

Greetings from the California SRTS Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC)! This monthly email provides a summary of news, research, and training opportunities to support your Safe Routes to School work here in California. For more information on the items below, and to find out when your next regional network teleconference call is, check out our website at www.CAsaferoutestoschool.org.

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Walk to School Day Survey from the National Center for Safe Routes to School

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is working to create a website to help SRTS program leaders, Walk to School Day organizers and others plan walking and bicycling to school events.

We appreciate your time in completing this survey to help us create the most useful resource. The questions that follow will take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete. The survey can be found here: <http://srts2011.questionpro.com>

Register for TARC's Walk to School Planning Webinar on September 8th

The California SRTS Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC) invites you to participate in a webinar which will highlight key resources from the California Walk to School Headquarters website, www.cawalktoschool.com, to assist with Walk to School event planning. We will also review responses to frequently asked questions to aid in last minute event planning.

Participants are encouraged to send in questions regarding planning a Walk to School event in advance of the webinar. Please email us at sarah.underwood@cdph.ca.gov. For more information and to register: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/515972942>

NEW California SRTS Logo available for local programs

Visit TARC's website, www.CAsaferoutestoschool.org/get-assistance/tools/, to download a free California SRTS logo that can be tailored for your local program.

Join us at the Sacramento Safe Routes 5 E's Conference - Friday, October 21st

Registration for the 2011 Sacramento Safe Routes 5 E's Conference is open and online!

Presented by WALKSacramento and the Sacramento County Department of Transportation, this year's theme is "How to get your Safe Routes to School project funded." In the afternoon you will have a hands-on opportunity to look at real SRTS grant applications and discuss why they were successful. Open to people from throughout California, the conference is free to attend!

For more information and to register: <http://sacramentosaferroutes2011.eventbrite.com/>

Caltrans makes it easy to find Forms with a newly designed webpage

The Forms Webpage for the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Exhibits has been re-formatted for efficiency and is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/forms/lapmforms.htm>

Questions or comments regarding this change should be directed to Samantha Perkins at:

samantha.perkins@dot.ca.gov.

Exciting new Traffic Control Devices granted interim approval by FHWA

Interim Approvals for the use of Colored Bike Lane and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons have been granted by FHWA per Caltrans' request. Read more at FHWA's site: http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/res-interim_approvals.htm.

Bike Sharing Program Found To Save Lives

The British Medical Journal published a study that found that public bicycle sharing initiatives such as Biking in Barcelona have greater benefits than risks to health and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Read more at:

<http://www.bmj.com/content/343/bmj.d4521.full>

Speed Limit Near San Francisco Schools Slowing To 15 MPH

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee recently announced that the speed limit near the city's more than 200 schools will slow to 15 mph. Read more at: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/08/19/BA5B1KP9A4.DTL>

Webinar: Reaching Out to Students Who Live Too Far to Walk or Bike: Including Bus Riders and Improving Bus Stop Safety – August 30th

This webinar is part of the Safe Routes to School Coaching Action Network Webinar Series, developed by America Walks and the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

School children travel to and from school by a variety of modes including school buses, private vehicles, carpools, public and private transportation providers, bicycles and on foot. While Safe Routes to School programs typically focus on increasing the numbers of children who walk and bike and on reducing private vehicle trips, finding ways to involve children who travel by other modes and improve transportation safety for all children can help broaden your program's reach and establish buy-in with schools. This webinar will examine how to involve bus riders and carpoolers in special walking events, the importance of sharing pedestrian safety messages with all students and how school transport officials and school administrators can implement policies that focus on safety as they designate school bus stops.

For more information and to register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/168782864>

Learn more about your California SRTS Regional Network

TARC's four Regional Networks provide an excellent opportunity to connect with, network, and learn from your peers. Each Regional Network holds regular conference calls and forums are open to all SRTS non-infrastructure programs in that region. Find out more about your Regional Network at <http://www.casaferoutestoschool.org/get-assistance/california-regional-srts-networks/>.

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