Massachusetts

Safe Routes to School

Promoting safe walking & biking to schools
11 years of Safe Routes to School

Who we serve

201 communities
778 partner schools
358,000+ students

22 school districts with pedestrian or bicycle safety classes as part of their curriculum

2016-2017 academic year

What we do

50 summer session events

2016-2017 academic year

712 Walk and Bike to School Events

233 pedestrian and bike safety training events in 2016-2017 academic year

26 walking assessments of schools around the state

Program numbers reflect information as of June 16, 2017

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MA SRTS Model
Parent Traffic Impacts Public Safety
Parents are not **IN** Traffic, Parents **ARE** the Traffic
Program Overview

- Equity
- Evaluation
- Enforcement
- Education
- Engineering
- Encouragement
Education

- Pedestrian Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Bike Rodeos
- Safety Assemblies
Encouragement

• Walk/Bike to School Days
• Walking School Buses
• Walking Clubs
• Walk Across America
Enforcement

- Partnerships with local law enforcement
  - At events
  - Organizing bike rodeos
  - Helmet giveaways

Stoughton PD at the Gibbons School Pedestrian Safety class
Evaluation

- 3-minute survey
- Available in 9 languages
- Online and print version available

6 Questions:
- Home location
- Child’s grade
- Mode to/from school
Evaluation

- Evaluate the physical transportation environment, as well as how community members interact with that environment
  - Active Transportation Assessment
  - Walk Audits
  - Arrival/Dismissal Reports
  - Parent Travel Survey
  - Student Address Maps
Engineering

Before

After

Canton—Hansen Elementary School

Lowell—Christa McAuliffe School

Chelsea—Wright & Browne Middle School
Equity

• English Language Learners

• Urban AND Rural Communities and School Choice

• Students of All Abilities
Community Involvement

- School Officials
- Teacher Volunteers
- Parent Volunteers
- City Planner
- Police Department
Current Actions…

• Meetings with principals to engage schools
  • Schedule pedestrian safety/bike safety
  • Include Safe Routes in Wellness and Complete Streets policies
• Prepare for flagship events

Thacher School, 10 Year Anniversary Walk in Attleboro, MA
SRTS in Action
Springfield

- SRTS National Course
- SRTS principals into curriculum
- Pedestrian Safety

5th Grade mentors teaching Pedestrian Safety to 2nd Grade at the Angelo School in Brockton.
Rural Communities

• Sample Communities
  – Hancock
  – Colrain
  – Southwick

• Strategies
  – Walking Wednesdays
  – Walk Across Massachusetts
  – Bike Safety

5th Grade mentors teaching Pedestrian Safety to 2nd Grade at the Angelo School in Brockton.
Questions?
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