

SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

February 2017



ROUTE MAPS FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Cupertino SR2S is working with schools to create designated “Suggested Routes Maps” for students and their families. Each school map will feature the school, several suggested walk and bike routes to get there from surrounding neighborhoods, and safety tips. These maps will be created through a process that involves community feedback and geographic information systems (GIS). Cupertino SR2S aims to have

a “Suggested Routes Map” created for every Cupertino school by the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year and we need the help of parent volunteers! For more information about this mapping process or to get involved, contact the school your child attends or reach out to saferoutes@cupertino.org.



SR2S STUDENT ART CONTEST: BIKE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BANNERS

In December of 2016, Cupertino SR2S released a call for projects to design Cupertino city streetlight pole banners. This streetlight pole banner design contest is open to all high school students in the Fremont Union High School District. The contest theme is

“Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Encouragement” and the deadline is February 28th, 2017. Our SR2S panel of judges will select one winner per high school to have their artistic design displayed on streetlight pole banners around Cupertino. We look forward to receiving the entries!

SR2S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH



This month we celebrate Helen La Juenesse as Cupertino's Crossing Guard of the Month! Miss Juenesse is a reliable guard and goes above and beyond to fill every shift that is needed in order to make sure no intersection is left unstaffed. You can catch Helen at Stelling Rd. and GreenLeaf Dr. serving students and families that attend Garden Gate Elementary School. Make sure to thank her and say 'Hello!'

WALK AUDITS SCHEDULED AT FIVE MORE CUPERTINO SCHOOLS

In order to address infrastructure needs and traffic concerns at schools, Cupertino SR2S is funding walk audits for all schools in our city. Walk audits are assessments of the walkability, bikeability, pedestrian access, and cyclist access to schools and are intended to address deficiencies in the infrastructure in the vicinity of a school. Cupertino SR2S is working with Alta Planning and Design to conduct these

walk audits and has completed audits at Lincoln Elementary, Monta Vista High School, and Homestead High School so far. Over the next two months, SR2S will conduct these audits at five more Cupertino schools. We are looking for parent volunteers! To participate in or request a walk audit at your child's school, please contact saferoutes@cupertino.org.

GET INVOLVED

The City is in the process of updating its **Pedestrian Transportation Plan** to reflect changing conditions and needs. The Pedestrian Transportation Plan sets goals, policies, and recommendations to increase walkability. Help us update this plan by taking the Pedestrian Surveys at: Cupertino.org/ped

UPCOMING EVENTS

SR2S Parent Meet-Up: A Strategy Session for Creating Safe Routes to School featuring City of Palo Alto Safe Routes to School

February 8th, 2017 from 3-5 PM at the Cupertino Community Hall

What do you envision as the future of Cupertino school transport? Is it filled with happy students walking and biking together? Does it include fresh air, sunshine, and pleasant social interactions with neighbors? Are there fewer cars? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions we implore you to join us in making this vision a reality for sustainable, active school transportation at Cupertino. This event invites parents and school community members from Cupertino and nearby cities to come and learn more about our program and how to get involved in a way that's comfortable and feasible for you. The event will feature parent networking and a presentation from Palo Alto Safe Routes to School, a model Safe Routes to School program in Santa Clara County. To attend the event, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/SR2S-Meetup> or email saferoutes@cupertino.org. For more information about the event, please visit www.cupertino.org/.

ABOUT SR2S

Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School is a partnership program between the City of Cupertino, Cupertino Schools, Fremont Union High School District, Cupertino Union School District, and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office. We aim to reduce traffic and pollution and increase safety by bringing people together to craft solutions to the impending traffic concerns facing our community.

CONTACT US

For more information or ways to get involved, visit: cupertino.org/saferoutes or email saferoutes@cupertino.org.

