



Fairfax County Department of Transportation

Transportation Advisory Commission

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FCPS Safe Routes to School Coordinator

- Part time coordinator since 2014 using federal grant money and an 80-20% split
- Coordinator serves all FCPS 198 schools and centers
- Focus is on encouraging walking and biking and education of bike and pedestrian safety
- Manage the two traveling fleets of bikes
- Promote Walk and Bike to School Days
- Manage a monthly newsletter and other social media
- Work with schools and communities interested in improving safety

Recommendations from the current SRTS coordinator:

- Dedicated full time Safe Routes to School coordinator
- Continues to build on the 5 E's of SRTS: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Equity, and Evaluation
- Works within FCPS transportation to coordinate all forms of transportation to school: buses, walkers/bicyclists, car riders
- Support and promotes the use of active transportation within FCPS and reduces car traffic congestion around schools
- Development of a Safe Routes to School plan for each school, including mapping of safe routes and identifying barriers to active transportation
- Collaboration with FCDOT on infrastructure projects that use SRTS TAP funding and can reduce bus service in areas that are within a school's walking boundary
- Collaboration with Active Fairfax and other coalitions to promote walking and biking throughout Fairfax County

- For decades before the modern Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) movement, Fairfax County utilized different programs in collaboration with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) providing direct Fairfax County funding to build sidewalks needed for walking to schools.
- FCPS staff provides FCDOT sidewalk and trail requests that would allow more children to walk to school. FCDOT coordinates with FCPS staff on these requests and determines the best source of funding for projects. Projects are selected for funding based on FCPS priority and site-specific engineering.

- Fairfax County has received funding directly from TE/TAP FHWA/VDOT Safe Routes to Schools, funding projects at Flint Hill ES, New Graham Road ES, Westbriar ES and Wolf Trap ES, Shrevewood ES, Orange Hunt ES.
- Latest SRTS application cycle applied for Bush Hill ES.
- The Board's adopted Transportation Project Priorities for FY 2015 – FY 2025 provides additional funding for 23 school-walking-route sidewalk projects totaling over \$40 million.

- FCDOT coordinates with FCPS on VDOT's Annual Repaving and develops roadway striping changes and pedestrian safety projects to be implemented in concert with VDOT Repaving.
- FCDOT reviews FCPS School Renovation Plans and coordinates bicycle parking and pedestrian safety with FCPS.