Safe Routes to School
Agenda

• What is Safe Routes to School?

• Santa Cruz County SRTS Plan

• What is a Walking School Bus?

• How to get one started?

What is Safe Routes to School?

• SRTS is a movement aiming to create safe opportunities for students to walk or bike to school

• SRTS incorporates the six E’s: Engagement, Equity, Engineering, Encouragement, Education, and Evaluation

• This program can have numerous benefits like reductions in traffic violence, reduced student absences, healthier students, and less traffic congestion

Why is SRTS important?

• Students who use active transportation are healthier!

• Traffic around schools will be reduced to keep children safer and improve air quality

• Increasing active transportation to school will reduce carbon emissions!

• Reduce serious injuries and traffic fatalities for our children
What has been done in SCC?

The County of Santa Cruz, Ecology Action, the City of Scotts Valley, and various School Districts worked on completing a Safe Routes to School Plan.

The developed plan is available online and provides recommendations to improve safety for schools throughout unincorporated SC County and Scotts Valley.
Del Mar Elementary

• 79.2% of students reside within 1 mile of the school

• Only 14% of students utilize active transportation

• Between 2006-2015, 18 pedestrian collisions and 48 bicycle collisions occurred within one half mile of the school.
Live Oak Elementary School

• 73.1% of students reside within 1-mile of the school

• Only 26% of students utilize active transportation

• Between 2006-2015, 11 pedestrian collisions and 37 bicycle collisions occurred within one half mile of the school.
• 66.5% of students reside within 1-mile of the school

• 37% of students utilize active transportation

• Between 2006-2015, 16 pedestrian collisions and 43 bicycle collisions occurred within one half mile of the school.
How can we encourage active transportation to schools?

• Consider beginning a local “Walking School Bus”

• Work with local organizations or organize with local parents to begin walking together with children to school

• Walking with a group can feel safer and improve visibility with vehicles to encourage them to drive cautiously
How do you start a walking school bus?

• Gather a group of friends and neighbors with children in the same school

• Create a structured program with an organization or the school

• Downtown Boys & Girls Club has Walking School Buses for various schools in the Seabright area
THANK YOU!

• If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the following contacts:

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