

BEST PRACTICES

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program has its roots in both health and transportation safety. The major program goals are to make the trip safe for walking and biking and to encourage children to walk and bike to and from school. SRTS strives to reduce congestion around schools, improve the health of school-aged children through increased physical activity, reduce vehicle emissions and fuel consumption, increase community security, enhance community accessibility, increase community involvement, and improve partnerships among schools, local municipalities, parents, and other community groups.

- » **Unified messaging across all schools, municipalities, and community organizations**
- » **Consistently places signage (safety green) in school zones**
- » **Pedestrian crossing signs and painted crosswalks at safe routes intersections**
- » **All adult and student crossing guards wear a safety green vest and student crossing guards all have the same type of safety green flag**
- » **Cones (tall, safety green) used as constrictors at pedestrian crossings where bump outs have not been constructed**
- » **Incorporate SRTS recommendations into City/Village and School District capital improvement planning**
- » **Incorporate SRTS recommendations into greater area bicycle and pedestrian plans**
- » **Adult crossing guards have access to appropriate school resource officer**
- » **Celebrate National Crossing Guard Appreciation Week (January), Winter Walk to School Month (February) and National Bike to School Day (May 8th)**