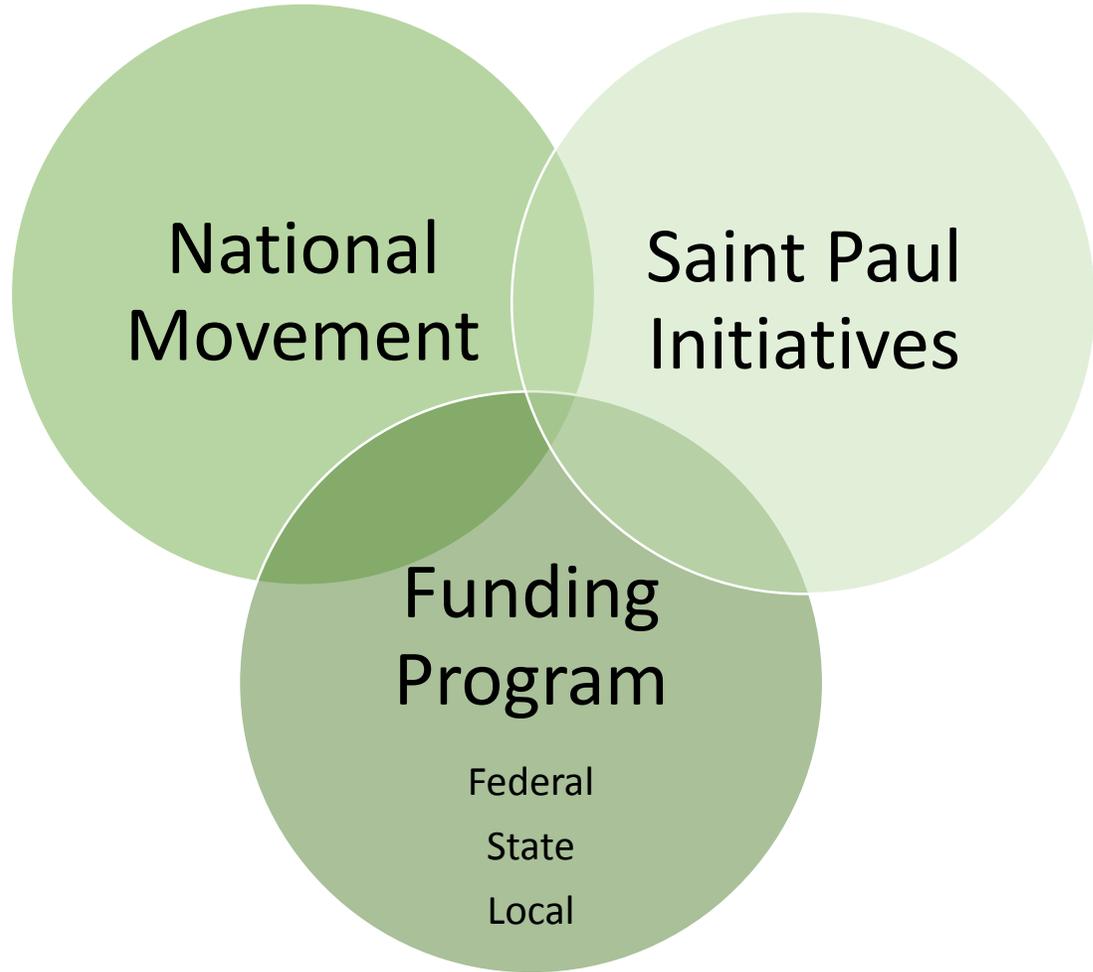


SAINT PAUL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee
August 23, 2018



What is Safe Routes to School?



Movement

Who We Are

Healthy Communities



Expert Help

Resources

Who We Are



Safe Routes National Center for Safe Routes to School

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Children deserve safe places to walk and bike
—starting with the trip to school.

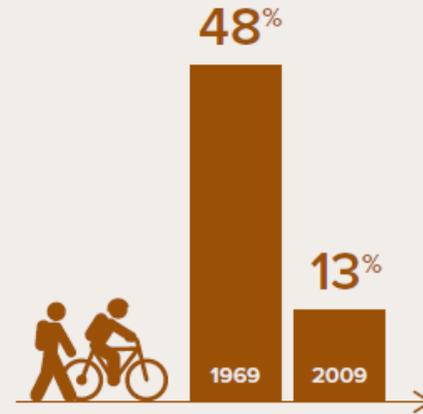
By starting with children and the trip to school, communities become safe places
for everyone to walk and bike.

By creating safe places for everyone, communities take a major step towards meeting the national
goal of ending traffic deaths on roads.



The Safe Routes to School National Partnership is a national non-profit that advances policy change and catalyzes support for healthy, active communities, starting with walking and bicycling to school. We are dedicated to creating livable, sustainable communities where all people can be healthy and physically active.

Why Safe Routes to School?



THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WALKING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL HAS DROPPED PRECIPITOUSLY WITHIN ONE GENERATION



MOST KIDS ARE NOT GETTING ENOUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



ROADS NEAR SCHOOLS ARE CONGESTED, DECREASING SAFETY AND AIR QUALITY FOR CHILDREN

KIDS WHO WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL:



Arrive alert and able to focus on school



Get most of the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity during the trip to and from school



Are more likely to be a healthy body weight



Demonstrate improved test scores and better school performance*



Are less likely to suffer from depression and anxiety

THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF INCREASED TRAFFIC LEADING TO REDUCED WALKING AND BICYCLING:

Fewer students walking & biking to school

More parents driving children to school

Rising concern about safety of walking & biking

Increased traffic at and around school



Saint Paul Initiatives

School Plans

- Maxfield
- Rondo Complex
- Washington Tech
- Ran-Ham Schools
- Farnsworth Aerospace
- Bruce Vento
- Chelsea Heights

Core Components

- Travel tallies, parent surveys
- Identify core walking routes
- Identify 5E recommendations

Saint Paul Public School Initiatives (District-wide)

- School Patrol (with SPPD) – 34 schools participate
- Walk to School Day – 16 schools participate
- Bicycle Fleet
- Walk! Bike! Fun! curriculum used by some gym teachers



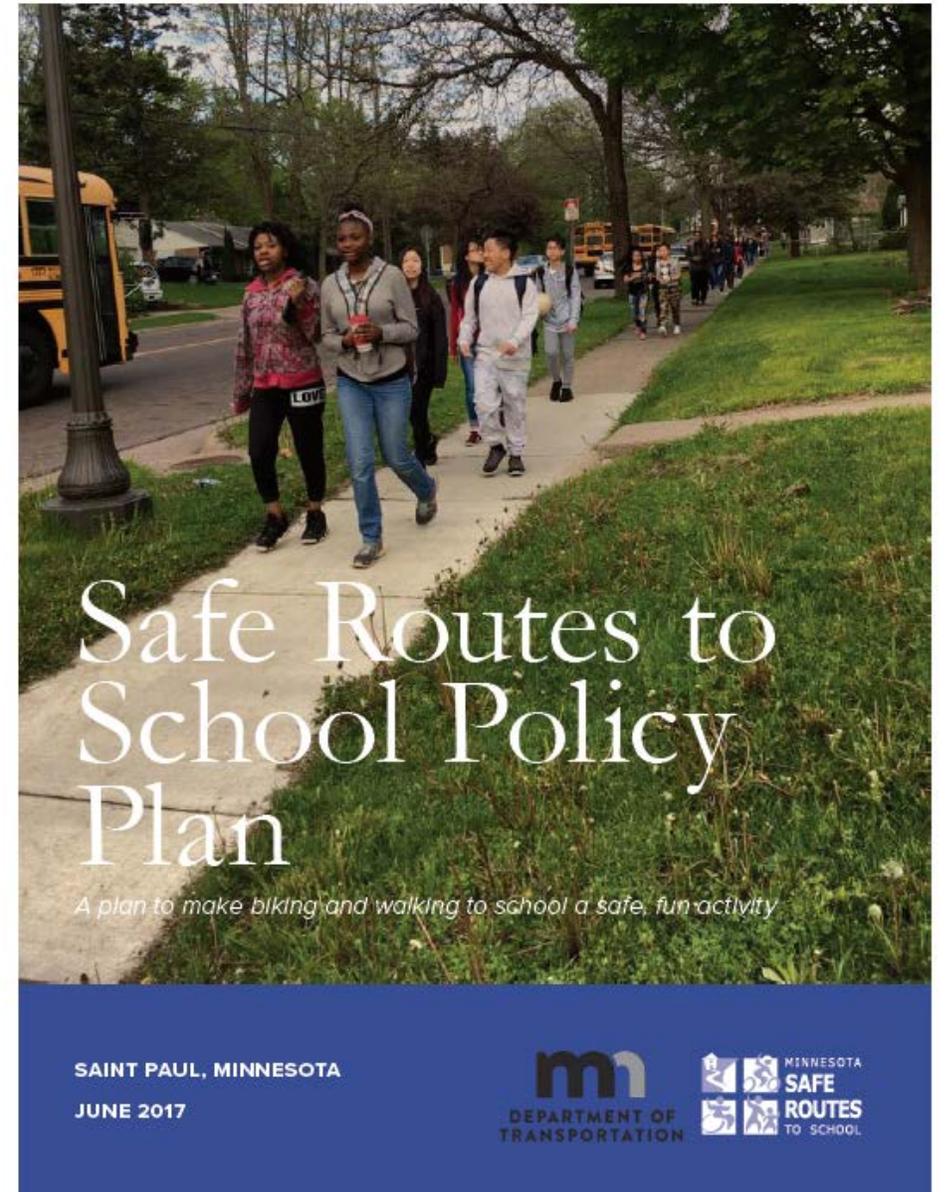
Saint Paul Initiatives

Saint Paul Safe Routes to School Policy Plan

- Recommends city, county and school district policies to support walking and bicycling to school
- Recommends ways to integrate SRTS into agency operations
- Some action items:
 - Supports coordination through Steering Committee
 - Create a city-wide walking routes for youth map
 - Designate a SRTS Coordinator in each agency to champion program growth

Safe Routes to School Steering Committee

- Bi-monthly staff meeting: SPPD, SPPW, SPPS, ward offices, county commissioner's offices, SHIP
- Leadership of Ward 4 Office
- Opportunity to assess progress on plans, communicate about initiatives
- Main channel for intra-staff coordination



Funding Programs

Federal

Transportation Alternatives Program

- Distributed through the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation
- Funds available every two years
- Up to \$1 M federal dollars, match 80%/20%
- Saint Paul has been successful applicant:
 - Washington Tech SRTS Improvements - \$800,000
 - Expo Elementary Sidewalk Gap Infill - \$400,000
- Bruce Vento/Farnsworth application was submitted in 2017
- Scoring criteria:
 - Project proposal is part of an approved plan
 - Addresses 5Es
 - Equity
 - Safety Needs
 - % students in walk zone



Funding Programs

State of Minnesota Safe Routes to School

- Annual funding to complete SRTS Plans
 - Bruce Vento, Chelsea Heights, Farnsworth
 - Maxfield Elementary, Rondo Complex
 - Policy Plan 2016
- Periodic funding for infrastructure investments
 - \$100,000-\$300,000 capital projects
 - Funded by state bonds - no match required
 - Can provide match to federal grants
 - Funding cycle less clear – every two years?
 - Must be projects identified in SRTS plans



Funding Programs

Saint Paul Public Works Five-Year Plan

- \$125,000 in 2017, 2020, 2021,2022
- Past uses:
 - Implementation of school plan infrastructure recommendations
 - Crosswalk restriping
 - Bumpouts
 - Local match to federal projects
 - Expo Elementary sidewalk infill





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