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### 2019 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

FC MOVES DEPARTMENT, CITY OF FORT COLLINS

Safe Routes to School is a nationwide effort to get more children biking and walking to school for their health, academic achievement and the environment. The City of Fort Collins Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is housed within the FC Moves Department. Our goal is to get at least 50 percent of local K-12 students biking or walking to school safely on a regular basis.

#### **FINANCIALS**



- \$169,807 City SRTS Operating Budget
- \$94,350 PSD Crossing Guard Program
- \$2,500 Grant Funding

\$266,657 TOTAL EXPENDITURES

New grant funding received in 2019: \$495,851

#### **EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

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Our programming reached **10,900** students and **1,334** adults in 2019. **6,400** students received education.





SRTS distributed **364 free bike helmets** to K-12 students and their parents. A new partnership with Safe Kids Larimer County began providing vouchers for free helmets to students attending any SRTS school programming.

**600 volunteers** provided **1,475 hours** of assistance.

The program also reached 3 high schools with bike-safety education and Bicycle Friendly Driver.

This program operates through a partnership with Bike Fort Collins.







**26** schools received programming in 2019.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

- SRTS facilitated community-wide celebrations of National Bike to School Day and International Walk to School Day, involving thousands of K-12 students.
- A partnership with the City's Recreation Department continued to provide B.I.K.E. Camps during the summer led by SRTS instructors.
- Four after-school biking clubs were supported by donations from the FoCo Fondo Fest and Scheels.





#### **ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES**

SRTS continued partnering with the City's Engineering and Traffic Operations departments to make bike-ped improvements in school areas.

A major collaborative project to create protected bikeped connectivity between four PSD schools got under way in NW Fort Collins, starting with improvements in the Lincoln Middle School area.

The City's Active Modes program continues to construct new arterial-street crossings on the bikeway network, benefiting local schoolchildren.

Traffic Operations continued installing new radar speed feedback signs in school zones and other strategic locations to slow down traffic.

The Parks Dept. completed a new segment of the Power Trail, connecting it to the Spring Creek Trail in the vicinity of Edora Park.

#### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**



The City continued funding the PSD Crossing Guard Program. City police officers rode along on major school bike field trips, providing traffic control at key arterial crossings.

#### **EVALUATION ACTIVITIES**



Mode-of-travel tallies at schools throughout the community were conducted as part of the City's annual Bicyclist and Pedestrian Counts. The average bike/walk rate at K-8 schools was 27%, up from 23% the prior year.

Feedback from teachers, principals and parents was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of participating teachers reporting high satisfaction with program content and delivery.

#### **EQUITY ACTIVITIES**

The SRTS program strives to serve all local students and families in an equitable manner through adherence to the School Rotation Schedule. a plan to reach all PSD schools on a regular basis. Other equity strategies include a "No Child Left Behind" philosophy for bike field trips, wherein all students can participate through use of adaptive equipment, even kids who cannot pedal on their own.

#### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



A CDOT grant of \$495,851 for a new bike-ped crossing at Drake and Hampshire was received in 2019.

A total of \$123,963 in matching funds were provided by the Engineering Dept. and FC Moves' Active Modes program.



The SRTS Bike Fleet and other equipment were used in support of 430 individual classes/events/ activities during 2019. The SRTS Bike Fleet totals 244 bikes, tagalongs and trailers, including 75 bikes housed in two cargo trailers that are regularly deployed to schools and other locations throughout the community.



