

SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

May 2017



'Pedal 4 the Planet' Ride a Huge Success!

On Saturday April 22nd, Safe Routes 2 School and the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission hosted the second annual 'Pedal 4 the Planet' Family Bike Ride! This entirely free event was in conjunction with Cupertino's annual Earth and Arbor Day Festival and featured a guided bike ride around Cupertino's parks and schools. The ride was lead by members of Cupertino city staff including the director of public works,

Timm Borden, and members of the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission. The ride welcomed over 80 riders ranging from ages 5 - 75 and started and ended at Cupertino City Hall. Thanks to the overwhelming popularity of this event, Safe Routes 2 School will be hosting another family bike ride at the Cupertino Fall Bike Festival (exact date TBD). The Fall bike ride will feature two heats; one for slower riders and one for faster riders.



Bicycles on Sidewalks Ordinance: Kids 12 and Under Can Ride

Kids ages 12 and under can now legally ride their bikes on sidewalks in the City of Cupertino! On February 21st, 2017 Cupertino amended its Muni Code to raise the maximum sidewalk riding age from 9 to 12 years old in order to allow all Elementary

School students to legally ride on the sidewalk. Adults accompanying a 12 and under child are also legally allowed to bike on sidewalks. With this new city law comes new opportunities and new responsibilities to ride safely. Safety Tips for sidewalk riding:

- 1) Always ride in the same direction as traffic, even when on the sidewalk
- 2) Sidewalk speed is 10 MPH maximum
- 3) You must dismount from your bike at intersections
- 4) If an adjacent bike lane is available, use the bike lane instead of the sidewalk

SR2S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH



Tina Carson is Cupertino's Crossing Guard of the Month for May! Miss Carson works the afternoon shift in front of Cupertino High School and in the mornings for Lawson Middle School. Tina initially started her work as a crossing guard as a temporary move but stayed long-term because she likes it so much! Her favorite part of the job? The families and people she gets to interact with daily.

In Appreciation of SR2S Parent Champions!

The backbone of Cupertino's Safe Routes 2 School program is the team of parents that generously volunteer their time, energy, and abilities to make walking, biking, and carpooling safer and appealing in our community. This month we'd like to thank our awesome parent volunteers for all of their help and particularly our SR2S Parent Champion lead volunteers! An SR2S Parent Champion agrees to

be the point-person at their school for communication and project planning between city staff, school district staff, and their school site. These volunteer leads also get to utilize their own unique and creative talents to advance SR2S program goals; talents such as graphic design, event planning, and filmography. To become a Parent Champion at your child's school, email chelseab@cupertino.org!

GET INVOLVED

Help with upcoming events by contacting chelseab@cupertino.org.

- 1) Walk Audit at Lawson Middle School (date TBD)
- 2) Stevens Creek "Walk N' Roll Day" (May 10th)
- 3) Eaton Elementary "Walk N' Roll Day" (June 1st)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SR2S Working Group Meeting

May 15th from 4-5 PM in Conference Room C at Cupertino City Hall

Interested in Safe Routes 2 School but not sure where to start? Attend our next working group meeting and meet the team! All meetings are public and all members are friendly.

Silicon Valley Bike-to-Work Day Energizer Station!

May 11th from 7 AM - 9 AM in front of Quinlan Community Center

On May 11th join thousands of other cyclists around the Bay Area and ride your bike to work! Learn more at [https://](https://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd/)

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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.

