



Safe Routes to School Action Plans



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Action Plan Grants were awarded to 16 communities throughout the State. These plans are being funded through Federal SRTS Funds administered by NCDOT. The team consisting of Greene Transportation Solutions and Greenways, Inc. was selected to prepare your plan. Together, these two companies have a highly experienced staff of engineers, planners, and graphic designers.

Safe Routes to School is a program that encourages and enables children to walk and ride bicycles to school to benefit overall health and well-being. By preparing an Action Plan, your community recognizes that more of its children could benefit from the advantages gained from active travel to school. The Plan is your best first step to establishing a program that will identify and correct barriers to safe active travel, then encourage children to walk or bike to school. Each plan addresses five "E's" that are essential for a successful SRTS program: Engineering, Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, and Evaluation. Successful SRTS programs use a combination of all of these strategies.



Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School programs enable community leaders, schools and parents across the United States to improve safety and encourage more children, including children with disabilities, to safely walk and bicycle to school. In the process, programs are working to reduce traffic congestion and improve health and the environment, making communities more livable for everyone.

Engineering

Engineering strategies can enable more bicycling and walking and also make these activities safer. Engineering can include: improving & installing sidewalks, crosswalks, signage, traffic signals and more.



Encouragement

Encouragement strategies are about having fun - they can provide ways for parents and children to discover that walking and bicycling are do-able and a lot of fun! Special events and contests can get kids excited to be a part of SRTS!



Education

Education activities teach pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety, as well as create awareness of the benefits and goals of SRTS. Lessons can be incorporated into classroom activities or special events to teach skills.



Enforcement

Enforcement of the SRTS program should involve a network of community members working together to promote safe walking, bicycling and driving. It helps deter unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.



Evaluation

Evaluation is about identifying issues, improving activities and understanding results. It is an important component of any SRTS program because it is used to determine if the goals of the strategies are being met and to assure that successful efforts are being recognized.



Action Plan Process:



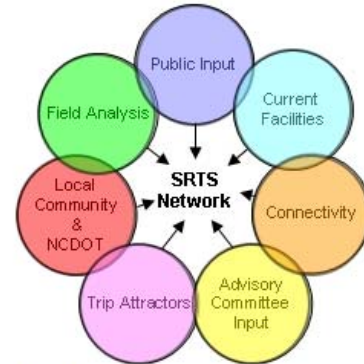
Task 1: Kick-off Meeting

- * Discussed Visions and Goals
- * Identified Known Issues During Mapping Exercise



Task 2: Data Collection/Assessment

- * Conducted Detailed Fieldwork
- * Completed Parent Surveys & Classroom Tallies
- * Developed GIS Mapping
- * Identified Key Safety Issues
- * Reviewed Existing Local Policies



Task 3: Public Meeting (Barriers & Solutions Meeting)

- * Gathered Input from Stakeholders and Residents Regarding Issues and Ideas for Solutions



Task 4: Preliminary SRTS Action Plan

- * Identified & Prioritized Critical Recommendations for Each of the five "E's"



Task 5: Client Review/Committee Meeting

- * Feedback on Draft Plan



Task 6: Final SRTS Action Plan

- * Ready for Adoption by Local Jurisdiction and School Board!

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