School Safety Assessments

A school safety assessment (SSA) examines safety around schools and identifies programmatic, engineering, and/or infrastructure treatments to improve the safety of families walking and rolling to school.

SSAs include an observation of campus access as well as adjacent streets, sidewalks, trails, and crosswalks within one-quarter to one-half of a mile of the school. The SR2S team will conduct the observation during either the pick-up or drop-off period and follows it up with a community discussion about school circulation issues. SSA attendees can include transportation planners and engineers, city/county staff, school administrators, parents, students, and other local stakeholders.

After the discussion, the SR2S team will develop a memo that documents the existing conditions, community input, and an improvement plan map that provides infrastructure recommendations to improve the safety and comfort of students and families walking and rolling to schools. The SR2S team also coordinates with each school’s site coordinator to provide educational and encouragement program recommendations.

Scheduling School Safety Assessments

• The SR2S Program and local partners have led over 200 SSAs across Alameda County. See if your school has one and review the map at http://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-program/school-safety-assessments/

• If your school has not had an SSA, check to confirm that your school is enrolled in the SR2S Program at http://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-program/enrolled-schools/ and contact your school’s site coordinator (http://alamedacountysr2s.org/about-safe-routes/our-team/) to learn about SSAs and other SR2S program offerings.

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