

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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Check out our [article](#) about Walk to School Month to learn more about customizable resources, the national movement, and how to register your event.

National Center for SRTS announces 25 Fall 2011 mini-grant recipients

The National Center for Safe Routes to School announced this week the selection of 25 recipients of \$1,000 mini-grants for projects designed to encourage safe walking and bicycling to school. The mini-grant activities, many of which are driven by student leadership, will occur during the fall semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

Congratulations to the four California schools that received a grant award:

- Animo Ralph Bunche High School in Los Angeles
- Rancho Cucamonga Middle School in Rancho Cucamonga
- Heron School in Sacramento
- Oak Ridge Elementary School and Pacific Elementary School in Sacramento

For more information about the National Center's mini-grant program, visit www.saferoutesinfo.org/funding-portal/mini-grants. Read on to learn more on applying for the next round of grants!

National Center for SRTS is now accepting applications for 25 mini-grants

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is now accepting applications for 25 mini-grants of \$1,000 each. Mini-grants may fund activities ranging from the nuts and bolts that help start or sustain a safe walking and bicycling program to new ideas that explore the range of benefits of safe walking and bicycling. For more information, please see www.saferoutesinfo.org/funding-portal/mini-grants/call-for-application. Applications are due Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Video: “Walking School Bus: A Community Solution”

Every Body Walk! is an online campaign aimed at getting Americans up and moving. Check out their [educational video](#) about walking school buses and their many benefits.

Caltrans’ reminder on Buy America requirements

Caltrans has posted an Oversight Information Notice (COIN) providing guidance on [Buy America requirements](#). This notice emphasizes the importance of meeting Buy America requirements on federal-aid transportation projects, which include SRTS Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure projects. Non-infrastructure projects seeking to purchase bike fleets should consider that they may be required to comply with Buy America provisions. Contact your Caltrans District staff with questions.

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