



Attendee list is on next slide

MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota | Center for Prevention

THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

...is approximately 220 dedicated professionals from organizations and agencies that are advancing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Minnesota...

...that builds skills in Minnesota communities to successfully implement SRTS, supporting partnerships between state and local agencies, municipalities, and advocacy organizations, and advocating for policy changes to support walking and bicycling to schools and improvements to the built environment...

...and makes Minnesota a state where all students, no matter their race, ethnicity, income level, age, ability, or geographic location, can walk and bicycle on routes that are safe, comfortable and convenient...

...because to be able to walk and bike safely makes health, learning, communities, and independence better for all of us.

12/12/19 Attendees (*Please note this list reflects those who's name appeared or introduced themselves.*)

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| Kelly Corbin, MnDOT | Hannah Prichard MnDOT |
| Megan Severson (Grand Rapids SRTS Coord) | Sarah Stewart (St Paul Public Schools) |
| Joanne Judge Dietz | Sierra Saunders |
| Dani Gardner – Rochester SRTS Coord | Jenny L. |
| Karen Nitzkorski – Partnership 4 Health | Barb |
| Claire Beise – South St Paul SRTS Coord | Audrey S |
| Anna Bohanon | Andrea |
| Luke Ewald | Cassy |
| Lorna Schmidt, AHA | Jason W. |
| Sara Phlom, MnDOT | Laura Evans |
| Carmen | Shawn |
| Emily Tribby | Christina |
| Will Wlizlo (Richfield Public Shools) | Jeremay Vann (MDH) |
| Russel Habermann | Jo |
| Janet Bush | Sheila Nesbitt |
| John Inskster | KA Ball |
| Colin Cox | Sara |



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- Welcome and Introduction
- MnDOT Update
- Demonstration Project Guide
- 2019 Survey Results and 2020 Priorities
- Announcements

Safe Routes to School MnDOT Update

Kelly Corbin, SRTS Planner





WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:

OCTOBER 2ND, 2019

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2020

MAY 6TH, 2020



**MINNESOTA
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TO SCHOOL**

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Walk to School Day coming up,
Winter Walk to School Day materials:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news-events/winter-walk-to-school-day.html>

- Winter Walking 101 tips
- Social Media images
- Parent and School Flyers
- Winter Walk to School Day sample text
- Walk Zone postcards
- Winter Walk stickers
- Frequent Winter Walker Punchcard



**Register by
Jan 31!**

Winter Walk to School Day materials: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news-events/winter-walk-to-school-day.html>

**SEND YOUR
PHOTOS &
STORIES IN
TO WIN THE
GOLDEN
SNOW BOOT
AWARD!**



SRTS Funding Opportunities

- **Non-Infrastructure:**
 - Planning Assistance Grants
 - Funds for new or updated SRTS Plans
 - Boost Grants
 - Implementation Funds for SRTS programs
- **Infrastructure**
 - SRTS Engineering Study Solicitation
 - ~~TAP Solicitation~~



<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/grants-funding.html>

Planning Assistance Grants

- Develop a comprehensive plan
 - Schools
 - School District
 - Plan Update
- MnDOT Contracts with:
 - Regional Development Commissions
 - Planning Consultant
 - MPO's



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Boost Grants What can they fund?

- Boost grants are meant to help implement Safe Routes programs in your community.
- The needs of each community means the projects will vary.
- We want to hear YOUR IDEAS of what's needed to Boost your work to the next level



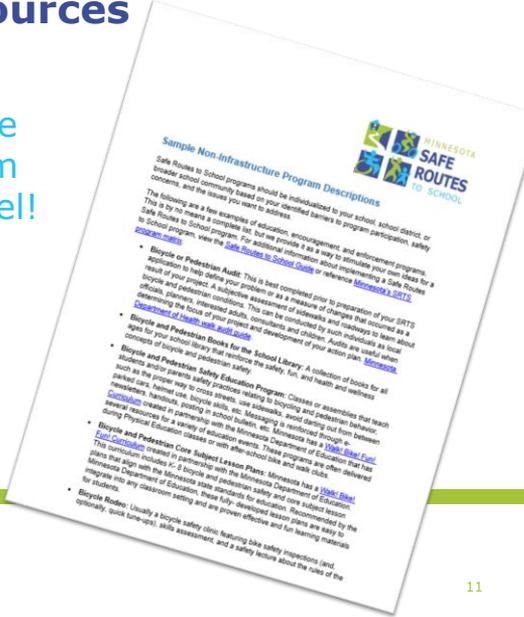
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Through these grant awards, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will support communities with existing Safe Routes to School plans, or other comprehensive SRTS approaches, in advancing non-infrastructure strategies for schools that support making it safe, easy and fun for students to walk and bicycle to school.

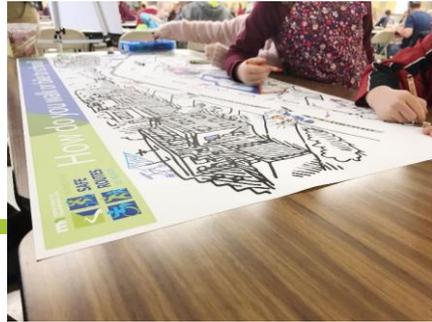
Ideas and Resources

- Boost your Safe Routes Program to the next level!



Engineering Study Grants

- Unique one-time funding
- Bridge gap between plans & infrastructure
- Anticipating 20 Studies
 - One School or District (2-3 studies)
- Deliverables:
 - Project Summary Sheets
 - Concept Drawings
 - Prioritized list of projects





PLANNING GRANTS - JAN 10TH
BOOST GRANTS - JAN 10TH
ENGINEERING STUDY - JAN 17TH



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Grant opportunities including Planning Grants, Boost implementation and Engineering Studies: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/grants-funding.html>

Questions?



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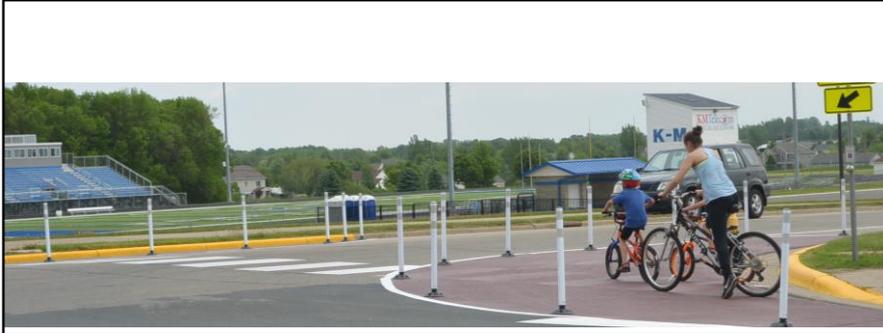


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Demonstration Project Implementation Guide

Hannah Pritchard | Pedestrian and Bicycle Engineer

Office of Transit and Active Transportation

June 13, 2019



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Demonstration Project Implementation Guide

- Resource to assist communities and agencies in implementing short-term, low-cost, temporary roadway projects
- Developed to promote and advance Safe Routes to School and active transportation initiatives
- Released November 2019



What is a demonstration project?

- Short term, low-cost, temporary roadway projects
- Pilot and evaluate long-term design solutions to improve walking, bicycling and public spaces
- Examples: bicycle lanes, crosswalk markings, curb extensions, and median safety islands



Why consider a demonstration project?



- Evaluate a project before investing in more expensive and long term materials
- Inspire action and build support
- Develop public awareness of the conceptual options and potential issue
- Increase public engagement by inviting stakeholders to try new treatments

Why consider a demonstration project?

- Increase understanding of active transportation needs in the community
- Strengthen relationships between government agencies, schools/districts, elected officials, non-profit organizations, local businesses, and residents
- Gather data from real-world use of streets and public spaces



What is the purpose of the Demonstration Project Guide?



- Guidance on engaging stakeholders
- Process for identifying a location
- Process for developing a concept
- Descriptions of typical demonstration projects and what types of issues they address
- Guidance on types of evaluation to perform

Who developed the Demonstration Project Guide?

- Technical Advisory Group and Subcommittees made up of
 - MnDOT Central Office, Districts, State Aid
 - City & County Engineers
 - Minnesota Department of Health and SHIP Coordinators

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Another Demo Project resource:

https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/sites/default/files/pdf/where_the_duct_tape_meets_the_road.pdf

Even AARP likes Demo Projects: <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/images-2016/PopUpToolKit/PopUpToolKitPDF/a-Pop-Up-Demonstrations-Printable-272017.pdf>

Demonstration Project Guide Chapters



1. Introduction
2. Steps for a Successful Project (Summary)
3. Building the Team
4. Choosing a Site and Selecting a Project Type
5. Planning and Design
6. Documenting and Evaluating
7. Installing, Maintaining, and Removing the Project
8. Following Up

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Building the Team

- Core Team
- Community Partners
- Road Authority



Choosing a Site

- A strong need or desire to make a change at a specific location may have already been identified.
- Identified in a previous planning effort
 - SRTS Plan
 - Active Transportation Plan

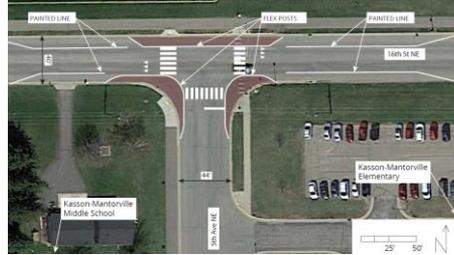


Selecting the Project Components

- Stop Line
- High-Visibility Crosswalk Markings
- Curb Extensions
- Median Safety Island (Pedestrian Refuge Island)
- Conventional, Buffered, or Separated Bike Lane
- Mini Traffic Circle
- Lane Reduction



Planning and Design



Documenting and Evaluating

- Why document and evaluate?
- Evaluation Methods
 - Interactive Data Collection
 - Passive Evaluation
- Visual Documentation Methods
- Reporting and Using Results



Installing, Maintaining, and Removing the Project

- Installation-Day Planning and Execution
- Maintenance and Stewardship
- Project Removal



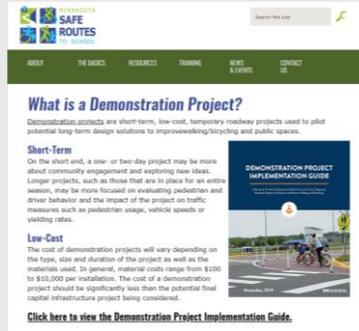
Following Up

- Project Debrief
- Lessons Learned and Next Steps



Where to find the guide

- Google: MnDOT Demonstration Projects

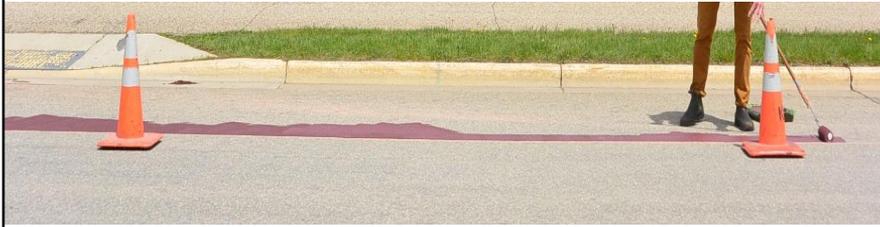


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Infrastructure suggestions come from FHWA STEP - Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_4/step.cfm



Discussion

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Thank you!

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RESPONDENTS (N=35)

- Majority (78%) are planners or public health professionals
- About half (51%) represent government agencies
- 34% joined in the last year; 40% before 2017
- About 66% of respondents are attending six or less calls per year
- 37% have attended Bike MN Bike Walk Leadership network calls
- As of December 2019 – 228 members of network, 15% response rate

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Respondents 26 in 2019

Similar to other years, 78% are public health professionals

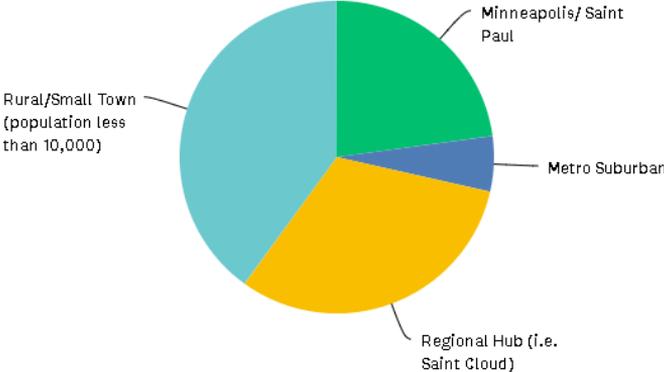
Government agencies – last year 58% a little less, 34% from education

More who joined in the last year (was 23% last year)

Mean 2015-2019=31.4

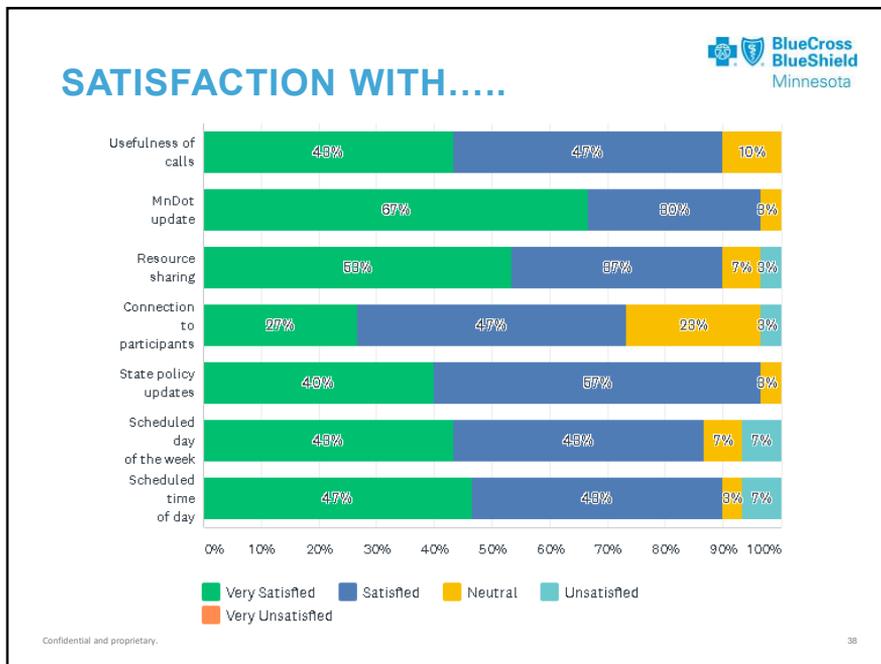
RESPONDENTS

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72% from small town or rural hub



2019 n=30

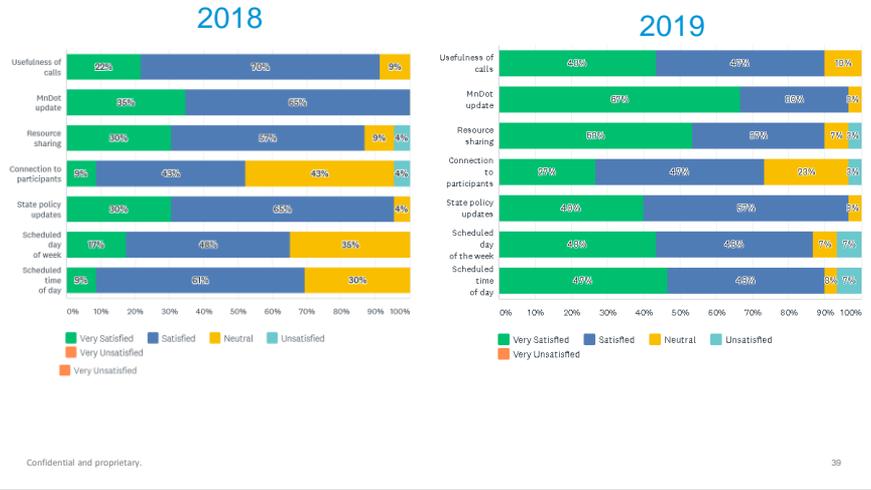
Highest – same as past two years, MNDOT

Highest - same as last year MNDOT updates, everyone satisfied- very similar to last year and will show the side by side comparison on the next slide but much easier to see the number on this one

Followed by state policy updates and usefulness of calls,

Lowest - connection to participants, same as last year but more neutrals– again, comparison on the next slide, and scheduled day of week

SATISFACTION WITH.....



Highest - MNDOT, length of time although there are a couple of neutral responses this year

Followed by usefulness of calls and resource sharing

Lowest - connection to participants although improved from last year, and scheduled day of week

MOST USEFUL ASPECTS.....



ideas projects Updates sharing Hearing

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Open ended question

What aspects of the conference calls do you find most useful?

44% said updates this included updates from MNDOT, grand announcements, project ideas, state policies and legislation – from professional, ideas for best practices Hearing what others are doing and what has worked 32%

Connecting

Variety of topics covered

TOPICS FOR 2020

1. Strategies for walking and biking in winter
2. Best practices to work with schools
3. Enforcement strategies: Stop for Me, enforcement waves, Crossing Guards, etc.
4. Strategies to coordinate between SRTS and Towards Zero Deaths
5. SRTS at high schools
6. Policies supporting universal pedestrian and bicycle education
7. Policy for local funding for SRTS
8. MN evaluation tools and updates

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What topics would you like to learn about in 2020? Response options included, Yes for a network call, yes for the SRTS Meetp Up, interested in topic you decide venue and, no not interested.

Top 5 were 97% or higher

Bottom three were 93%

Lowest:

- Autonomous vehicles (55%)
- School Siting (64%)
- SRTS and climate change (79%)

SUGGESTIONS FROM OPEN ENDED RESPONSES



- Different day/time
- Everyone use video
- Yearly meet up is important for connection
- Examples of success stories
- More interactive
- More focus on middle/high school programs

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3 comments on different day or time

I enjoy learning about new programs and implementations around the state.

Great to have short presentations with pictures to demonstrate

More interactive – have folks share at least one update (if they have one)

REFLECTIONS

- Things to build on
 - Continue to challenge ourselves about SRTS and Equity
 - Continue to keep content rich
 - We need more people to share – several people offered stories
 - Continue to share recording
 - 2020 Meet UP!
 - 65% are planning on attending the SRTS meetup

65% plan on attending, another 26% are considering
Continue to share video for those not there

2018 ACTIONS

Build Connections

- ✓ Add Attendees to note
- ✓ Reserve 10 min for Skill Share
- ✓ May 20 - 22 SRTS Meet Up

Scheduling

- ✓ Outlook Invite
- ✓ Second Thursday 10:00 – 11:00
- ✓ Except January

Technology

- ✓ Improve Recording
- ✓ Improve link

2019 ACTIONS

Build Connections

- April 14th SRTS Meet Up - Wilmar
- Allow more time for participant sharing
- Continue sharing local stories

Scheduling

- Will continue with second Thursday of each month

Technology

- Recurring invite with same link
- Encourage participants to use camera
- Use more interactive web meeting tools

Announcements

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a Spring workshop, application deadline March 1, 2020

SRTS Academy info:

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/contact/training_request.html

BikeMN and WBF Technical Assistance. <http://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun/request-technical-assistance>



2019 MEETINGS

2019 Meeting Dates:

January 17 (3rd Thursday)

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9- Cancelled

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 24 (Changed)

November 21 (Changed)

December 12

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



2020 MEETINGS

January 9
February 13
March 12
April – Meet Up April 14
May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



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MONTH

January 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS Strategic Plan
- Understanding How School Speed Zones Happen

MONTH

February 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Walking School Bus: Innovation in Rochester

MONTH

March 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Winter Walk To School Day Recap
- Walkable Community Workshops

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THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH

April 11, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Cancelled in lieu of SRTS Meet Up

MONTH

May 14, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- TBD

MONTH

June 11, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- TBD

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MONTH
July 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• TBD

MONTH
August 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
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MONTH
September 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
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MONTH
October 8, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• TBD

MONTH
November 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• TBD

MONTH
December 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• TBD

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