



Minnesota Safe Routes to School

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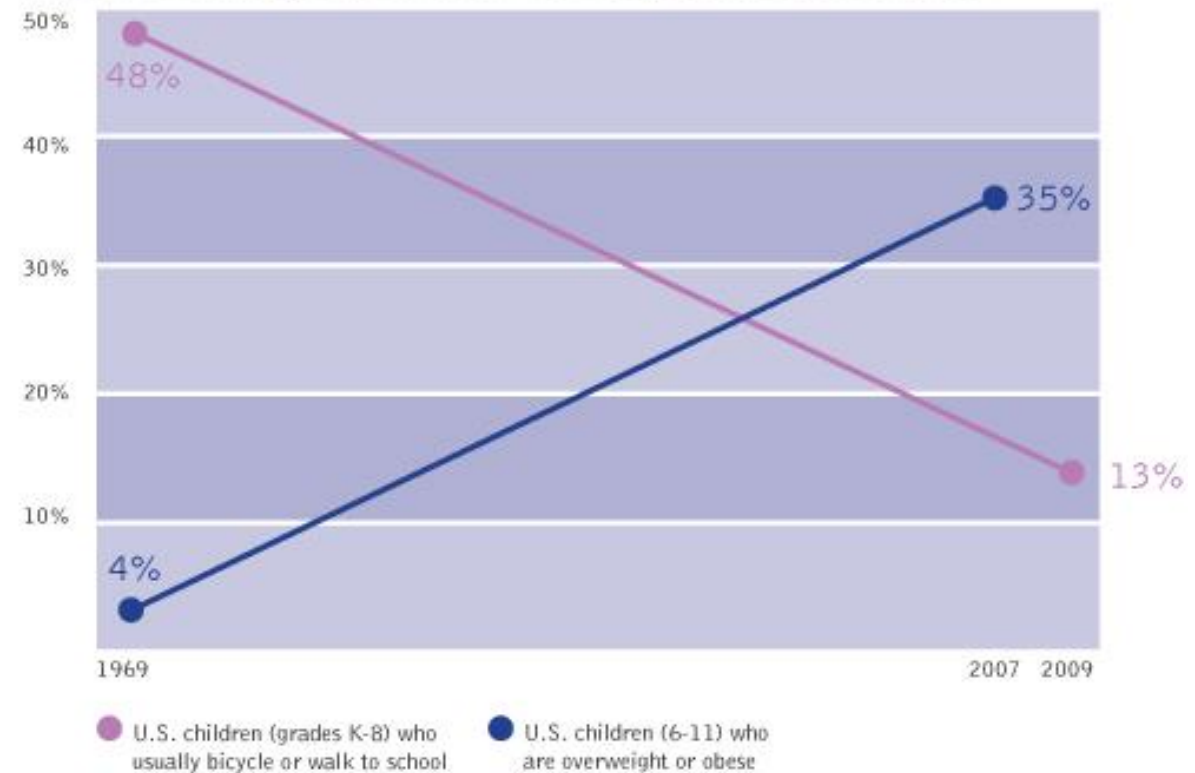
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Why Safe Routes to School?

1. Fewer kids today walk and bike to school
2. This has resulted in unintended consequences
3. SRTS programs can be part of the solution

Decreased activity leads to more overweight and obese children



A Vision for Minnesota

Youth in Minnesota can safely, confidently, and conveniently walk, bike, and roll to school and in daily life.



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Strategic Plan

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
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MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Programs

SRTS planning supports communities in developing a comprehensive approach that includes:

Engagement



Meaningfully engaging with the community to understand barriers and address relevant needs

Evaluation



Student or parent surveys, traffic crash data

Equity



Identifying schools with greatest need, making activities and materials accessible to all

Education



Bike Rodeos, Walk! Bike! Fun!, classroom activities

Encouragement



Walk and Bike to School Days, Walking School Bus

Engineering



Improvements to streets, trails and sidewalks to improve walking and biking conditions

Stats on SRTS in MN

- Over \$50 million spent since 2006 on SRTS projects statewide
- 471 projects have been funded, affecting an estimated 1,704 schools
- Almost \$44 million went to infrastructure projects, with 70% outside of Metro
- Rank 3rd best Safe Routes to School program in the nation



SRTS Infrastructure Projects

- 2017 and 2018 bonding provided \$2 million in SRTS infrastructure
 - City of St Paul
 - City of Pierz
 - City of Blue Earth
 - City of Parkers Prairie
 - City of Breckenridge
 - City of Deer River
 - City of Minneapolis
 - Cook County
 - City of Thief River Falls
 - City of Moose Lake
 - City of Hawley
 - City of Holdingford

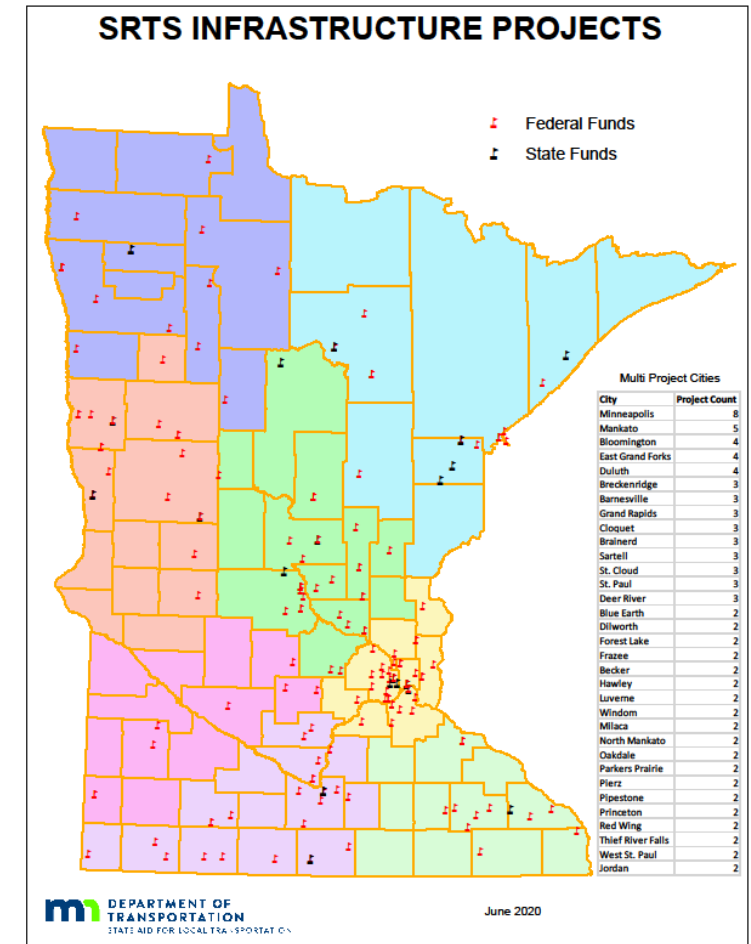


Figure 1: 2006-2019 State and Federal SRTS Projects

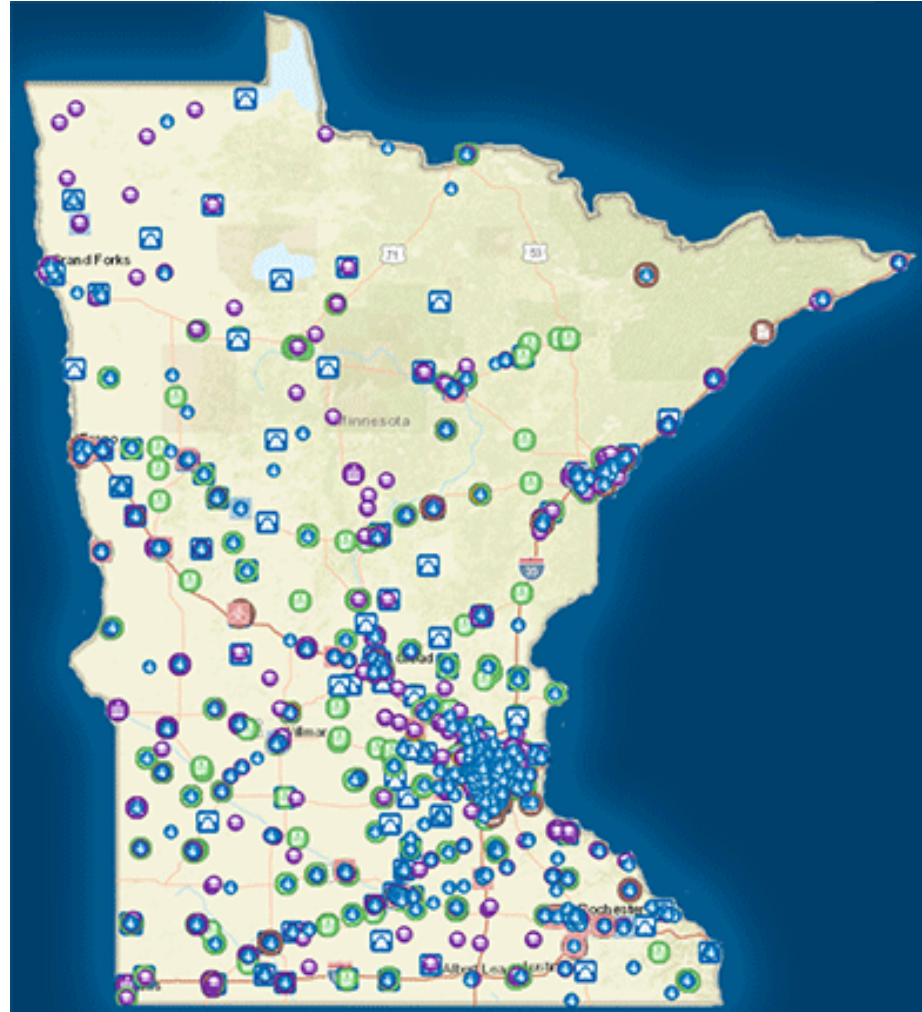
SRTS Infrastructure 2020 Funding

- October, 2020 bonding bill provided \$3 million for SRTS infrastructure
- Fall 2021 solicitation to coincide with federal Transportation Alternatives solicitation



Safe Routes to School is happening all over Minnesota.

Explore our newest map to find out what is going on in your community.



Thank you again!

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