

# SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

February 2018



## Pogo @ Cupertino High School

The City of Cupertino is committed to sustainable solutions that reduce traffic congestion in our community. To this end, we have introduced a carpooling app called Pogo Rides at Cupertino High School. This app is to help assist parents in managing existing carpools through scheduling and networking features and also assist parents in connecting with one another and forming new carpools. If this pilot is successful, we hope to expand the program to other schools in Cupertino. Pogo Rides is now officially underway and will be available to Cupertino High School families for the remainder of the school year. You can learn more about Pogo Rides by visiting [www.pogorides.com](http://www.pogorides.com).



## Healthy Cities Award!

We are excited to announce that last month our city was presented with an award in recognition of our City's Safe Routes 2 School program as a part of Santa Clara County's Healthy Cities Initiative. The "Exemplary Award for Safe Routes to School" recognizes our efforts to encourage more students to walk and bike safely to school, a program so successful that it now serves as a model for communities across the County. We would like to thank all of our dedicated Safe Routes 2 School volunteers who helped us achieve this award. Without you we couldn't have done it!



## SR 2 S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH

This month we would like to acknowledge Faria Elementary School parent, Devendar Mallireddy, as our Cupertino Crossing Guard of the Month. Devendar works hard to ensure student safety by volunteering his time to either work as a crossing guard in front of the school or as a drop-off loop facilitator, helping to control the flow of traffic. Devendar's reminder for parents is to be patient and "look after the other kids even once you've dropped your own kids off".

He says that too often parents will drive off recklessly and put the students who are still walking to school in danger. We appreciate Devendar for his contributions to Faria Elementary and the City of Cupertino.



## GET INVOLVED!

Help with upcoming events by contacting: [saferoutes@cupertino.org](mailto:saferoutes@cupertino.org)

As we enter the start of 2018 we want to hear from you about how our Safe Routes 2 School program is doing! If you can spare 10 minutes, please take time to complete this brief survey so that we can ensure our program is evolving to fit the wants and needs of our community. We will use your answers to help shape our 2018/19 program agenda. The survey link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CUP2017> and it is anonymous. Please share it with friends/family who live or have students in Cupertino!

## Cupertino SR2S Receives Community Change Grant from America Walks

Cupertino, California is honored to receive one of the 27 Community Change Micro Grants awarded by America Walks for use in 2018. This micro grant program provides funds that support grassroots efforts aimed at empowering communities to create more safe, accessible and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active. Now in its third year, this program has supported everything from new art to improved way-finding, local events to school engagement projects.

Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School was selected from over 750 applications for projects that demonstrate the passion, creativity, and commitment of local walking champions. We will use this grant to engage Cupertino middle school students to create their own walking program for their peers.

"We are excited to engage with these communities throughout 2018 and find ways to use their inspiring stories to encourage other walking champions," said Executive Director Kate Kraft. "As we celebrate our 20th anniversary as an organization, we know all too well that our success in creating safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be active stems directly from the strength and success of the thousands of community change agents who we work with around the US."

About America Walks: America Walks is a 20-year-old national non-profit organization dedicated to empowering communities and advocates to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active for all. The organization provides its diverse network of over 30,000 advocates and hundreds of local, state, and national organizations, with the tools, resources, and experts needed to build capacity, gain experiences, and successfully promote walking and walkability. Learn more at [www.americawalks.org](http://www.americawalks.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1) February 13th, 2018: SR2S Working Group Meeting, 4-5 PM, Conference Room C (City Hall)

## 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](http://cupertino.org/saferoutes) or email [saferoutes@cupertino.org](mailto:saferoutes@cupertino.org)

