

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



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TARC NEWS

Cycle 3 Non-Infrastructure Projects Webinar Recording Now Online

Our November 16th webinar, intended for new Cycle 3 Non-Infrastructure (NI) project awardees and unauthorized Caltrans SRTS NI projects, is [now available on our website](#) for viewing. PowerPoint slides are also available for download. The webinar features Caltrans staff discussing next steps for new NI projects as well as highlighting significant changes to the NI project authorization process.

Start Preparing Now for the Upcoming State SR2S Call for Proposals!

Check out our [latest news article](#) to learn more about the upcoming State SR2S Call for Projects including how funding breaks down for infrastructure and non-infrastructure work, and what schools and communities can do now to prepare for applying for project funding.

TARC is looking for a few good Crossing Guard Programs!

Do you have a crossing guard program in your community or school? We want to hear about ways your community has created and sustained successful crossing guard programs at local schools. TARC will be highlighting examples from local communities in an upcoming webinar. Please e-mail Patti Horsley at patti.horsley@cdph.ca.gov if you think your program may be appropriate.

NEW RESOURCES

Do All Children Have Places to Be Active? Disparities in Access to Physical Activity Environments in Racial and Ethnic Minority and Lower-Income Communities

Published by Active Living Research, this research summarizes studies on racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in obesity and physical activity rates among children and adults. You can access the report on the [Active Living Research website](#).

National Center for SRTS Releases “Getting Results” Resources

The National Center for SRTS has developed a series of “Getting Results” resources to highlight the visible results gained by communities and to provide examples of how successful SRTS programs tracked their progress. For more information and to access these resources, please visit the [National Center for SRTS website](#).

How Children Get to School: School Travel Patterns from 1969 to 2009

This [report](#), prepared by the National Center for SRTS, describes how student school travel in the U.S. changed from 1969 through 2009. The report presents two measures of school travel: usual school travel mode as reported by parents (1969, 2009), and the school travel mode as reported by students on the day they completed a travel diary (1995, 2001 and 2009). Information presented in this report can be used as national benchmarks by communities, schools, and SRTS programs to better interpret their results.

WEBINARS

December 13 – Engaging Youth in Your SRTS Program

This webinar will discuss how students are increasingly serving as the impetus for SRTS programs and share examples of successful youth engagement projects among National Center for SRTS mini-grant recipients. The webinar is part of the SRTS Webinar Series, developed by America Walks and the National Center for SRTS. For more information and to register, please visit the [National Center for SRTS website](#).

December 15 – School Travel Planning for Staff: Incorporating Smart Commute into School Settings, Hamilton and Peel, Canada

Through the Stepping It Up project, 30 elementary schools in Hamilton and Peel, Ontario, are promoting greater use of active and sustainable transportation modes. A school travel planning approach is used to identify opportunities and implement programs to improve mobility options for students and school staff. Learn about the strategies with a focus on school staff, and hear what elementary school staff are saying about their commute to work based on the data and individual testimonials. Hear about how a local school district approved the introduction of a workplace commute program for staff into board offices and schools, and how the dynamic project plan is rolling out. Please contact scjones@telus.net to register and receive log-in information.

Six-Part SRAM Bicycling Webinar Series Available Online

The [SRTS National Partnership](#) hosted a six-part webinar series in 2011, made possible by the SRAM Cycling Fund, that focused on bicycling and SRTS. For more information and to access the webinar series, please visit the [SRTS National Partnership website](#). If you have any questions on the webinar series, please contact [Dave Cowan](#), program manager.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Everyone here at TARC would like to wish you a joyful holiday season, and to thank you for all you do to create Safe Routes to School in California!

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