

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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BREAKING NEWS

Congratulations SRTS Cycle 3 Project Awardees!

TARC would like to congratulate Cycle 3 Safe Routes to School project awardees! Of 332 project applications submitted, 139 projects worth \$66 million were funded. Find the new project lists on California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) website here:

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_list.htm.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans SR2S Call for Projects in December 2011

Caltrans is preparing for the next round of funding for the state-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program expected to be released in December 2011. The guidelines and application for the call for projects will be modified to incorporate requirements of AB 516, which include increased consideration for benefits to low-income schools and the use of a public participation process. More details are forthcoming from Caltrans. For more information on AB 516 you may refer to the official California Legislative Information website located at: www.leginfo.ca.gov.

You can also stay updated by subscribing to the Division of Local Assistance listserv by going to www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/sub.htm or check updates at the main SRTS/SR2S webpage at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm.

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.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Caltrans Posts New SRTS Implementation Procedure Documents

Caltrans has updated its SRTS website with new implementation procedure documents for the federal SRTS Non-infrastructure program, which include forms for invoice submittal and project close out. It is expected that there will be formal policy released in the near future that will cover the full invoice review and close-out requirements. Caltrans' Key Steps in the Federal-Aid Process document is also posted on the updated website, located at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_process.htm.

WEBINARS

TARC Posts Walk to School Planning Webinar Video

TARC is excited to share our enhanced webinar page! To view the Walk to School planning webinar from September 8th, please see visit [our website's webinar page](#). Other webinar recordings will be added soon, so please visit our website for updates.

November 29 - Keys to a Successful SRTS Program: Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers

This webinar will provide tips on where to find volunteers, how to recruit them and keep them motivated once they are on board, and how to successfully recruit non-English speaking parents. This webinar is part of the Safe Routes to School Webinar Series, developed by America Walks and the National Center for Safe Routes to School. For more information and to register: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/events-and-training/srts-webinars/recruiting-volunteers>

November 30 - Increasing Bicycling in Low-Income Communities

This webinar, hosted by the [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#), will address barriers to and strategies for increasing bicycling in low-income communities. For more information and to register: www.instantpresenter.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EA50DA83864C

WORKSHOPS

Local Government Commission Offering Safe Routes to Schools Workshops

The Local Government Commission, based in Sacramento, is part of the newly-formed Livability Solutions Coalition that recently received a grant from U.S. EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities to provide free technical assistance to communities seeking to implement sustainable and smart growth development and programs. A limited amount of technical assistance is available so apply now! For more information on technical assistance, providers, tools offered, and how to apply, please see the [Livability Solutions website](#) or email livabilitysolutions@pps.org.

December 8 - Pedestrian Safety Training Workshop in Rancho Cordova

The Healthy Transportation Network at the California Department of Public Health is sponsoring an interactive workshop aimed at providing the latest pedestrian design tools to practicing transportation, planning and design professionals, and community advocates. For more information and to register, please contact Shani Alford, Local Government Commission at salford@lgc.org.

NEW RESOURCES

Safe Routes to School National Partnership Announces Release of Local Policy Guide

The [Local Policy Guide](#) was published to help local communities and schools create, enact, and implement policies which will support active and healthy community environments that encourage safe walking and bicycling and physical activity by children through a Health in All Policies approach. It highlights strategies to advance policy change and covers more than 20 policy change examples including: regional transportation plans, Complete Streets, fine based mechanisms, school bonds, crossing guards, health impact assessments, joint-use agreements, speed limits, and more. For more information, please see www.saferoutespartnership.org/mediacenter/publications/LocalPolicyGuide.

Safe Routes to School National Partnership Issues New Resource Guide

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership has issued a new resource guide, [Getting Students Active through Safe Routes to School: Policies and Action Steps for Education Policymakers and Professionals](#). The guide provides a detailed examination of the most up-to-date and relevant research linking physical activity and academic achievement, and presents Safe Routes to School as a means of increasing students' physical activity levels.

Safe Routes to School National Partnership Releases New Safe Routes to School Policy Report

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership released a new report, [Safe Routes to School: Helping Communities Save Lives and Dollars](#), which demonstrates the long-term financial benefits of Safe Routes to School investments. The report shares new data about the wide-ranging benefits of the federal Safe Routes to School program, and illustrates them with local success stories. Also available is a new [fact sheet](#) with excerpts from the report you can download and use to help make the case for Safe Routes to School.

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