



MN SRTS NETWORK

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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.



AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
 - Meet Lorna Schmidt, American Heart Association
- Demonstration Projects: More than Plungers!
 - Overview of Demonstration Projects – E.G. Nelson
 - Future Funding – Dave Cowan
- MnDOT Updates
- Announcements

WHAT ARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS?

- Demonstration projects are:
 - Low-cost
 - temporary
 - highlight an opportunity or a problem to show what *could* be
- Allow for experiences
- Provide a forum for community feedback
- May speed up or bypass processes
- Lower stake learning opportunities
- Can be used to
 - Identify possibilities of a predetermined project (i.e. design elements of a specific renovation)
 - Engage community to identify solutions or recommend a course of action

WHY HAS BCBS SUPPORTED THESE PROJECTS IN THE PAST?

- Meaningfully engaging community in long-term planning and decision making – whether through a demonstration, door knocking, or something else – helps ensure all voices are heard. Engagement is a critical tool to facilitate equitable development of policies and our built environment.
- Building equitable, livable communities can facilitate healthy behavior, such as increasing minutes walked per person per day.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT EXAMPLES:

FIRST ST. (NORTH SAINT PAUL)



BOSSEN FIELD (MINNEAPOLIS)



Free! For Kids Of All Ages

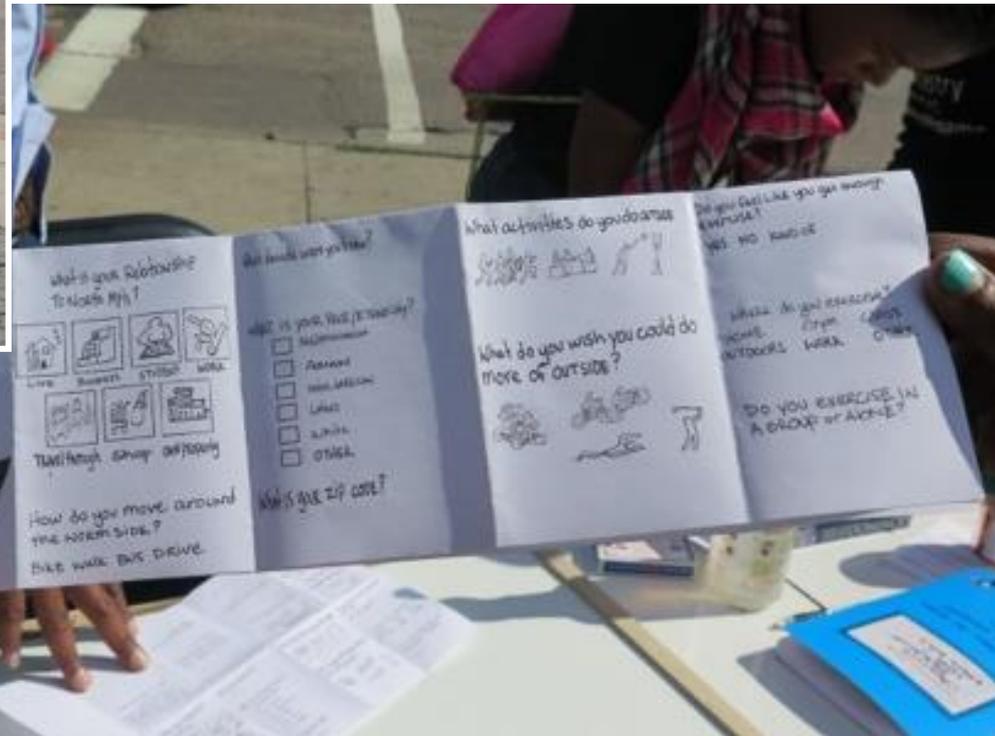
BOSSEN FIELD SUMMER FUN



FOREST AVE (ALBANY)



WEST BROADWAY (MINNEAPOLIS)



A GOAL OF LONG TERM CHANGE



Active Places projects imagine long-term change:

- Street Fair vs. Open Streets
- Community walk vs. a community visioning session

Keys to leveraging your project into long-term change:

- *Be clear about your intentions*
- *Collect and analyze information*

Consider how to:

- Communicate your intentions behind the project
- Ensure that participants care beyond the trial period – how do you keep the community engaged and enthusiastic?

Questions?



Dave Cowan

Safe Routes to School Coordinator
MnDOT

Demonstration Project Kit Pilot

- Project Purpose
- Timeline
- Cost
- How to get involved?



Safe Routes to School Demonstration Projects

What are Demonstration Projects?

Demonstration projects are short-term, low-cost, temporary engineering projects used to pilot potential long-term design solutions that improve walking, bicycling, and public spaces. The project described here will use demonstration projects to test solutions to improve conditions for walking and bicycling to school. MnDOT will work with two to three communities in spring 2018. This "pilot" will help inform a fall 2018 round of projects. Projects will be identified, planned, and installed through a collaborative design process to ensure that they reflect the unique needs and opportunities of each participating community. They can be on any roadway, ideally located near a school, particularly one with a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plan. Projects may include bicycle lanes, crosswalks, curb extensions, median refuge islands, and more. Projects may also be located on a school campus (e.g. walking or bicycling connections across parking lots, etc.).

Temporary Project Installation: Projects will be designed to last from one day to one week to test walking and bicycling safety improvements.

Location + Timing: One intersection and/or one full block length and/or campus location in each participating community. Communities are encouraged to install projects on prioritized routes, crossings, or streets cited in local SRTS plans.

Cost + Materials: Planning and design services and pilot materials are paid for through the MnDOT Safe Routes to School program.

How It Works

MnDOT invites you to fill out an online form to indicate your interest in a project this spring or fall. The round of spring projects will act as a chance to test and hone one demonstration project material kit. The traveling material kit will then be used again in the fall at different sites. Fill out the form in the following link and we will contact you regarding project options:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MnDOTdemonstrationProject>



What are the Benefits?

- **Build a link between the Safe Routes to School planning process and construction projects that help students stay safe.** This opportunity allows communities to test aspects of a project through iterative, incremental design and temporary engineering before making large financial or political investments.
- **Inspire action and build support** for project implementation. Sometimes, communities struggle to build projects after their SRTS plan is finalized. Demonstration projects are a way to continue engaging and informing the public to move an idea towards reality.
- **Widen public engagement** by inviting stakeholders to try out improvements for active transportation. Teach students, teachers, parents, and community members about the importance of safety improvements near schools.
- **Deepen understanding of active transportation needs** in your community and gather data from real world use of streets.
- **Encourage people to work together** in new ways, strengthening relationships between residents, local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies.

SPRING

MnDOT and a consultant team will work with two to three communities to design, install, and evaluate a demonstration project.

FALL

Utilizing lessons learned from the Spring 2018 round of projects, MnDOT and the consultant team will work with an additional three to four communities.

Interested in learning more? Contact:

Dave Cowan, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
MnDOT Office of Transit and Active Transportation
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MnDOT Demonstration Project Contact Form

Contact Information

OK

* 1. Community Name

* 2. Contact Name



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Safe Routes to School 2018 Planning Assistance Awards:

- St. Cloud School District 742 / St. Cloud Area Planning Organization
- Edison High School – Minneapolis Public Schools
- City of Foley
- Monticello Public School District #882
- Elk River: ISD 728
- Region Nine Development Commission: City of Waseca
- Region Nine Development Commission: St Clair School
- Headwaters Regional Development Commission: Mahnomon Public School District
- Southwest Regional Development Commission: Luverne Public Schools (ISD 2184)
- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission: Cloquet ISD #094
- Mid-Minnesota Regional Development Commission: Litchfield School District ISD #465
- Northwest Regional Development Commission: City of Fosston



Bike to School Day May 9th: Register!



Details at mnsaferoutestoschool.org



Bike to School Day Poster Contest Guidelines



Grade Levels

Kindergarten-8th grade



Materials

- 8.5" x 11" papers
- Markers, crayons, paint, pencils, or another media

How it Works

Districts, schools, teachers, parents and youth promote the Bike to School Day poster contest for kids in their respective local community and schools. Students can design a poster that shows how bicycling to school makes them feel and submit to the Bike to School Day Poster Contest Committee by **Wednesday May 2nd 2018**.

Winners will be decided upon and notified prior to Bike to School Day, May 9, 2018. You are encouraged to use the complementary sample lesson plans before facilitating poster contest participation in your classroom.

Rules for Poster Design

- Students must create a poster that represents how bicycling to school makes them feel.
- Posters must be created only by an individual child. (limit one poster submission per student)
- There are two grade categories for judging: grades K-4 and grades 5 - 8.
- Use an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper for poster design
- Students can use pencil, marker, crayon, paint or another media. (keep in mind that electronic submission is easiest, so macaroni art may be harder to submit)
- Complete school name, child name, and parent contact information (address, email and telephone number) in space provided at the bottom of this form.
- Entry forms must be submitted by the end of the day, May 2, 2018 via e-mail to saferoutes.dot@state.mn.us or via mail to:
 - Dave Cowan, Office of Transit
395 John Ireland Blvd.
Mail Stop 315
St. Paul, MN 55155



Bike to School Poster Contest



saferoutes.dot@state.mn.us
www.mnsaferoutestoschool.org



Judging Standards

The winning posters will be selected by the Bike to School Day Poster Contest Committee on an objective and non-discriminatory basis. Selection will be based on the poster's visual impact and originality. All posters submitted for the contest will become the property of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Minnesota Safe Routes to School.



Prizes

Quality Bicycle Products and Dero will provide prizes for the poster contest. First place winners will have their choice of a Dero bike rack, Dero public bike pump, and more.

Learn more: www.mn.gov

Bike Fleet Solicitation Update



Things to prep:

- A strong SRTS team
- Other SRTS activities
- Reach
- Ability and funds to store/maintain
- Leverage funding or in-kind match



CENTER FOR PREVENTION PODCAST



Explores themes related to health, health equity and community.

We hope to include community voices in our episodes, and are collecting stories for our March launch!

Please call in at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy.

www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a fall workshop, application deadline June 1, 2018
- Bike + Walk MN Conference April 29 – May 1, 2018
 - SRTS Track
- Walk! Bike! Fun! Announcement in the notes

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:

~~OCTOBER 4TH, 2017~~

~~FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018~~

MAY 9TH, 2018



THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH

April 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- MN SRTS Resource Center: Interactive Community
- Use of Demonstration Projects and SRTS

MONTH

May 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Enforcement: What is working in Minnesota

MONTH

June 21, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS: Supporting People with Disabilities (to be confirmed)

To join the Minnesota Safe Routes to School Network,
email center.communications@bluecrossmn.com



2018 MEETINGS

2018 Meeting Dates:

~~January 18~~

~~February 15~~

March 8 (revised from 15)

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18/25

November 15

December 20

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!



THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH

January 18, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- SRTS Large District Strategies
- Minneapolis Public Schools New SRTS Action Plan

MONTH

February 15, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- MN SRTS Evaluation Plan (NEW!)

MONTH

March 8, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

TOPIC

- Success with Bike Fleets (with Bike MN Call)

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