

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE | ATP CYCLE 2

Santa Ana Safe Routes to School Plan

Applicant: City of Santa Ana

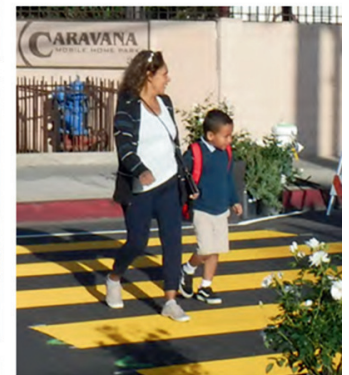
The City of Santa Ana developed the Santa Ana Safe Routes to School Plan (SRTS Plan) to advance walking and biking as safe and healthy ways to get to and from school. The SRTS Plan sought reasons why walking and biking to school weren't an option for students and found high rates of pedestrian/bicycle collisions involving children and high levels of crimes in the city were discouraging parents from allowing their children to walk or bike to school. The plan evaluated 60 public schools across three school districts in Santa Ana and proposed infrastructure and educational programs to improve safety.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED?**Community Collaboration**

- Over 650 community members from the 60 schools provided feedback on walking and biking conditions during 60 walk audits and a few community meetings.
- A midblock crossing was temporarily installed at Lincoln Elementary School during the City's annual Walk to School Day to allow community members to test the improvements and raise awareness about the SRTS plan.
- Materials were translated in Spanish to meaningfully engage with Spanish-speaking community members at the "Fiestas Patrias" annual celebration.

**Data collection**

- Vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic counts were conducted at each school to capture the number of people walking, bicycling, and driving on various weekdays.

**Total Project Cost****\$615,000****ATP Programmed Amount****\$615,000**

COMMUNITY BENEFITS / OUTCOMES

The SRTS plan brought several safety benefits, such as:



Traffic safety

The plan proposed infrastructural improvements, including high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, advanced yield markings, new signage, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), and pedestrian refuge islands to reduce collisions and create safer environments for students to walk and bike.



Personal safety

The plan proposed Safe Passage programs to augment infrastructure improvements and help address the perceived and real personal safety issues for students around the schools.



Support programs

The plan proposed 19 non-infrastructure programs and policies to encourage more students to walk and bike and to educate them about safe walking and biking.

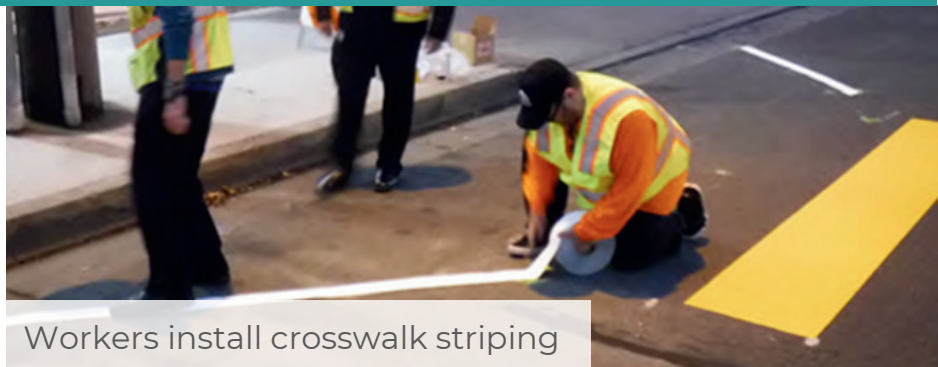


Additional Grant Funding

Using the Santa Ana Citywide Safe Routes to School Plan, the City of Santa Ana received 9 ATP grants totaling \$48M to assist 18 different schools with SRTS infrastructure.



Children walk to school



Workers install crosswalk striping

The following partners supported the City of Santa Ana in this effort:



For more information, check out the resources below:

- [Santa Ana Safe Routes to School Plan](#)