

Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission

Safe Routes to School

Building Safer, Healthier Communities
for Our Children



What Is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationally recognized approach that helps make walking and biking to school safer, easier, and more accessible for students of all ages and abilities.

The program is built around the Six E's, which work together to create lasting change:

- Evaluation - Using data to understand needs and track progress
- Education - Teaching students and families safe travel skills
- Encouragement - Promoting walking and biking through events and programs
- Engineering - Improving infrastructure and street design
- Engagement - Partnering with schools, families, and the community
- Equity - Ensuring all students can safely access their school

Why Safe Routes to School Matters

- Traffic congestion is increasing around school campuses and in nearby neighborhoods
- Fewer children walk or bike to school today than in past generations
- Safety concerns limit transportation choices for families

Safe Routes to School addresses these challenges while strengthening communities.



Learn more about Safe Routes to School: www.MRRPC.com



Benefits of Safe Routes to School

- Healthier students through increased daily physical activity
- Improved traffic safety for students, families, and neighborhoods
- Reduced congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times
- Less vehicle idling, improving air quality around schools
- More transportation options, including walking, biking, rolling, and carpooling

Why Choose MRRPC?

- Highly trained planners with extensive pedestrian and bicycle planning experience
- Cost-effective services are significantly lower than private consulting firms
- No RFP required! MRRPC can be hired without a competitive bidding process
- Strong local knowledge and trusted community relationships
- Unmatched levels of public engagement and collaboration

Safe Routes to School Planning Services

- Community and parent surveys
- On-site observation of school arrival and dismissal operations
- Evaluation of walking, biking, and transit access to schools
- Identification of infrastructure gaps, safety concerns, and barriers
- Unusually hazardous transportation evaluations for school busing eligibility
- Recommendations for pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety improvements
- Development of school-specific Safe Routes to School Action Plans
- Strategies to promote safe, active, and equitable transportation options



Questions or Interested?



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