



California Safe Routes to School

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What is Safe Routes to School?

- National and international movement
- Goal is to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to and from school
- Today, fewer than 15% of schoolchildren walk or bicycle to school. As a result, kids today are less active, less independent, and less healthy.





What is Safe Routes to School?

- About mobility and independence, and physical activity
- Creating spaces, communities- where we can enjoy walking and biking with ease
- Walkable and Bikable Communities for all ages and abilities





It's about fun



Glendale



It's about Leadership



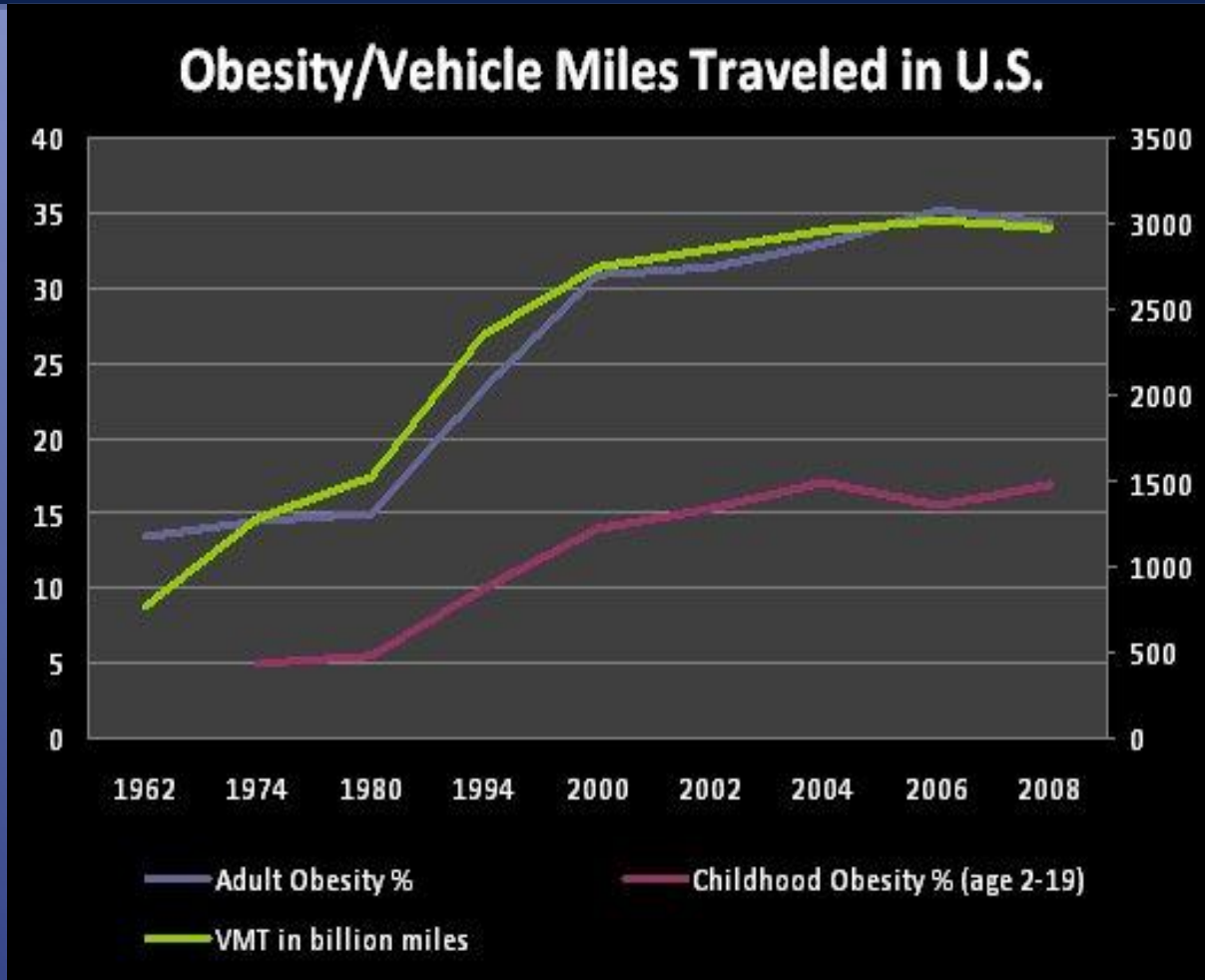


It's about co-benefits and my mom





Why do walkable and bikable Communities matter?



Sources: Centers for Disease Control – National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey/U.S. DOT – Federal Highway Administration, Annual Vehicle Distance Traveled in Miles and Related Data





The Big Picture

- Congress created the federal Safe Routes to School program in 2005 through the federal transportation bill
 - Each state receives a portion based on their population of grades K-8
- Each state has a SRTS coordinator who administers the program (Dawn Foster)
 - 70-90% of funds are for infrastructure
 - Remaining portion is for non-infrastructure (i.e. enforcement, encouragement, and education)





What resources are available?

Funding

- California has both state and federal SRTS funds – State funds started in 1999 through legislation
- 5 times the amount of funds requested in CA requested than awarded
 - Last call for applications – Cycle 9 in July 2010, received 500 applications
 - Regional Funds- MTC





My elevator pitch

- Get connected, share stories
- We can strengthen local, regional and statewide - and even National efforts by sharing our stories – best practices, resources, contacts and being inclusive – bringing more people to the table on this





An Inclusive Movement

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success." -
Henry Ford





Good People to Know

- Dawn Foster – Caltrans Statewide Coordinator
- California's DPH – Safe Routes Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC) staff – Patti, Justine, Rebecca and Kristin
- The State SRTSNP California Network



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) State Network Project



More Kids Walking and Bicycling to School



Non-profit organization with 500 partner affiliates funded by foundations, government grants, corporations, and individuals

State Network Management Team

State Network Organizer

State Policy Change and SRTS Program Success

State Network Partners: agencies, organizations, and individuals

Caltrans SRTS Coordinator

One part-time SRTS National Partnership employee or contracted organization in each of the twenty Network Project states

State Network Backbone

Federal Transportation Funding

Federal Highway Administration

National Center for SRTS

State Department of Transportation (DOT)

SRTS grantees receive funds

Federally funded contractor provides technical assistance to state SRTS Coordinators and local communities

One full-time DOT employee or contractor in each of the fifty US states and DC



Key Goals of State Network

- Implementation of the Federal (SRTS) and State (SR2S) Programs in California
- Complete Streets
- Leveraging Additional Funds (includes SHSP and Evaluation as subsets)
- School Siting
- Climate
- Youth Bicycle and Pedestrian Curriculum
- Joint Use
- Speed Limits
- School Bus Cuts
- Wellness Policies





Key Goals of Regional Network

2012 RTP SCAG Region – 6 Counties,
18M people, 38K sq miles, 190 cities

Safe Routes Proposed 2012 Regional Platform

- Improved Planning and Policies
- Improved Data Collection
- Increased Investment
- Education and Promotion





Key Stats in the SCAG Region

- 12% of all trips
- Less than 0.5% of \$530B
- 25% of all roadway fatalities and deaths
- Private car drop off at schools – represents 1/3 of all am congestion (land use/school siting)





2 years ago – idea among friends

www.ciclaviva.org

CICLAVIA
10/10/10

FREE : 7.5 miles of open streets for walking and bicycling : 7.5 millas de calles libres para caminar y andar en bicicleta
GRATIS : Sunday, October 10 10am–3pm : Domingo, 10 de Octubre 10am–3pm





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Thanks!

My contact info – please feel free to contact me with any questions – Join the network:

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Each Step Counts

