

# THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ACTION PLAN

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** is a national movement to make it easier and safer for students to walk and bike to school.

The **Safe Routes to School Action Plan** lays out actions across seven categories that SDOT will take over the next five years to work towards the goal of making it safer and easier for kids to walk, roll, and bike to school:

Foundational to our program, **EQUITY** is infused into each of the other five categories. Seattle's Safe Routes to School program is committed to taking a racial justice-driven approach to promote more active commuting among students because all children have the right to health, happiness, and academic success, regardless of race.



## ENVIRONMENT

Reduce the impact of school travel on the environment and climate change.

**Example SDOT action:** To support carbon sequestration and reduce the impacts of increased temperatures, focus our tree planting program along Neighborhood Greenways in the hottest parts of the city which are also within communities of color.



## EDUCATION

Ensure that everyone learns how to travel safely.

**Example SDOT action:** Provide walking and biking safety education to every 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade student in Seattle every year and expand to middle school.



## EMPOWERMENT

Provide resources to school champions.

**Example SDOT action:** Provide up to \$1,000 to schools and community groups for activities that encourage safe walking and biking to school through our Mini Grant program.



## ENCOURAGEMENT

Promote walking and biking in the school community.

**Example SDOT action:** Provide books to students with themes encouraging walking and biking, prioritizing communities of color.



## ENGINEERING

Design streets for safety and predictability.

**Example SDOT action:** Help expand the Neighborhood Greenway and Stay Healthy Streets network, which provides routes that prioritize people walking and biking, by specifically providing these along routes to school.



## EVALUATION

Track progress toward our shared safety goals.

**Example SDOT action:** Conduct a citywide survey to understand trends in walking and biking to school and evaluate perceptions of safety.



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