2S staff or community partners, followed by a short discussion and hands-on activity to help children practice safe habits. Safety Story Time not only builds early awareness of pedestrian and bicycle and safety but also helps foster lifelong safe travel habits.





## **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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#### **STA Board**

The STA Board is made up of one county supervisor and each of the seven mayors in Solano County. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the STA Office Building Board Chambers at 6:00pm.

For agendas and more information on meetings, clickHERE.



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