



Attendee list is on next slide



7/9/20 with 44 Attendees (Please note this list reflects those who's name appeared or introduced themselves).

Kelly Corbin, MnDOT

Dave Cowen, MnDOT

Joanne Moze, BCBSMN

Sierra Saunders

Anna Olson, MDH

Jeremy Vann, MDH/MDE

Michelle Keifer, Bike MN

Russel

Habermann

James Gittmeier

Sarah Pflaum, MnDOT

Dani Gardner – Rochester SRTS Coord
Schools

Sarah Stuart, St Paul Public

Andrea Orst, Sawtooth Mountain Clinic

Michelle Auld

Jenny Borden, MPS

Theresa Nelson (Move MN)

Karen Nitzkowski – Partnership 4 Health

Tina Moen

Luke Ewald

Jessica Knutsen

Amanda Lien

Patrick Hollister

Emily Houser

Kristine Herman
Megan De Schep
Shawn Schloeser

L Evans
Carly
Chris Weis
Tara Helms
Jennifer Lezer
Allison Dudek

Tara Helm

Fred Sandal
Wayne Hurley
Jason Walker (SWRDC)

Darby Turnbull
Jess Nolan
Erin Peterson
HjellMel
John Inkster
Brian



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Safe Routes to School MnDOT Update

Dave Cowan, SRTS Coordinator



What are you hearing from schools, if anything?

- 10:06:32 From Karen Nitzkowski : overwhelmed
- 10:06:33 From Sophie Olson : Hearing from!
- 10:06:35 From Andrea Orest : Not yet. I plan on reaching out today.
- 10:06:40 From Jenny Bordon, she/her : Hearing a little bit from schools
- 10:06:41 From Jess Nolan : Very overwhelmed!
- 10:06:48 From Anna Olsen : Not much communication with schools. I just send them resources as I get them. Grants, etc.
- 10:06:49 From BikeMN_MB : Hearing sparingly from teachers.
- 10:06:50 From Luke Ewald : Some schools have reached out about SRTS
- 10:07:0 L Evans : Overwhelmed, was asked to contact again in August when they had more answers.2
- From Sophie Olson : Yes interested! definitely in alternatives in transit options!



Thank you for all the input
Final comments are being addressed
Plan in July 2020



Welcome to the new [Minnesota Safe Routes to School](https://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun/walk-bike-fun-distancelearning) Walk! Bike! Fun! At Home Distance Learning resources!

We have adapted Walk! Fun! and Bike! Fun! activities from our Walk! Bike! Fun! curriculum, which is typically taught over a few weeks in physical education classes or out of school youth programs. These lessons include both worksheets and outdoor walking and biking activities. We have created these resources so that each activity has options of how the student may complete it, depending on the equipment and technology available to them.

On this page, you'll find all of our NEW online learning resources, including:

Teacher and Educators Walk Fun! At Home and Bike Fun! At Home Guide Downloads
[Jump to Teachers and Educators](#)

Student Walk Fun! At Home and Bike Fun! At Home Guide Downloads

WBF Distance Learning: <https://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun/walk-bike-fun-distancelearning>



WALK/BIKE TO ANYWHERE DATES:

OCTOBER 7TH, 2020

FEBRUARY 3RD, 2021

MAY 5TH, 2021



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WALKBIKETOSCHOOL.ORG

MNSAFEROUTESTOSCHOOL.ORG

Walk to School Day coming up,

SRTS Grant Award Updates

- **Non-Infrastructure:**
 - Planning Assistance Grants
 - Some finishing & some delayed
 - Still moving forward for next year
 - Boost Grants
 - Delayed, hopeful for fall launch
- **Infrastructure**
 - SRTS Engineering Study Solicitation
 - In progress
 - Demonstration Projects
 - Delayed until fall



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

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Note that full list of awardees is on this webpage

Planning assistance adapting

Boost adapting

Kelly Corbin : MnDOT grants page to learn more about and where applications will be available: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/grants-funding.html>

10:12:26 From Kelly Corbin : Join SRTS e-news to learn about grant opportunities:

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNDOT_1](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNDOT_161)

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Future Grant Solicitations:

- Fall 2020 – Still Planned
 - Boost – project type
 - Planning Assistance
 - Demo Project
 - TAP Infrastructure (federal funds)
- Up in the Air
 - Infrastructure Bonding (state funds)



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

Boost – time sensitive projects – probably not salary
Planning assistance adaptations
Poll on dates?

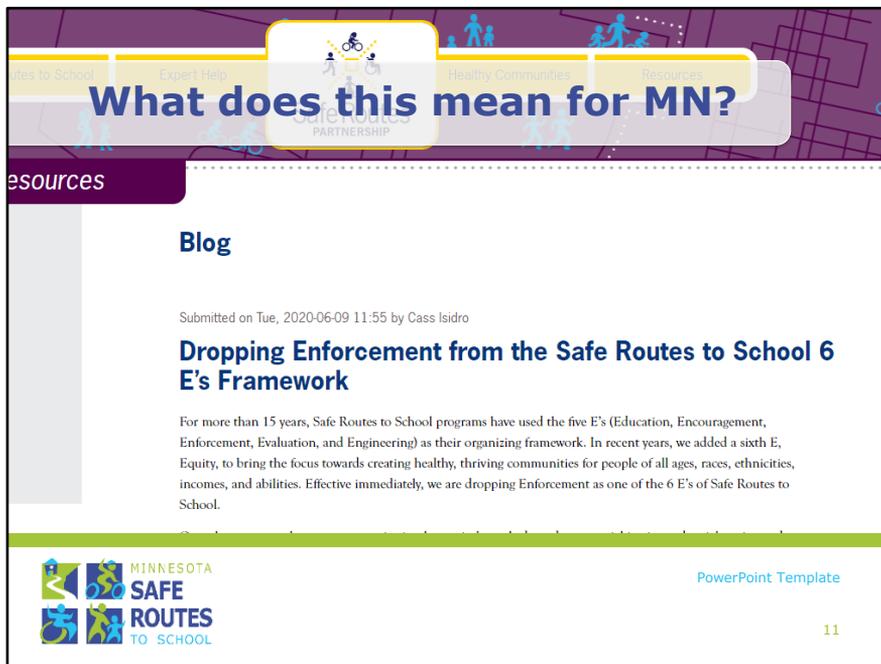
2020-2021 Non-Infra Solicitation

- Potential Options
 - Keep solicitation as planned
 - Try to provide SRTS COVID response funding and Technical Assistance for Fall
 - Provide SRTS COVID response funding for Spring (solicitation open in fall).



PowerPoint Template

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Strategic Plan input – people are wondering so we wanted to address.

SRTSNP's role as advocacy group

Enforcement vs. Engagement

MnSRTS's stance: discussing what this means with our state partners and hope to have something by the fall, please know we value all the work our partners have done to date and we are eager to elevate engagement regardless.

- How to do engagement well?
- What aspect of enforcement

Comments from Chat

From Karen Nitzkorski : Thanks for your thoughtfulness on this issue.

We have worked so closely with enforcement and want to honor that work.

10:27:45 From Kelly Corbin : Partnership blog post on Engagement if you haven't seen it: <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/blog/safe-routes-school-and-path-forward-engagement>

10:27:49 From Jenny Bordon, she/her : Yes to this conversation. August a little better--but either August or September is fine.

10:28:25 From Andrea Orest : This is a valuable conversation we should have,

and I would love to join!

10:28:41 From Wayne Hurley : As Karen said, we'll continue to work with the law enforcement agencies in our region. I believe it will be fairly seamless for us to shift that work into the Engagement and other E's. Still covering the issues under the old Enforcement E,,just spread out over the other E's.

10:29:43 From Kelly Corbin : <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/index.html>

10:29:52 From Shawn Schloesser : Let's become a leader on this issue. How about 7-E's? Public safety is a valuable community service and cannot be discounted because of the challenges Law Enforcement is facing during these difficult and changing times.

10:30:27 From Anna Olsen : I agree Shawn!

From Jenny Bordon, she/her : I feel like we need time to learn/talk about systemic racism and our role in dismantling. And we are a lot of white people so finding a way to bring in perspectives from people of color.



What the Fall may look like...

1. Return to normal – fully in school with modifications (ex. stagger start times)
2. Distance learning – fully home
3. Hybrid – fewer students in school at a time or shifting with COVID outbreak



MDE + MDH School Guidance

- 50% capacity limit on school buses
- Conduct daily temp checks on all people entering the school facility or school bus
- Staff must monitor arrival/dismissal to ensure 'no congregating'
- Unlikely to have gatherings or outside speakers
 - Field trips
 - Assemblies or events
 - School wide parent meetings
- Limit mixing of cohorts
- Encourage PE to be outside
- May have staggered start times



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html#14>

What does this mean for SRTS?

- WBF and sharing of bike fleets
- Walking School Buses
- Congestion around schools
- School events
 - Walk and bike to school days
 - Bike rodeos
 - Walk/Bike field trips
- Staff capacity to support SRTS



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Guidance in Development, will be available by the Governors Announcement

Some ideas...



The screenshot shows a website page with the following content:

- Logo: MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
- Search bar: Search the site
- Navigation menu: ABOUT, THE BASICS, RESOURCES, TRAINING, NEWS & EVENTS, CONTACT US
- Section title: **Minnesota Crossing Guard Training**
- Text: "The Minnesota Safe Routes to School program is pleased to offer an online training for adult school crossing guards in Minnesota. Some Minnesota crossing guards do not currently receive any training on crossing guard procedures, common causes of crashes or Minnesota state law. This training is not intended to replace existing crossing guard training programs, but it is hoped that it will help provide a standard minimum amount of training for adult crossing guards throughout the state."
- Image: A person in an orange safety vest holding a red stop sign.
- Text: "View the trainings:"
- List:
 - [Crossing Guard Coordinators and Supervisors](#)
 - [Crossing Guards](#)

1. Establish Policy: Online Training required for all staff who have traffic duty
2. Encourage extra crossing guards, staff support, or student safety patrol with more parent traffic expected next year



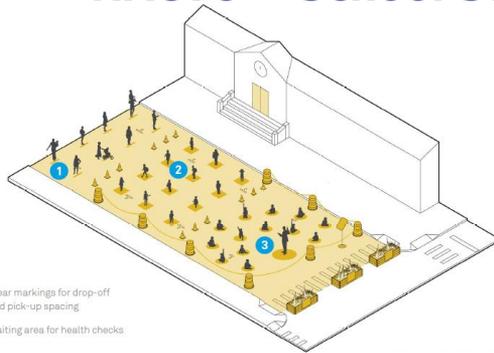
MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/student-safety-patrol.html>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/crossing-guard.html>

Formalize traffic control staff with training....maybe be teachers or volunteers as well as crossing guards. Begin conversations that more parents may be driving kids instead of busses and how can you help plan for that or encourage more walking

NACTO – School Streets



- 1 Clear markings for drop-off and pick-up spacing
- 2 Waiting area for health checks
- 3 Outdoor classroom and education space

[School Streets Overview](#)

[Full Guide](#)



Credit: @Anne_Hidalgo

Paris, France

Markings are made on streets in front of the schools to ensure physical distancing in Paris.



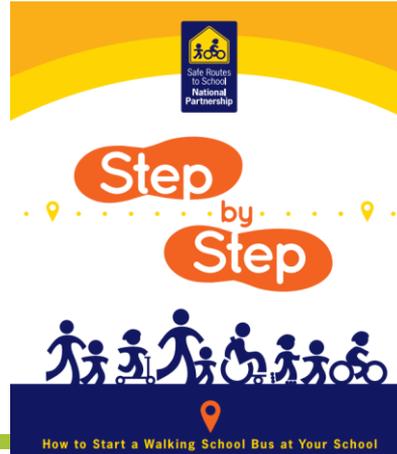
Credit: @CG1NOfficial

Wuhan, China

High school seniors line up to enter their school in Wuhan by following markings on the ground, and get their temperatures checked upon entry.

Walking School Bus

- Volunteer or Stipend
- Address bussing shortages and increased walk zones
- Provides adult supervision
- Social Distancing, masks and health checks as needed



<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resources/toolkit/step-step>

Make maps for a fresh start effect

The graphic features a central white box with a green border. At the top right of this box is the Minnesota Safe Routes to School logo. The main title is 'Guide to Pedestrian & Bicycling Maps' in large blue font. Below it, in smaller blue font, is the subtitle 'How to create route maps and arrival/dismissal maps for your school'. The central part of the box contains three colored squares: a green square with a blue house icon, a blue square, and another green square with a blue house icon. A white dashed line connects the two house icons. To the right of the white box is a smartphone displaying a map with a grid and a red dashed line. The text on the phone screen reads 'Minneapolis Walking Routes for Youth Map'. Below the white box is a green horizontal bar. At the bottom left of the entire graphic is the Minnesota Safe Routes to School logo. At the bottom right is the URL <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/resources/mapping.html>.

Build on the increase of walking and biking by creating and sending out maps with back to school information. The guide is easy for anyone to create a map. Transportation directors can give you a map with data on where students live to identify where the most kids may be walking or they can share neighborhoods or blocks with the most kids.



Build on the increase of walking and biking during social distancing by sending out education information in school communication and walk/bike postcards to help it feel like a 'win' to not be on this bus this year!

From BikeMN_MB : BikeMN has a ton of posters like shown here "Rules of the Road" etc. and stickers. Email michelle@bikemn.org to order some.

From Kelly Corbin : <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/resources/brand-downloads.html>

10:44:19 From Kelly Corbin :

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/bus-stop-and-walk/index.html>

10:45:15 From Kelly Corbin :

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17qpycQnix0NzYshalyAKvM6s1pGPEDFzs-qivcjhx28/edit?pli=1#gid=1358344217>

From Karen Nitzkorski : Area community grant approved some foggers to disinfect buses and a few other items for COVID safety.

10:55:01 From Tina Moen : Kelly, in regards to a match, Partner sites should provide at least a 10 percent match of the total mini-grant

award.

10:55:50 From Kelly Corbin : ^^^for SHIP, maybe other opportunities for funding from area organizations, non-profits, and COVID emergency response funds

10:57:07 From Jason Walker : All the cities, counties and townships are currently trying to figure out how to spend COVID relief funds. If you have ideas, now is the time to talk to them about budgeting these funds for COVID response. They have until Nov 15 to spend these funds.

10:57:25 From Luke Ewald : Local area grants and foundations are open to COVID relief right now, at least in parts of SW MN.

10:57:32 From Tina Moen : For SHIP often staff time/volunteer time can count as match.

10:57:33 From Wayne Hurley : I'm not sure what the other Initiative Foundations are doing across the state, but it could be worth checking with your local IF to see if they have any programs that could be applicable, as Karen mentioned.

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Mndot update

What do we know about the fall?

Where are people focusing their SRTS work? What are schools wanting or receptive too?

What are some existing resources that could be helpful

Crossing guard/student safety patrol training – may be more staff supporting arrival/dismissal traffic flow

WSB – get more kids walking with teleworking parents or shift in bus routes

Back to School encouragement and education materials

Mapping toolkit

What is still needed to support local efforts?

Who would like to continue this conversation?

Are you going to do engagement? Or are you doing enforcement?

- How to do engagement well?
- What aspect of enforcement

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MPHA Survey
 - [Virtual MPHA Annual Conference](#)
 - [MPHA's COVID-19 Inequities survey](#)
- Others

Please take our three-question survey about the [Virtual MPHA Annual Conference](#) by **July 12** to help guide the Planning Committee with the best format for you.

Please take [MPHA's COVID-19 Inequities survey](#) by **July 17**. (Members: this is an updated link from June's newsletter.)

Governor will announce which scenario all schools must follow during the week of July 27

Schools may be more restrictive but not less restrictive

50% capacity limit on buses

Staff must monitor arrival/dismissal to ensure 'no congregating'

Stagger arrival/dismissal to minimize crowding

"Consider dividing entry points rather than funneling all students through the same entry space."

No external groups or activities allowed

Limit mixing of cohorts

"Whenever possible, hold physical education and music classes outside and encourage participants to spread out. Consider using visual cues to demonstrate physical spacing."

“Discontinue activities that bring together large groups of people or activities that do not allow for social distancing, including assemblies, in-person field trips, large group use of playground equipment simultaneously, etc.”

Staff should have cloth masks

“Conduct daily temperature screening for all people entering the school facility or boarding a school transportation vehicle.”



THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH
July 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
← School Patrol and Crossing Guards: Best Practices and Resources
• What happens in the Fall?

MONTH
August 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• SRTS and Engagement

MONTH
September 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC
• TBD

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THANK YOU!



THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

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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THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH

January 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS Strategic Plan
- Demonstration Project Funding

MONTH

February 13, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Walking School Bus: Innovation in Rochester

MONTH

March 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child
- Winter Walk To School Day Recap

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