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Past Network Call Notes are available at:

[http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news/network\\_calls.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/news/network_calls.html)

*Please note: recordings of the Network Calls are archived for 6 months only*



## 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.

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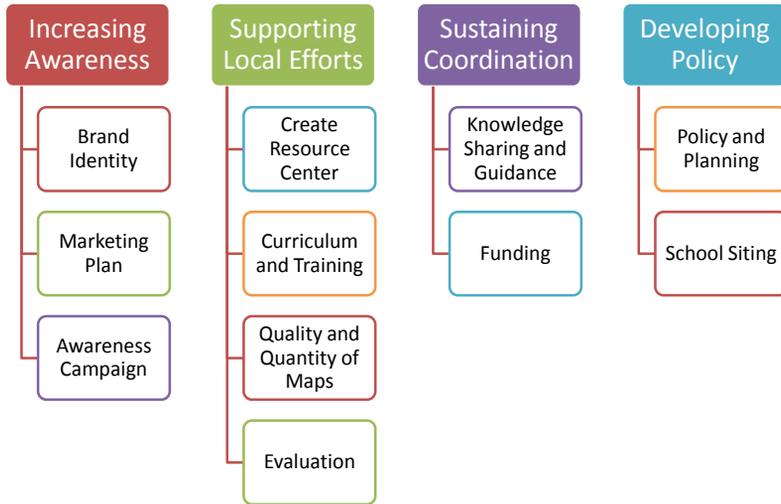


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## SRTS Ten Years Later More Students Walking and Bicycling to School

Walking to and from school increased  
**from 14 percent to more than 17  
percent** from 2007 – 2014.

Based on non-representative parent survey results from 6,500 schools, National Center for Safe Routes to School

National Center for Safe Routes to School | [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)



## Comprehensive Program

Evaluation  
Engineering  
Enforcement  
Education  
Encouragement  
Equity



In order to address all of the barriers and develop a sustainable, comprehensive Safe Routes to School program you need to address all five E's.

## SRTS Ten Years Later Evidence of SRTS Effectiveness

- **25 percent increase** walking and bicycling after education and encouragement
- **18 percent increase** in walking and bicycling after infrastructure
- **31 percent increase** walking and bicycling with combined infra/non-infra programs

Results based on study of 801 schools over 5 years - McDonald, et al, 2014; *Journal of the American Planning Association*



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# EVALUATION REMINDER

### Safe Routes to School Students Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet

**+ CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY – BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY +**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): K, L, U, S, J \_\_\_\_\_ Monday's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students Enrolled in Class: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please conduct these counts on two of the following three days: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.  
 (Three days would provide better data if counted.)  
 • Please do not conduct these counts on Mondays or Fridays.  
 • Before asking your students to raise their hands, present all possible answer choices so they will know their choices. Each student may only answer once.  
 • Ask your students to group the question: "How did you arrive at school today?"  
 • Thank, reward each answer choice and record the number of students that raised their hands for each. Place just one character or number in each box.  
 • Follow the same procedure for the question: "How do you plan to leave for home after school?"  
 • You can conduct the counts once per day but during the count please ask students each the school arrival and departure questions.  
 • Please conduct this count regardless of weather conditions (i.e., ask these questions on rainy days, too).

**Step 2.**  
**AM - "How did you arrive at school today?"** Record the number of hands for each answer.  
**PM - "How do you plan to leave for home after school?"** Record the number of hands for each answer.

Weather	Student Tally	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Key	Go away to work/leave school	Number in class when count made	-	-	Only with Children from children from your family, other families	Only with Children from children from your family, other families	City bus, subway, etc.	Skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc.
Sample AM	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sample PM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tues. AM								
Tues. PM								
Wed. AM								
Wed. PM								
Thurs. AM								
Thurs. PM								

Please list any disruptions to these counts or any unusual travel conditions to/from the school on the days of the tally.

### Parent Survey About Walking and Biking to School

**Dear Parent or Caregiver,**  
 Your child's school needs to learn your thoughts about children walking and biking to school. This survey will take about 5 - 10 minutes to complete. We ask that each family complete only one survey per school year classroom unless, if more than one child from a school brings a survey home, please fill out the survey for the child with the next birthday from today's date.  
 After you have completed this survey, send it back to the school with your child or give it to the teacher. Your responses will be kept confidential and neither your name or your child's name will be associated with any results.  
 Thank you for participating in this survey!

**+ CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY – BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY +**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the grade of the child who brought home this survey?  Grade (K, L, U, S, J)

2. Is the child who brought home this survey male or female?  Male  Female

3. How many children do you have in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade?

4. What is the closest intersection nearest your home? (Please list names of the intersecting streets)

5. How far does your child live from school?  
 Less than 1/4 mile  1/4 mile up to 1 mile  More than 2 miles  
 1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile  1 mile up to 2 miles  Don't know

6. On most days, how does your child arrive and leave for school? (Select one choice per column, mark box with X)

Arrives at school		Leaves from school	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike
<input type="checkbox"/>	School bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	School bus
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family vehicle (only children in your family)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family vehicle (only children in your family)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carpool (Children from other families)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carpool (Children from other families)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit (City bus, subway, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit (City bus, subway, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc.)

7. How long does it normally take your child to get to/from school? (Select one choice per column, mark box with X)

Travel time to school	Travel time from school		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 5 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 - 10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 - 10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 - 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 - 20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know / Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know / Not sure

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

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**WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:**

**OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

 **MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

[WALKBIKETOSCHOOL.ORG](http://WALKBIKETOSCHOOL.ORG)

[MNSAFEROUTESTOSCHOOL.ORG](http://MNSAFEROUTESTOSCHOOL.ORG)

Walk to School Day coming up,



Some of you may recognize these level educational materials from Bike to School Day, or maybe if you've gone through the Walk!Bike!Fun! Training.

This is a spoke card that has some of the basic educational messages and the Drive Your Bike Bookmark that also passes on more of the ed messages.



Implementation support

Funding

Capacity of rdcs

Evaluation

Completeness of an application (asks the most important questions)

Most planning work or largest # of students reached

**2017 PHOTO CONTEST**



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**Don't Hide, Come For a Ride!**

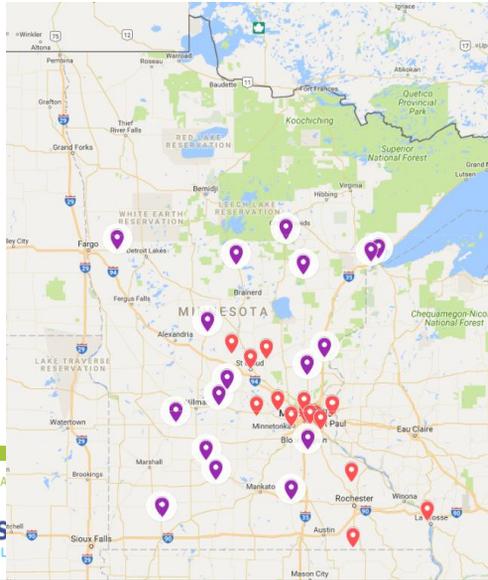
Bike to School Day is May 10<sup>th</sup>!



# FUNDING AND SOLICITATION UPDATE



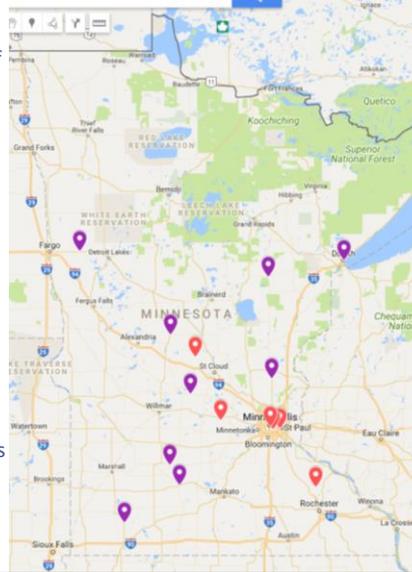
# Planning Applications in 2017



## Funded Planning Assistance

Sleep Eye School District  
Long Prairie - Grey Eagle School District, City of  
Long Praire  
Fulda Public Schools  
Cedar Mountain School District  
Congdon Elementary  
Eden Valley Watkins School District  
Cambridge Isanti Schools  
City of Hawley  
McGregor School

Saint Paul Public Schools  
City of Holdingford  
Northrop Urban Environmental Learning  
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools  
Howard Lake/Waverly/Winstead Public Schools  
Whittier International IB School (MPS)



## Planning Assistance Solicitation Timeline



## Infrastructure Solicitation

1 million available

Resolution requiring SRTS infrastructure in new developments (June 2016 and beyond)

Types of applications:

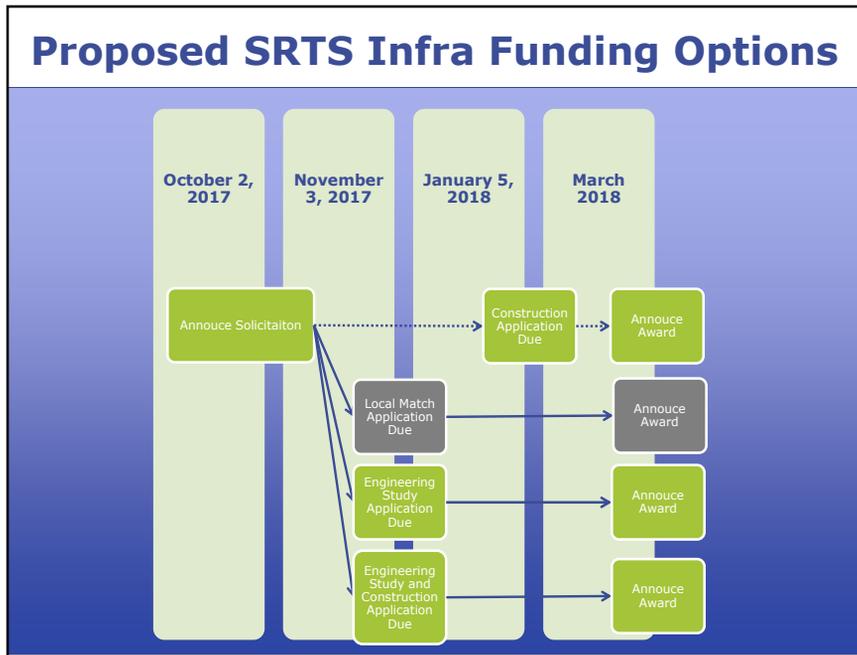
- Plans
- Demonstrated priority
- Demonstrated safety improvement
- Implementation of other Es
- Equity consideration



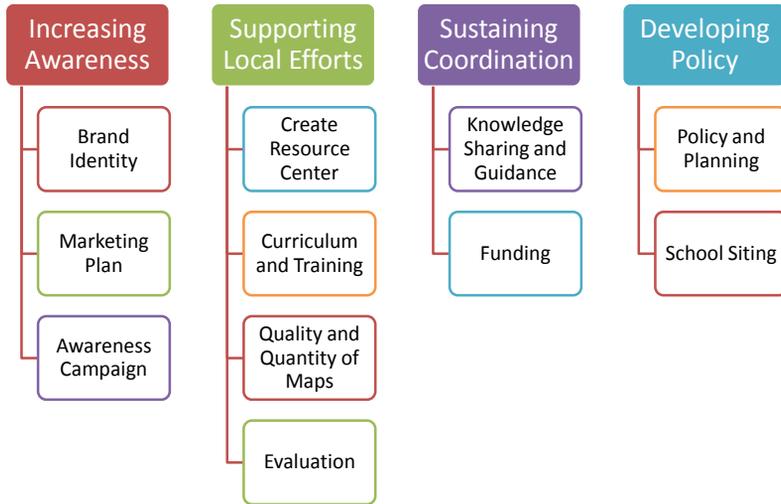
# Proposed SRTS Infra Funding Options

Options	Need	Benefits
<b>Engineering</b>  (Up to \$50,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A professional to analyze SRTS routes and strategies with local community (2016 plan scan)</li> <li>Assistance to prepare stand alone projects to compete for funds or program with local agency</li> </ul> <p><i>*Traffic engineering to be completed following SRTS engineering template</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local agency engineer project manager</li> <li>Additional engineering assistance/resources</li> <li>Prioritized project list based on safety risks, potential use, benefits, and cost</li> <li>Project sheets</li> <li>Some consistency in how SRTS projects are identified</li> </ul>
<b>Engineering and Construction</b>  (Up to \$200,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A professional to analyze SRTS routes and strategies with local community (2016 plan scan)</li> <li>Assistance to prepare stand alone projects to compete for funds or program with local agency</li> <li>Funding for implementation</li> </ul> <p><i>*Traffic engineering to be completed following SRTS engineering template</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local agency engineer project manager</li> <li>Additional engineering assistance/resources</li> <li>Prioritized project list based on safety risks, potential use, benefits, and cost</li> <li>Project sheets</li> <li>Provides some consistency in how SRTS projects are identified</li> <li>Funding assistance to implement a project (low cost/high impact)</li> </ul>
<b>Construction</b>  (Up to \$300,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for SRTS construction projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local agency engineer/sponsor</li> <li>Potentially 100% state funds toward construction of a project</li> </ul>
<b>Local Match</b>  (Up to \$100,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to provide the local match for federal funds (construction)</li> <li>Minimize # of federal projects that drop due to local funding</li> </ul> <p><i>*Similar process to federal bridge projects with bridge bond funds</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project already selected through competitive process</li> <li>Potentially 20% of project covered by state funds</li> <li>Leverage state bond funds</li> <li>Ensure deliverability</li> </ul>

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## MN SRTS Meet Up

- What is your favorite way to network in a large group?
- What do you want to learn from Cass?
- What do you expect to learn?

### Networking:

- Bingo cards or speed networking
- Ways to connect with other schools similar size or connect by region.

### What to to learn from Cass?

- Innovative models
- Rural models

### What to learn?

- How MNDOT can do better
- PowerMapping:  
[http://www.results.org/uploads/files/bonnnner\\_powermapping.pdf](http://www.results.org/uploads/files/bonnnner_powermapping.pdf)
- Rural districts

General notes: Anyone is welcome, you do not have to be an active member of the MN SRTS Network



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a fall workshop, application deadline September 15, 2017
- 2017 National Walk Summit, St Paul, MN September 13 – 15, 2017 - [Registration is Open](#)
- Walk! Bike! Fun! Fall training application – [www.bikemn.org](http://www.bikemn.org)
- SRTS Meet Up Tuesday Sept 12 – Cass Isadro, Executive Director for SRTS National Partnership will join us!

### Walk! Bike! Fun! Updates:

The new application to host a 2018 WBF training will come out the 2nd week of January. It will include options for both Spring and Fall. Intention is to allow for planning when school is in session and remove barrier of planning during summer when staff is away.

Deadline for requesting Spring trainings will be February 28th,  
Deadline for requesting Fall trainings will be June 1st.

**BikeMN** hosts monthly network webinars that alternate focus areas between bicycle advocacy and bicycle education.

If you want to join either or both of the groups and listen in or participate in the next webinar, send an email to [natalie@bikemn.org](mailto:natalie@bikemn.org). You'll be added to one or both listservs and Google Groups, named MN Bicycle Advocates Network and MN Bicycle Educators Network.

Upcoming BikeMN Network topics:

September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am – **Educators** "Best Practices in Law Enforcement"

**Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota**

"Together we're making Minnesota a place where  
bicycling is easy, safe and fun for everyone."



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

**MONTH**

July 20, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- Virtual Resource Fair including: Crossing Guard Resources, Bus Stop and Walk Guide, and Walk! Bike! Fun! Ambassador Program

**MONTH**

August 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- SRTS Evaluation Guidelines for MN Programs

**MONTH**

September 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- SRTS In Large Districts

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

**MONTH**

October 26, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
(please note date change)

**TOPIC**

- Community bike shops and access in Rural MN

**MONTH**

November 16, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- New Minneapolis Public Schools SRTS Action Plan

**MONTH**

December 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**TOPIC**

- 2017 Survey Results

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## 2017 MEETINGS

### 2017 Meeting Dates:

~~January 19~~

~~February 16~~ *cancelled due to tech issues*

~~March 23~~

~~April 20~~

~~May 18~~

~~June 15~~

~~July 20~~

~~August 17~~

September 21

October 26

November 16

December 21

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!