

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an initiative that works to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to walk and bike to and from school. SRTS can lessen congestion related issues while promoting safety and increasing health and physical activity.

THE PROBLEM

Schools are struggling with heavy traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal. Many schools have not been adequately designed to handle traffic from parents choosing to drive their kids to school. In 1969, nearly 50 percent of children in the United States (and nearly 90 percent of those within a mile of school) walked or biked to school. Today, that number has plummeted to fewer than 15 percent. During the morning commute, driving to school represents 10-14 percent of traffic.

Studies show that SRTS programs are effective at increasing rates of walking and biking to school and decreasing injuries.

WHY BOLTON & MENK?

Bolton & Menk coordinates between cities, counties, and school officials to start the conversation on developing SRTS plans and policies to address the six E's: evaluation, education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and equity. We are experienced in assessing existing school routes, identifying new school walking/biking routes, evaluating infrastructure needs, engineering designs, implementing changes, and finding funding.

Eligible projects and activities include development of SRTS comprehensive plans, outreach campaigns, engineering studies, and infrastructure improvements.

THE BENEFITS

- Gain knowledge of existing infrastructure deficiencies/barriers for walking/biking
- Use gathered information to make informed data-based decisions
- Use preliminary engineering concepts to engage community and understand costs/impacts associated with improvements
- Information can be used to apply for SRTS specific grants/funding
- Recommend cost-effective alternative solutions such as signs, paint, or combining smaller projects with more expensive projects

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Congress created the Federal-Aid Safe Routes to School Program in 2005 through comprehensive transportation legislation, ultimately resulting in nearly \$1 billion in funding. SRTS activities are eligible to compete for funding alongside other programs.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- Highway & Street Corridors
- Traffic Safety & Operations
- Bridge & Structural
- Transit & Multimodal Mobility
- Bikeway & Trail Corridors
- Stakeholder & Community Engagement
- Environmental Compliance
- Construction Services



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