Fox Cities and Oshkosh Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan

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Overview

- Background Information on the Safe Routes to School Program
- Overview of East Central Regional Safe Routes to School Program
- How will the Safe Routes to School Initiatives and Programs be included in the Bike/Pedestrian Plan
The program encourages and enable students, Kindergarten through 8th grade to safely walk and bike to school.
5 – E’s of Safe Routes to School

- Encouragement
- Education
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Evaluation
In 1969, approximately 50% of children walked or bicycled to school, with approximately 87% of children living within one mile of school walking or bicycling.

Today, fewer than 15% of school children walk or bicycle to school (National SRTS Center).
Children and adolescents should have at least 1 hour of physical activity each day. (CDC)

Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the last 30 years.
Pedestrians are more than twice as likely to be struck by a vehicle in locations without sidewalks. (US Department of Transportation)
# 2012-2016 East Central Regional Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan - FINAL

**Mission:** Safe Routes to School engages and empowers schools and communities to improve the health and well-being of children and families by advocating safe walking and bicycling.

**Vision:** Through collaboration, Safe Routes to School is a catalyst that empowers communities and schools to become more walkable and bikeable, creating safe, healthy, active lifestyles.

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<td>Engage and empower students on all levels to develop and implement walking, biking, and other active lifestyle initiatives.</td>
<td>Provide resources, leadership &amp; expertise to foster diverse collaboration &amp; a framework to build a healthy &amp; active community.</td>
<td>We will create &amp; strengthen both public and private partnerships, resulting in increased advocacy, sustainable funding, &amp; corporate participation in SRTS.</td>
<td>Through frequent &amp; consistent outreach, SRTS will offer accessible communications, increase awareness, educate stakeholders, &amp; engage communities.</td>
<td>Regional SRTS will be the leader in establishing evidence-based criteria to support &amp; sustain SRTS community cultures.</td>
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<td>Develop and assist school districts with school-based Biking and Walking Clubs.</td>
<td>Establish written hazardous bussing policy/criteria.</td>
<td>Develop partnerships with businesses, non-profits, &amp; business organizations for funding support.</td>
<td>Engage policy stakeholders with face to face meetings on key themes, targets, and objectives.</td>
<td>Develop a Performance Evaluation Analysis that shows benefits: health, economic, and environmental.</td>
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<td>Organize the participation of parents, grandparents, and the community in Safe Routes to School Initiatives</td>
<td>Revise &amp; create land use, neighborhood development, &amp; street design bike friendly standards.</td>
<td>Encourage work-life practices (like flex hours) that allow for participation in SRTS activities.</td>
<td>Engage school districts in development of online consortiums and intranet links to share best practices.</td>
<td>Implementation of regional guidelines via annual safety assessments.</td>
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<td>Youth engagement is enhanced through programming and membership in SRTS Committees.</td>
<td>Partner with non-profits and local businesses to increase infrastructure linkages to school.</td>
<td>Increase collaboration with healthcare partners on community events-bike helmet programs, etc.</td>
<td>Engage families &amp; students at all levels with online gaming format.</td>
<td>Influence region-wide practices through policy/media advocacy.</td>
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<td>Expand SRTS partnerships to summer and afterschool programs.</td>
<td>Develop Comprehensive approach to planning and funding.</td>
<td>Leverage relationships with local partners to increase programming.</td>
<td>Engage media through increased frequency, expansion to national media to promote regional brand.</td>
<td>Establish consistent messaging that demonstrates effectiveness of SRTS to policy makers.</td>
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Local SRTS Action Plans

SOUTH PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTION PLAN
OSHKOSH SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) BACKGROUND INFORMATION
The purpose of the SRTS program is to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities that encourage healthier lifestyles. Programs can be established to educate students, parents, and the community on the benefits of walking and biking to school and provide tips to do so safely. Major SRTS goals are:
1. To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school.
2. To make bicycling and walking to school a safe and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
3. To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.
SRTS Planning efforts assess the facilities and conditions near school, examine how students are currently traveling to and from school, and identify safety concerns based on reported incidents. SRTS facilities and non-infrastructure recommendations are then developed and implemented, with the help of local government and community planning bodies. The SRTS task force and other community members are the key actors involved in developing local SRTS Action Plans. South Park Middle School is one of the schools that are part of the SRTS program.

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS
- Enrollment: 750 students
- Grade: K-8
- Principal: Lisa Witting
- Start Time: 7:30 a.m.
- End Time: 2:30 p.m.
- Task Force: Lisa Witting

PARENT & STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Background Information
The City of Oshkosh has an extensive network of major roads that serve as critical links in the transportation system. The city is divided into four distinct districts by I-41 and the Grand River, with the major arterial streets being South Park Blvd. The SRTS program works to improve safety and accessibility for students and pedestrians in these areas. The SRTS Action Plan for South Park Middle School focuses on improving safety and accessibility for students and pedestrians in the vicinity of the school.

WORK IN PROGRESS
The Oshkosh SRTS program emphasizes the importance of healthy pedestrains and bike riders, promoting an active lifestyle for students. The program aims to identify and address safety concerns and enhance accessibility for students. The SRTS Action Plan for South Park Middle School includes recommendations for improvements to the school vicinity, including increased pedestrian and bicycle safety measures.
International Walk to School Day
Culture Change
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