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## THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

...is approximately 190 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.



## AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
- MnDOT Updates
- Beyond MnDOT...SRTS Funding Resources
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Minnesota Safe Routes to School Update

Dave Cowan

Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Transportation



## 2018 Bike Fleet Awards

- **Congratulations!!**
  - New York Mills School District
  - Feeling Good Minnesota
  - ISD 197 (West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, and Eagan)



<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/bicyclesolic.html>

Fleet, trailer at ~\$31,000

State Funds (spent by June 2017)

Resolution of support from school board or governing body

**Walk/Bike to School Day**

Roosevelt, ES

Somerset, ES

Falls, ES

Tafahi, ES

**Walk and Bike to School Day**

Dawson-Boyd, ES

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017 thousands of students and thousands of Minnesota students, parents, and community members will walk and bicycle to school in celebration of Walk to School Day. Walk to School Day provides an opportunity to reconnect with the simple joys of walking, the benefits of increased physical activity, and arriving at school ready to learn.

Minnesota Safe Routes to School is an effort to help create safe, healthy walking conditions for our youth and encourage more active lifestyles. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will bring with them other partners across the state are working together to help schools and communities develop Safe Routes to School programs.

Students were encouraged to walk or bike to school Oct. 4 during International Walk and Bike to School Day. More than 200 schools in Minnesota participated. Those at Stevens Elementary who bus to school were to walk to the playground and then received a bottle of water and a green apple.

Dawson Mayor Randy Tenen walked laps with the Stevens Elementary School during International Walk and Bike to School Day Oct. 4.

Steps to creating a strong program and successful community. Based upon the program developed by Stevens Elementary in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Minnesota Safe Routes to School.

Entry level  
 Sign up and we can support with materials  
 Builds future champions into our network  
 Increases in the past couple of years  
 Walk to School Day registration and info  
<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news-events/walk-to-school-day.html>

## **WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:**

**OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**



Implementation support

Funding

Capacity of rdcs

Evaluation

Completeness of an application (asks the most important questions)

Most planning work or largest # of students reached

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Minnesota Safe Routes to School shared Heather Greene's post  
October 4 at 12:42pm



Heather Greene · Minnesota Safe Routes to School  
October 4 at 12:35pm · Minneapolis

Our excellent crossing guards for the Howe/Hawatha bike/walk morning in Minneapolis.

11 people reached

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Chronological

Minnesota Safe Routes to School Congratulations, this photo is one of our top three photo contest winners! Please contact dave.cowan@state.mn.us for more details.  
Like Reply Commented on by Dave Cowan At Work ·! · October 20 at 10:16am

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Patty Daly Olsen  
October 10 at 1:25pm

Safe Kids Grand Forks celebrated IWTS&D at New Heights Elementary in East Grand Forks. Clifford the Big Red Dog was on hand to walk with students. He also visited with K-2nd grade classrooms to share "Clifford Takes a Walk" with them.

1 Share

Like Comment Message

Jodi Burling  
October 10 at 1:12pm

Princeton Public School students enjoying their Safe Route to School on Walk to School day! #mmwalks #477igerPride Lots of smiles and excitement along the route to our Primary, Intermediate and Middle schools!

Like Comment Message

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## Get Stepping this Walk to School Day **October 10**

On Wednesday, Oct 10, 2018 hundreds of schools and thousands of students, parents and community members will walk and bicycle to school in Minnesota. Walk to School Day provides students and families the opportunity to experience the joys of walking to school while reaping the benefits of increased physical activity, reduced traffic congestion, and arriving at school ready to learn. Getting involved can be as simple as making an announcement to over the school intercom or as involved as participating in a neighborhood walk with your elected officials, parents, teachers, and community members. Each is fun and educational for students, parents and community members.

- Walk to School Day 2018
- Photo Contest
- News
- Events & Programs
- Network Calls
- Stay Connected
- Request Presentation Materials

Schools interested in participating can register their event by October 3rd at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) in order to receive educational book marks, stickers and other marketing materials for the day of the event.

### Solicitation Info

- Statewide Planning Grants
  - Early October
  - ~\$300,000
- Infrastructure Solicitation
  - Early October Letter of Intent
  - TAP/State Process combined
  - Subdivision Regulations



Infor re: Ordinance requirement

[http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/documents/grant-eligibility-changes.pdf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/documents/grant-eligibility-changes.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

## Exciting News!!

- School District and Regional Safe Routes to School coordinators
- Equitable Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education
- Demonstration Projects
- Governor's Children's Cabinet
- Additional State SRTS Support





- Ambassador Kits (walking school bus, bike rodeo, bike train, crossing guard)
- Evaluation!! Now is the time of the year to be doing this!!
- Sign Up for eNews, follow us on Facebook



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### Ambassador Kit Sign Up

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/wbf-application.html>

### Reminder to do evaluation!

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/resources/evaluation.html>

### Reminder that we have an enews and a facebook page LINK

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/contact/contact-information.html>



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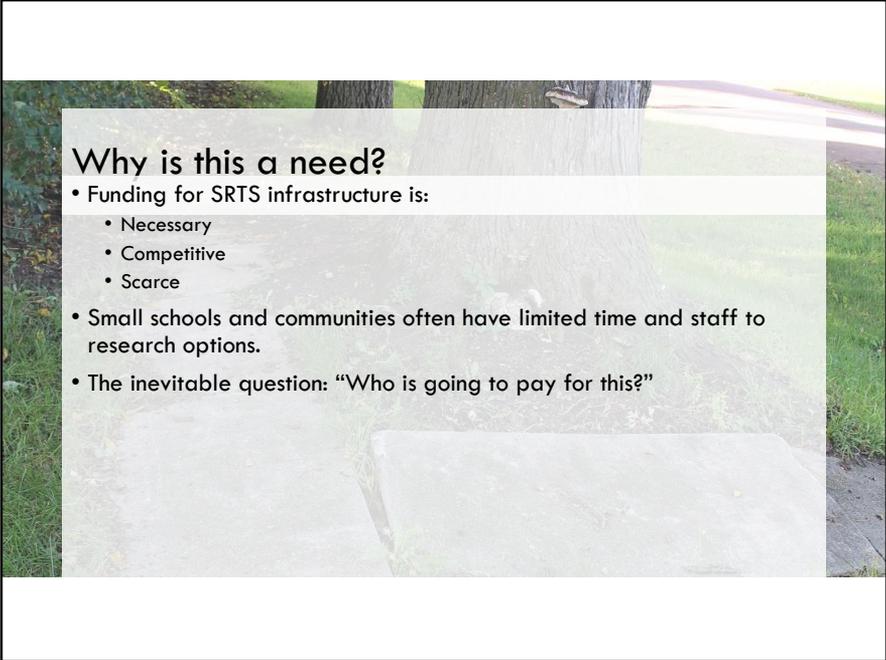
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# SRTS Funding Resources

Maxwell Kaufman – Southwest Regional Development Commission

The background of the slide is a photograph of a large tree trunk in the foreground, with a paved road and green grass visible in the background. The image is slightly faded to allow the text to be read clearly.

## Why is this a need?

- Funding for SRTS infrastructure is:
  - Necessary
  - Competitive
  - Scarce
- Small schools and communities often have limited time and staff to research options.
- The inevitable question: “Who is going to pay for this?”

## Funding Resources Spreadsheet

- Contains Funders broken down by:
  - Type of funder
  - Eligible applicants
  - Average grant amount
  - Local cost share
  - Types of projects funded
- Some of this information is difficult to find, so not all funding sources are complete.
- Ideally this could be updated and include regionally-applicable tabs.

Have been working on this on and off for some time.

Still in need of more resources.

Looking for suggestions of how to improve the spreadsheet and if it would be useful in general.



Safe Routes to School National Partnership

## Frequent Routes to Funding



Safe Routes to School programs need to secure funding to carry out programming and to expand to reach more students. The financial needs of Safe Routes to School programs vary based on program size, depth, and maturity. Some programs can thrive using in-kind donations and volunteers, while others require grants and paid staff. No matter the need and available resources, Safe Routes to School programs need to consider funding in order to flourish and be effective in the long run. This fact sheet describes key steps to ensure your program is well positioned for funding, provides ideas for where to look for funding, and highlights the breadth of funding sources that programs from around the country are currently accessing.

Partnerships are key to maximizing funding opportunities for Safe Routes to School. Different types of organizations are eligible for different funding pots. Because Safe Routes to School programs often have partners from many sectors, they may be more readily able to take advantage of restricted funding sources than other programs. If your program is based at a school, it may not be eligible for certain funding opportunities. You may want to have a relationship with a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that would be able to apply for funding or receive a donation on your school's behalf. Conversely, some funding opportunities such as certain federal and state transportation and health grants are not available to non-profits; however, schools can apply.

Partnering with your city or county transportation department, health department, and/or a community organization can open the doors to more funding. If you are looking to get funding for your school's activities, contact your local walking or bicycle organization to see if they have a larger Safe Routes to School initiative. Let city or county and health agencies know your school is interested in programs if funding or partnerships are available.



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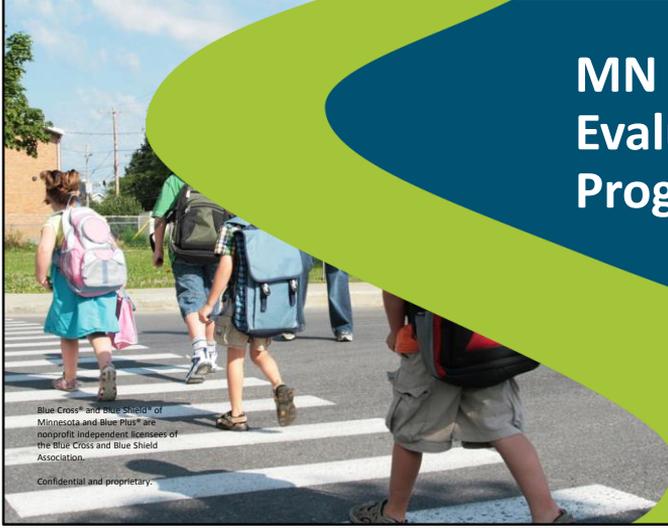
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# MN SRTS Evaluation Program

August 9, 2018



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## Evaluation Questions and Tools

### How students get to school

- Student Travel Tally
- Parent Survey

### Safety of school arrival/ dismissal

- School Zone Hazard Observational Assessment (NEW!)

### How schools are implementing

- School Environment and Policy Assessment (NEW!)
- SRTS Plan Evaluation Survey (Revised)
- School Progress Check List (Revised)

How do students get to/from school? How is this changing over time?  
How safe are school arrival/dismissal areas?  
How are schools implementing SRTS programs and projects?



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## CENTER FOR PREVENTION PODCAST



Explores themes related to health, health equity and community.

We hope to include community voices in our episodes, and are collecting stories for our March launch!

Please call in at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy.

[www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast](http://www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast)



The Center for Prevention is launching a new podcast!

First episode came out March 20, and focused on trends and traditions in health, and how they shift across generations. And we'd like to hear from you, or friends, family, students, teachers... Please call us at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy. Don't forget to give us your full name and phone number so we can contact you to follow up on your story. We look forward to hearing your stories.

The State We're In: Please call us at 1-877-972-7563. Tell us a time when you or someone you know felt othered and how it affected your health. What does it mean for you to feel like you belong? Why do you think it's important to belong to one another?

<https://www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast>

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/centerforprevention/posts/2061738680509111>

## Fall Walk! Bike! Fun! Trainings

- Walker, September 18
- New York Mills, September 21
- Stillwater, October 26
- Thief River Falls, TBD
- Fairmont, TBD



Registration and promotion will be posted on [walkbikefun.org](http://walkbikefun.org) and Basecamp soon!



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Ambassador Kit Promotion: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/wbf-application.html>

<http://www.bikemn.org/education/walk-bike-fun>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a fall workshop, application deadline August 15, 2018
- America Walks Solicitation for Ped Planning:  
<http://americawalks.org/apply-now-for-new-road-to-zero-program/>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214140517306540>

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## THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

<b>MONTH</b> October 25, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>TOPIC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk! Bike! Fun! Ambassador Program</li><li>• Stop For Me Campaign – Impact Results</li></ul>
<b>MONTH</b> November 15, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>TOPIC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outcomes of Demonstration Pilot</li></ul>
<b>MONTH</b> December 20, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>TOPIC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year End Survey Results</li></ul>

To join the Minnesota Safe Routes to School Network,  
email [centercommunications@bluecrossmn.com](mailto:centercommunications@bluecrossmn.com)

January 18 SRTS in Large School Districts and Minneapolis New SRTS Action Plan



## 2018 MEETINGS

### 2018 Meeting Dates:

~~January 18~~

~~February 15~~

~~March 8 (revised from 15)~~

~~April 19~~

~~May 17~~

~~June 21~~

~~July 19~~

~~August 9 (revised from 16)~~

~~September 20~~

October 25

November 15

December 20

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!