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# Promoting Sustainable Student Transportation Walk Massachusetts

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# Agenda

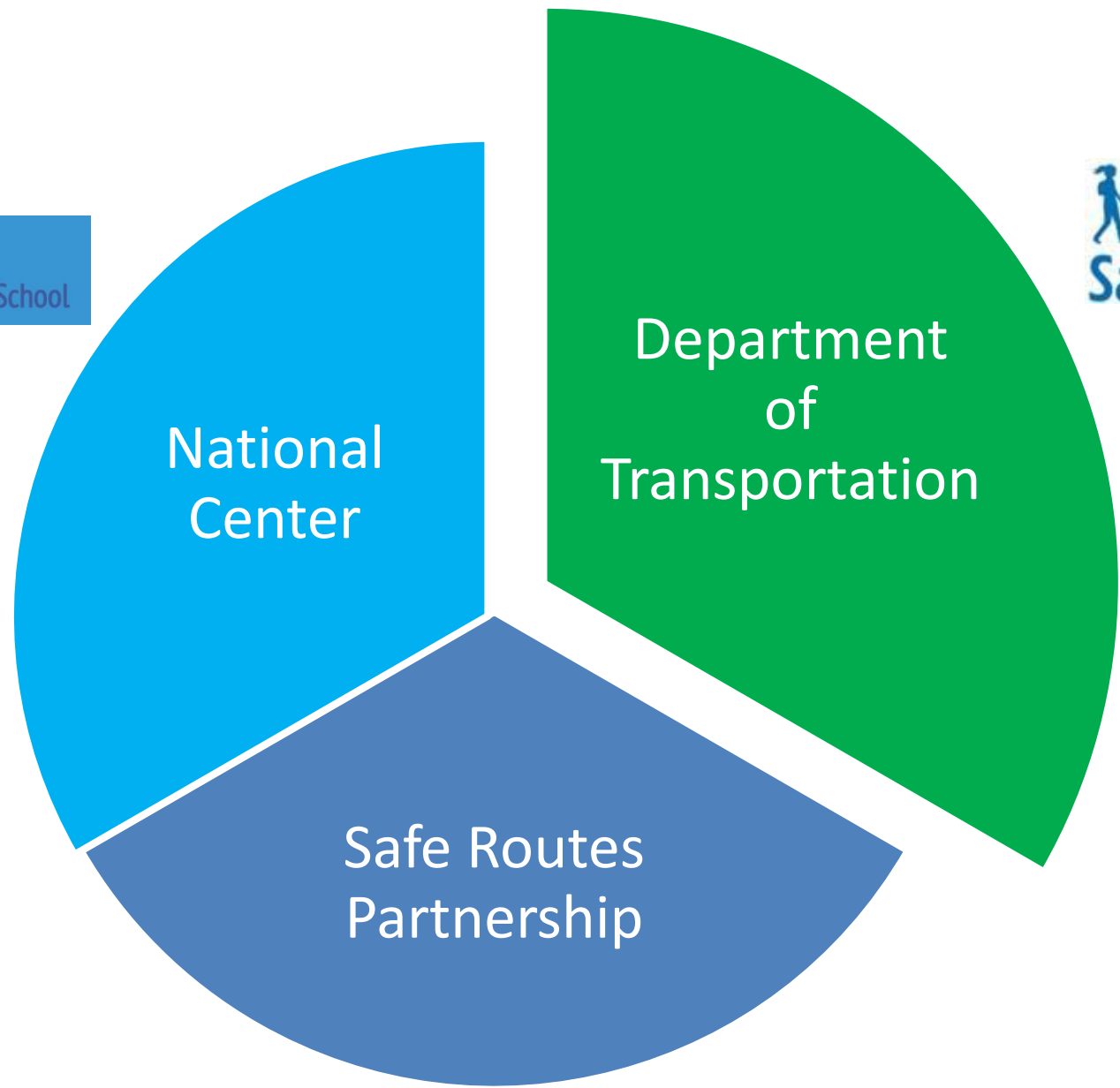
- **Welcome!**
- **Massachusetts Safe Routes to School**
- **Active Transportation**
- **FY23 Program Updates**

# Massachusetts Safe Routes to School

Partner Schools 1,100+

Alliance Partners 220+







# Safety First





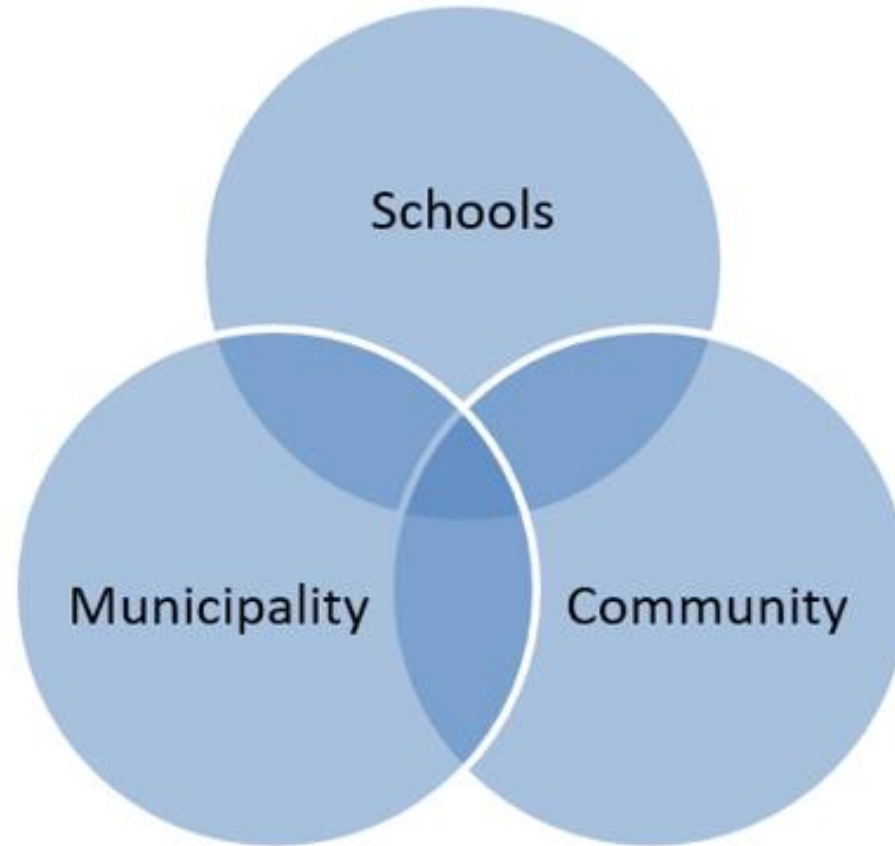
# Meeting Local Needs



- Physical Activity
- Safety & Independence
- Traffic Congestion
- Attendance and Tardiness
- Built Environment
- Redistricting
- New Construction
- Change in School Start Times



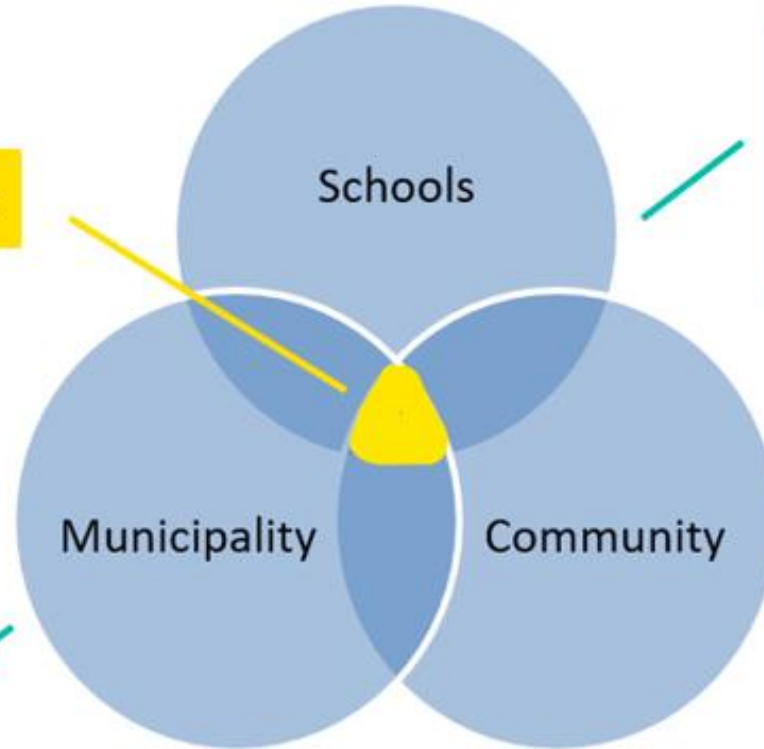
# Stakeholders



Who

# Lawrence Stakeholders

LPS-Safe Routes to School Task Force



**Families**  
Lawrence Public Schools  
Lawrence Public Charter Schools  
School Committee  
Wellness Committee

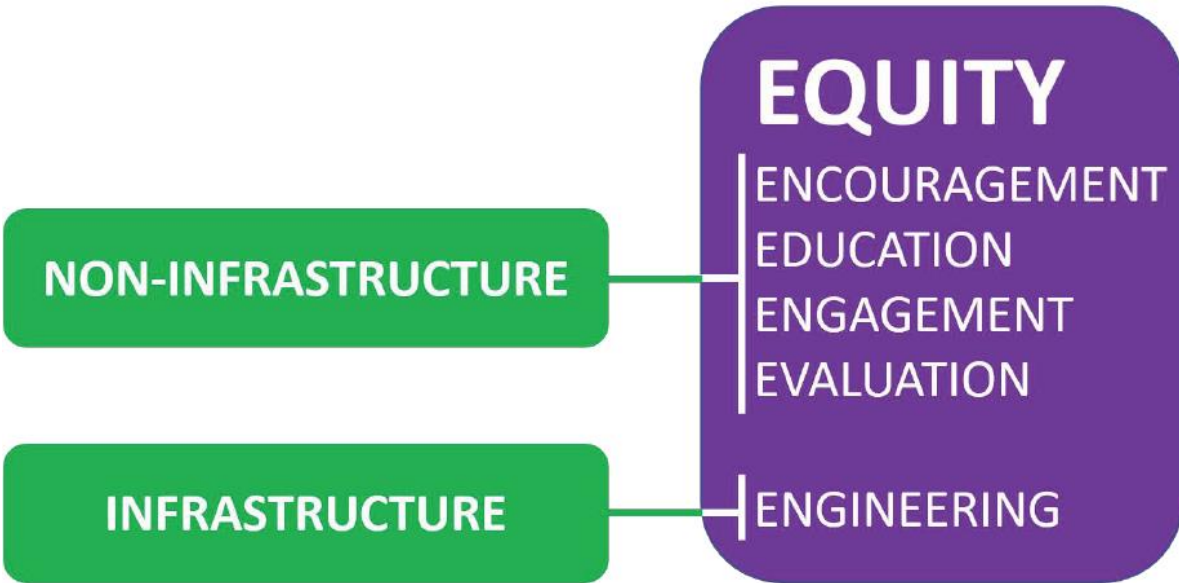
DPW  
Engineering  
Mayor Health Task Force  
Planning  
Police  
Recreation Dept

Boys & Girls Club  
Groundwork Lawrence  
Mass in Motion  
Neighborhood Associations  
YMCA



How

# The Six E's





# Active Transportation

## Student Benefits

- School Attendance
- Physical Activity
- Social Interaction
- Climate Change
- Family Traffic

# School Attendance: Absenteeism & Tardiness

**DESE Commissioner Riley**

October 2023

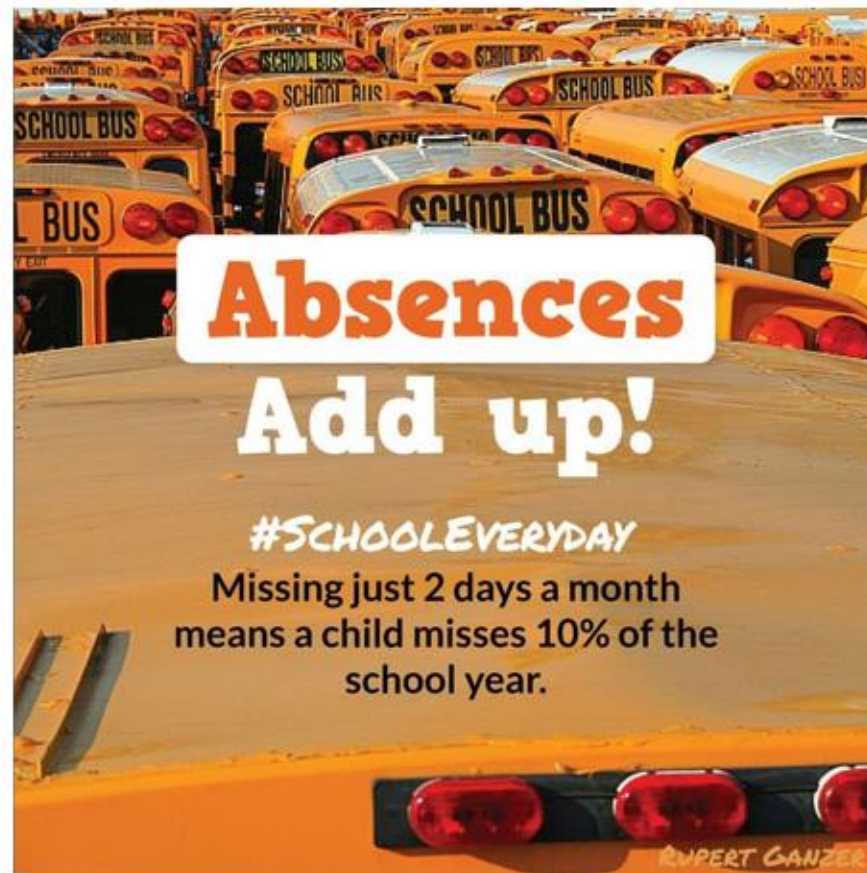
## MCAS achievement results for chronically absent students

ELA	2023 Average Scaled Score			2023 % Meeting or Exceeding		
	Not Chronically Absent	Chronically Absent	Difference	Not Chronically Absent	Chronically Absent	Difference
Grades 3-8	496	483	-13	46	25	-21
Grade 10	508	490	-18	65	37	-28

Math	2023 Average Scaled Score			2023 % Meeting or Exceeding		
	Not Chronically Absent	Chronically Absent	Difference	Not Chronically Absent	Chronically Absent	Difference
Grades 3-8	497	482	-15	45	20	-25
Grade 10	504	487	-17	57	23	-24

- *Chronic absenteeism rate grew by 72% between 2019-2023*
- *Affects almost 3/4 of MA schools*
- *Rate in elementary schools was more than double what it was pre-pandemic*
- *MA rate of chronic absenteeism 22%*

# School Attendance: Absenteeism & Tardiness



# School Attendance: Encouragement & Evaluation


Chilly weather is here!

## Dress for the weather, not the season!

Temperatures are projected to drop on Friday, 9/23. Remember to dress in layers!



### Greylock Walking School Bus (WSB) Route 1



**1: Greylock School Park and Walk Old Price Chopper**  
Park at old Price Chopper lot. Arrive by 7:55am. Walking School Bus (WSB) departs at 8:00am. There will be a WSB on both sides of Rt. 2

**2: Stop 2** - Arrive by 7:58am. WSB Departs at 8:02am.

**3: Stop 3** - Demond Ave. Arrive by 7:58am. WSB leaves at 8:02am.

**4: Stop 4** - Grant St. Arrive by 8:00am. WSB departs at 8:05am.

**5: Stop 5** - Arrive by 8:03am. WSB departs at 8:07am.

**6: Stop 6** - Arrive at 8:03am. WSB leaves at 8:07am.

**7: Stop 7** - Arrive by 8:05am. WSB leaves at 8:11am.

**8: Stop 8** - Arrive at 8:07am. WSB leaves at 8:12am.

**9: Stop 9** - Protection Ave. Arrive by 8:09am. WSB leaves at 8:13am. WSB on East side of Route 2 will be crossed by police officer at crosswalk on Route 2. Continue walking on West side of Route 2.

**10: Stop 10**  
Arrive by 8:15. Students from AT foot bridge and houses near by can be crossed at this crosswalk to join WSB. WSB leaves at 8:15.

**11: Greylock School**  
Meet other WSBs and head into cafeteria for breakfast and coffee for volunteers.

 **North Adams Public Schools**  
September 20 · 🌐

Walk to School Day will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, September 21st. Walk-to-school maps, including park and walk sites are available via the link below.

For Colegrove Park Elementary School/Church Street participants: parking is unavailable at MCLA. For those that need parking, a small shuttle will depart from the Colegrove parking lot at 7:40.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

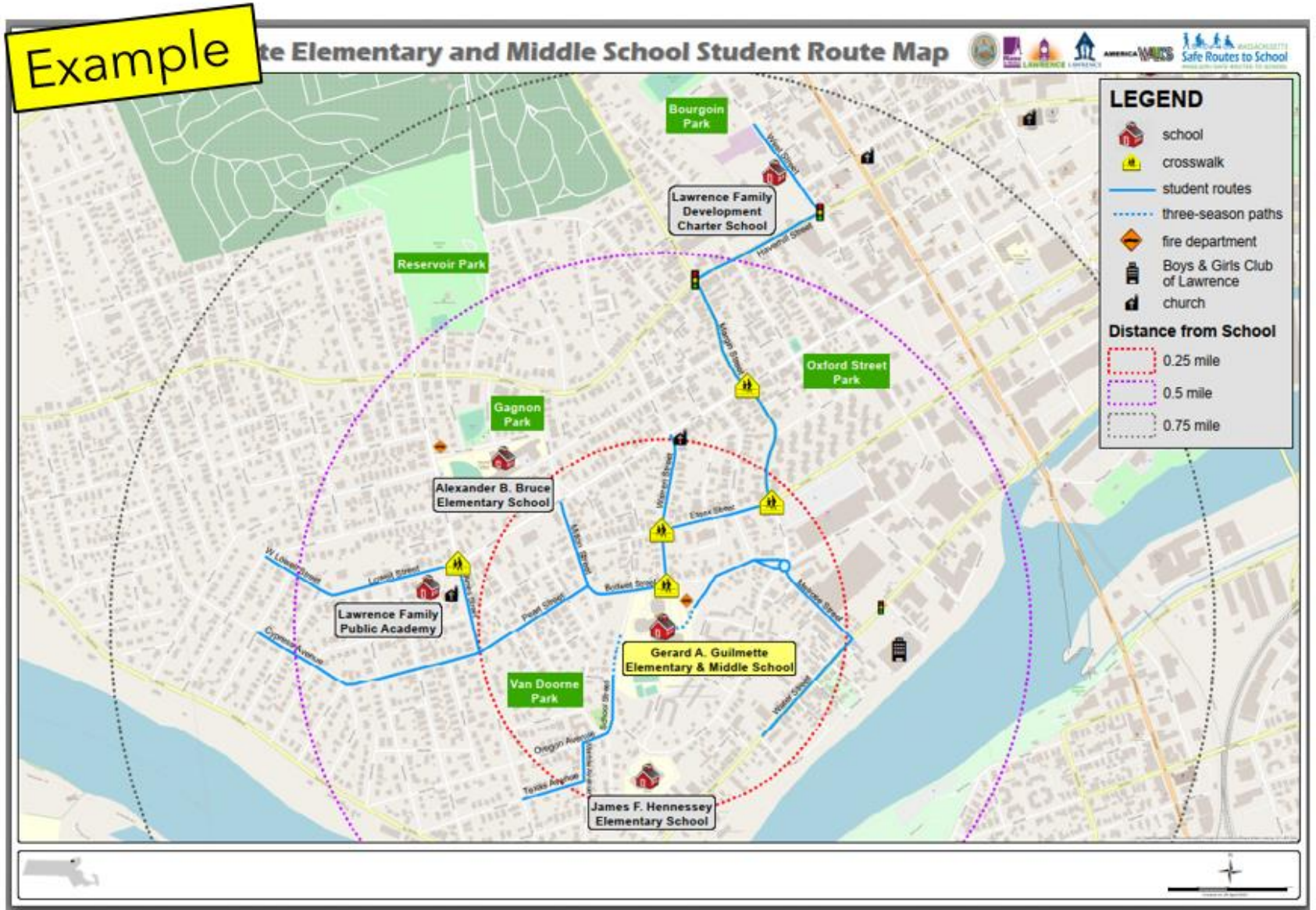


# Evaluation

## Student Route Maps

**94%**

Lawrence ES & MS students live within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of school





# Physical Activity

## CDC Healthy Schools

### Adopt Policies and Practices to Increase Student Physical Activity During the School Day

Schools can use a Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) to increase student physical activity before, during, and after school. ✓

School-level PA policies, physical education (PE), and recess all offer opportunities for increasing PA during the school day.

- Provide classroom PA breaks
- Integrate PA into lesson plans
- Use active commuting options (such as Safe Routes to School and walking school buses) ✓
- Implement a school-wide PA strategies, such as:
  - a district-mandated 20-minute PA policy
  - a school-wide structured walking program
  - a district-level fitness assessment policy
  - an Active School Day policy
- Use a pre-packaged PE curriculum ✓

**31.1% public school students are overweight or obese**

*MA DPH, Results from the Body Mass Index Screening in Massachusetts Public School Districts, 2014*

[Collection of Evidence-Based Strategies for School Nutrition and Physical Activity | Healthy Schools | CDC](#)

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/the-status-of-childhood-weight-in-massachusetts-2014-0/download#:~:text=school%20year%20on%20243%2C240%20students,were%20either%20overwei ght%20or%20obese.>

# Physical Activity

## Facts:

- ✓ CDC recommends 60 minutes Physical Activity/day
- ✓ On average, a 3rd grader can walk  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in 10 minutes
- ✓ On average, walking one block = one minute

*If that student walked to/from school, then 2 (10 minutes) = 20 minutes/day*

**OR**

*1/3<sup>rd</sup> of that student's recommended Physical Activity*



# Social Interaction



# Walking School Buses & Bike Trains



# Flagship Days

- **October** – International Walk & Roll Day
- **February** – Winter Walk & Roll Day
- **May** – Massachusetts Walk & Roll Day



# Climate Change

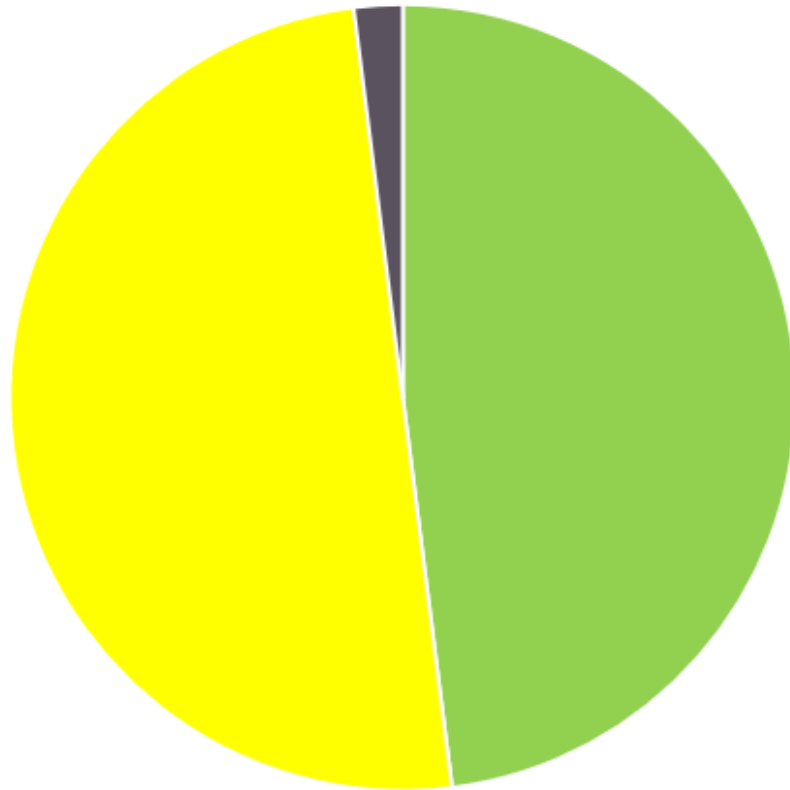


# Family Traffic



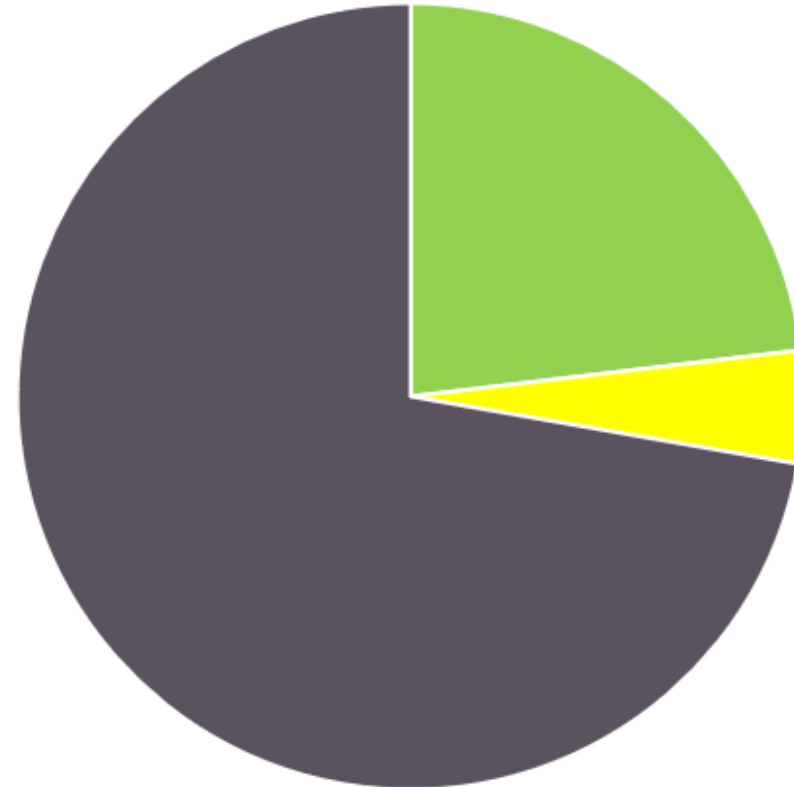
# Student Transportation Today

1969



■ Walk/Bike ■ Bus ■ Vehicle ■

2019



■ Walk/Bike ■ Bus ■ Vehicles ■

# What happened?

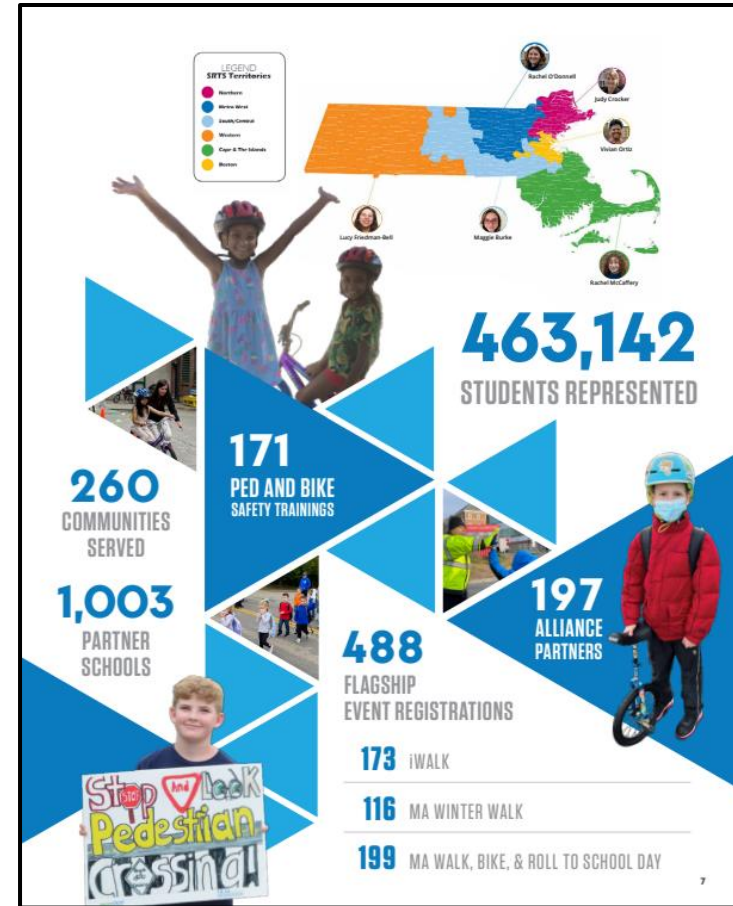
- Perceived convenience with 2+ cars in most driveways
- Parent queuing on public roadways
- Most school properties designed for walkers not drivers and less staff
- Parents fees for most “extras” including school buses
- New England has the highest US childhood asthma rate
- Everything climate change and carbon footprint
- New England Weather
- Chromebooks



# MA Safe Routes to School Updates



# Annual Report



# Dashboards

**Safe Routes To School Dashboard**

Home Page Results

**CITY/TOWN**  
Select or Search for a City

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Select or Search for a School District

**SCHOOL**  
Select or Search for a School Name

**SRTS COORDINATOR**  
Select or Search for a Coordinator

Results >

To view activities for selected school(s)  
[Click here >](#)

Selected features: 0

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**MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION DASHBOARD**

PLEASE SELECT A TOWN AND DASHBOARD CATEGORY

BOYLSTON

DASHBOARD

- ROADWAYS
- INVESTMENT
- BRIDGES
- SAFETY
- MULTIMODAL
- DEMOGRAPHICS

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# Accommodating Five Travel Modes in every School Zone



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# Updated Parent Travel Survey

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MASS.GOV/SAFE-ROUTES-TO-SCHOOL

English ▾


### Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Family Travel Survey


To improve safety for students walking, biking, and rolling in your community, your school would like to better understand your student transportation choices. This is a two-minute survey that asks how students arrive and depart school. All responses are confidential and voluntary.

Please select your school district ▾ Please select your school ▾

#### Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Family Travel Survey

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program partners with K-12 public schools throughout the Commonwealth to help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution near schools while working to improve student health, safety, and physical activity. Evaluating trends in how students and their families travel to and from school is a key component to understanding today's student transportation needs and developing sustainable and equitable solutions.



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# Railroad Safety Tip Sheet

**Safety On and Around Railroad Crossings**

## SEE TRAIN TRACKS AHEAD? KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Did you know a child dies every five days from being struck by a train? Teens ages 15 to 19 are at greatest risk of injury or death (safekids.org). These collisions are preventable. Use these guidelines to keep yourself and others safe when driving, walking, biking, or rolling near rail crossings.

**Do**

- When walking, biking, rolling, or driving, only cross train tracks at designated crossings.
- If lights are flashing or the gate is down at a railroad crossing, wait for the train to pass completely. Cross the tracks only after the gates lift and the lights stop flashing.
- Only cross if you have enough space for your vehicle to clear the entire railroad crossing, not just the tracks.
- When approaching a crossing, remember school buses stop at all railroad crossings and vehicles should remain at least 100 feet behind a school bus.

**Don't**

- Don't cross railroad tracks while distracted by a cell phone, headphones, or other items that may take your attention. Instead, put distractions aside, remove headphones, and look both ways before crossing.
- Don't walk, ride your bike, scooter or skateboard on or alongside train tracks. It might be a shortcut, but it is dangerous and illegal.\*
- Never stop your car on the tracks. Not only is it extremely dangerous, but it is also illegal.



**KNOW THE RULES.**  
Obey the law and follow the rules when walking, biking, rolling, or driving near or across railroad tracks for everyone's safety.

\*SECTION 21E of Massachusetts law states that: Those found standing, walking or riding, while an railroad property shall be fined \$100 or shall be required to perform a total of 30 hours of community service.

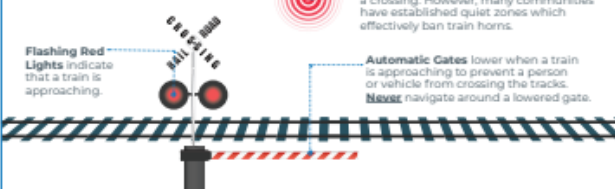
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## WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS?

Rail crossings have warning signs and control devices to alert drivers and pedestrians to trains. Like stop signs or traffic signals, they tell you when to stop or proceed.

**ACTIVE CROSSINGS** Active crossings have warning systems that alert you when a train is approaching.



**Flashing Red Lights** indicate that a train is approaching.

**Horns and Whistles** typically sound at least 15 seconds before a train approaches a crossing. However, many communities have established quiet zones which effectively ban train horns.

**Automatic Gates** lower when a train is approaching to prevent a person or vehicle from crossing the tracks. **Never** navigate around a lowered gate.


**PASSIVE CROSSINGS** Passive crossings do not alert you when a train is approaching. Instead, they have railroad crossing signs that warn you to check for an oncoming train.

Before deciding to stop or proceed at this type of crossing, people or vehicles should:

- 1 Recognize the crossing
- 2 Listen out for approaching trains and rail activity
- 3 Look in both directions for oncoming trains

**Advanced Warning Signs** alert drivers of railroad tracks ahead.

**Crossbuck Signs** are advanced warnings that indicate nearby rail crossings.



**BE ALERT AND USE CAUTION AT CROSSINGS**

- Always act as though a train could be coming at any second, even if a train has just passed.
- If you notice any person or object on the tracks, call 911 or the number listed at the crossing to report it.
- Take extra caution when crossing tracks on a bike, wheelchair, or with a stroller. Avoid rolling or riding across the tracks if possible.

For more walking, biking, rolling, and driver safety tips and to learn more about the MassDOT Safe Routes to School Program, visit: [www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school](http://www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school)

Available in 10 Languages

# High School Activities & Resources



**Volunteer to do good in your community.** We're seeking our first class of Massachusetts Safe Routes to Schools Ambassadors.

Our school has partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and its Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program to give students a chance to have real impact in our community. With your pledge to become a SRTS Ambassador, you will help younger students and their families access safe, healthy, and equitable transportation options. Doing your part is worthwhile.

<p><b>Get Expert Safe Travel Training</b></p> <p>With help from SRTS experts, student ambassadors will complete training modules and educational activities to learn the ins and outs of walking, biking, and rolling safety.</p>	<p><b>Add Real-World Field Experience to Your Resume</b></p> <p>In addition to training, you'll get hands-on experience applying transportation planning and safety principles. It's a head start on practical, real-world experience that can be added to your resume.</p>	<p><b>Earn Community Service Hours</b></p> <p>This program is an opportunity to do good. Participating students can earn hours certified by MassDOT's SRTS program to meet graduation and college requirements.</p>
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**Pledge to become part of our first class of SRTS Ambassadors.**

1. Scan the QR code to learn about the program.



2. See our school's SRTS Liasion to sign up:

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Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Ambassador Program  
mass.gov/SRTS-Ambassadors

in partnership with  
**massDOT** Safe Routes to School

## Ideas for Car-Free Campus Day Activities

This is a cause for celebration! Give students and the school's faculty & staff extra ways to do some good in their community on Car-Free Campus Day.



 <p>Turn Empty Parking Spots into Temporary Art or Parklets</p>	 <p>Host a Bike Tune-Up Station for Free Maintenance</p>
 <p>Coordinate a Cleanup On and Around School Grounds to Remove Litter and Trim Overgrown Vegetation</p>	 <p>Invite Safe Routes to School, a Local Bike/Pedestrian Group, or a Bike Shop to Provide Lessons &amp; Expert Tips</p>
 <p>Raise Funds for an Environmental or Civic Non-Profit</p>	 <p>Start a Walking or Biking Club</p>
 <p>Plant a Community Garden for Your School</p>	 <p>Host a "NO IDLING" Campaign and Partner with the Massachusetts DEP Green Team for Signs</p>

Safe Routes to School is a program offered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to increase safe walking, biking, and rolling among students. Learn more: [www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school](http://www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school)

**massDOT** Safe Routes to School

- High School Ambassador
- Car-free Day Activities
- High School Video Contest

# High School Video Contest



Can't Stop Motion – 2022 Millis High School  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Aq0gHgySGU>



Signs Are Your Friend - 2022 Newton North High School  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5uIJOo7p5k>

# Educational & Volunteer Opportunities



# High School Ambassador Program

## Organize/Participate in a Bike Rodeo

- Gather Stakeholders
- Run a table
- Help with bike maintenance

## Advocate for more bike parking or improved infrastructure

## Encourage Age-Friendly participation in safe walking /biking



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Safe Routes to School  
Ambassador Program

### SRTS Ambassador Program – Certificate Tasks

Task	Points	Time
Participate Train the Trainer Event	Pre-Req	= 45 minutes
<a href="#">Watch the Bike Safety Assembly video</a>	Pre-Req	= 45 minutes
<a href="#">Read On-Bike Curriculum Overview</a>		
<a href="#">Read Pedestrian Safety Education Materials</a>	Pre-Req	= 20 minutes
<a href="#">Read the Bike Rodeo Guide</a>	Pre-Req	= 30 minutes
Conduct a Bike Rodeo at an Elementary or Middle School	4	= 60 minutes
Conduct a Bike Safety Assembly at an Elementary or Middle School	4	= 60 minutes
Conduct a Pedestrian Safety session at an Elementary School	3	= 45 minutes
<a href="#">Organize a walk and/or bike event at school</a> (Events include bike trains, walking school bus, and special walking/biking/rolling days)	3	Varies
Create a short safety video for pedestrians or cyclists (Inspire students to walk or bike and provide tips on how to be safe using active transportation. Content could be a music video, short story, animation, or any other type of video.)	3	Varies
Assist in snow clearance nearby schools for safe routes	3	Varies
<a href="#">Participate in SRTS walk/bike audits</a> and/or arrival/dismissal observations	3	Varies
Write an article in the school newsletter on the benefits of walking and/or biking	3	Varies
Encourage your High School to participate in the <a href="#">three SRTS flagship days</a>	2 each	Varies
<a href="#">Other SRTS-focused activities approved by SRTS and the School</a> (Click the link for more activity ideas on the SRTS website)	Varies	Varies
<b>Total required</b>	<b>15</b>	

#### Get Involved & Take the Pledge

If you are a high school student enrolled at a participating high school and are interested in becoming an ambassador, contact your school's SRTS Liaison to submit your pledge.

#### Sign Up Your School for 2023-2024

Are you interested in offering this opportunity to your high school students? Let us know by [contacting your Outreach Coordinator](#).

## Form/Expand a School Club

- Bike/Ped
- Vision Zero
- Sustainability

## Start a Bike Corral

- Farmer's Market
- Local events
- Library
- Park
- School

## Conduct Helmet Checks

- Local events

## Participate in Car-Free Activities

# DESE-Accredited Professional Development

## MASSACHUSETTS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

EDUCATION ••• ENCOURAGEMENT ••• ENGAGEMENT ••• EVALUATION ••• ENGINEERING ••• EQUITY

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is excited to offer four Professional Development (PD) modules approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Our PD Program focuses on encouraging students to take active and safe commutes to and from school and is categorized as Health & Wellness.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE**  
Teachers, Teacher Leaders, Principals, Assistant Principals, Curriculum Directors, Nurses, Coaches, Paraprofessionals, School Administrators, Advocates, and Community Partners.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**  
The PD courses are a combination of online, self-paced classes and in-person instruction provided by an SRTS team member. Certificates of Completion are provided for each module, with a Professional Development Provider Certificate once ten hours are completed. Each module includes assessments and an evaluation.

**HOW TO ACCESS**

- Visit [https://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/forms/srts\\_request/](https://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/forms/srts_request/) and check the box "Request an SRTS Professional Development session for our educators"
- OR contact your [Outreach Coordinator](#) to get started
- DESE PDP Provider Number: **S20210014**

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**COURSE OFFERINGS**

<p><b>MODULE 1: Understanding Safe Routes to School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 hours of self-paced, online learning</li><li>• Read and review SRTS materials such as "Equity Strategies for Schools," "Walking School Bus and Bike Train Guide," "Crossing Guard Training," and more</li><li>• Read and review bike and pedestrian safety education materials, including "On-Bike Curriculum Designed for Teachers and Instructors," "Bike Rodeo Guide," and more</li></ul>	<p><b>MODULE 3: Observation of Bike and Pedestrian Safety Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 hours of in-person learning</li><li>• Observe bike and pedestrian safety sessions conducted by an SRTS Outreach Coordinator</li><li>• Conduct a live bike and pedestrian safety session</li></ul>
<p><b>MODULE 2: SRTS Bike Safety and Pedestrian Safety Principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 hours of in-person instruction</li><li>• Skills-based and non-skills-based learning for teaching pedestrian and bike safety to a variety of age groups</li></ul>	<p><b>MODULE 4: Optional Learning and Program Implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 hours of online and in-person learning</li><li>• Designed for staff not directly involved with bike and pedestrian safety sessions</li><li>• Review materials and explore options for implementing SRTS programming at your school</li></ul>

January 2023

- **Equity & Sustainability**
- **10 hour or segmented program**
- **DESE PDP Provider S20210014**
- **Self-paced, online, and in-person modules**
- **December 6<sup>th</sup> Informational Session:**

<https://www.mass.gov/event/safe-routes-to-school-professional-development-information-session-2023-12-06t120000-0500-2023-12-06t130000-0500>

# Pedestrian Safety

## DESE-approved Pedestrian Safety Curriculum

- Skills-based, classroom curriculum
- Lessons consist of sidewalk, crosswalk, and parking lot safety
- Held outdoors on school property





# Bicycle Safety

## Bicycle Safety Curriculum

- Non-skills based and skills-based curriculum
- Lessons consist of personal safety, bike safety, and rules of the road



# Safe Routes to School Case Studies

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## Walking School Bus

CASE STUDY

Fall River

EDUCATION ENCOURAGEMENT ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION ENGINEERING EQUITY URBAN RURAL SUBURBAN

### Background

MassDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program helps School Partners establish Walking School Buses and provides support to sustain these fun, active commutes for students. We create maps to plan the best routes based on student origin/destination and offer tips on structure, safety, staffing, and supervision. Check out our [Walking School Bus and Bike Trip Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to set up a Walking School Bus!

### Overview

Mary Fonseca Elementary School is located in an urban setting, where about 73% of students live within a one-mile walking radius. A partner school since 2011, Fonseca Elementary launched its staff-led Walking School Bus (WSB) in 2016. The WSB was aided by a School Wellness Coordinator from the community and followed in the footsteps of other schools in the district, including the Letourneau and Doran Elementary Schools.

### The Story

- ✓ Every day, staff members clad in safety vests pick up students along a designated walking route
- ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic and the switch to remote learning led to a pause in the WSB, but they re-launched in the spring of 2022
- ✓ The staff-led nature of this WSB and its district's administrative support ensures this program's sustainability
- ✓ As students and their families age out of elementary school, incoming students can experience the benefits of safe, active transportation with the help of the dedicated staff

### Impacts

- Students and staff have the opportunity to socialize with their peers
- Students gain personal independence and a chance to be physically active before the start of the school day
- A safe, supervised commute reduces absenteeism for students whose families cannot walk with them to school

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Learn more at [mass.gov/dot/safe-routes-to-school](https://mass.gov/dot/safe-routes-to-school)

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## Bike Rodeo

CASE STUDY

Canton

EDUCATION ENCOURAGEMENT ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION ENGINEERING EQUITY URBAN RURAL SUBURBAN

### Background

MassDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program offers bike rodeos designed to fit the specific needs of a school or community. We provide support throughout the rodeo planning process, instructors to teach students rules of the road and safe cycling skills, and our Bike Rodeo Kit with cones, cardboard road signs, and spray chalk to create an interactive loop course.

### Overview

The Canton Farmers Market hosted a summer Bike Rodeo, building on two years of bike safety days at the market. They partnered with bike-centric groups and community partners, including Canton's Walk, Bike, Hike Committee, the Canton Police Department, the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association, the Cub Scouts, and the Canton Public Library. SRTS coordinated the education portion with partner MassBike. The Canton Farmers Market and community partners promoted the event and encouraged pre-registration.

### Lessons Learned

- ✓ Attendance for this summer event was a challenge because students did not have access to their school's communication network
- ✓ Some attendees were too young to grasp the biking skills being taught, so age groups or specific timed sessions could aid instruction
- ✓ Balance the number of volunteers with the number of registrations
- ✓ Establish roles and expectations with volunteers to best engage their skills and experience for the benefit of students

### Impacts

- Assembling this group of bike-friendly stakeholders set the foundation for future Bike Rodeos
- Bike/Pedestrian volunteers built a stronger community for active transportation advocacy

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Learn more at [mass.gov/dot/safe-routes-to-school](https://mass.gov/dot/safe-routes-to-school)

# Yard Sign Contest

## 2023 - Slow Down in School Zones



# 2023 Annual Safe Routes to School Award Ceremony



# MA SRTS Listserv

[https://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/forms/srts\\_request/](https://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/forms/srts_request/)



# Upcoming SRTS Events

## Annual Yard Sign Contest

January 8 – February 23

2023 Winning Designs



## MA SRTS Webinars

August 23 & 24

December 6

January 24

April 23



## Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

March 1-20



# Infrastructure Project Funding Programs

- **Signs and Lines Grants**
  - \$10K reimbursement to the municipality and approximately \$4K additional benefits in assessment and AECOM design services
  - New signage, removal of signage, crosswalk improvements, pavement markings
  - **FY24 awardees: Barnstable, Haverhill, Marblehead, New Bedford, Worcester**
- **Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants**
  - \$300K to \$2 million projects
  - Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, crossing improvements, on- and off-street bicycle & pedestrian facilities, traffic diversion
  - **FY24 awardees: TBA**

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