



# Cupertino Safe Routes to School



## Working Group Meetings

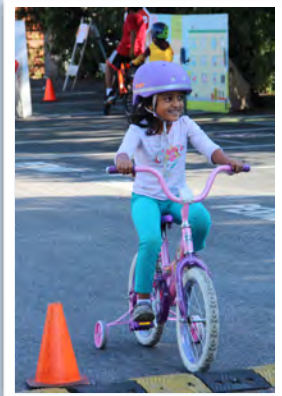
We plan to resume our Safe Routes to School Working Group meetings virtually starting Wednesday, September 9 at 4pm. View the link below for more information and a complete list of this school year's working group meeting dates.

### Meeting Dates

## A Deserving Recipient!

### Jennifer Shearin is SVBC's Person of the Year

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) has announced Cupertino resident Jennifer Shearin as Person of the Year for her leadership and advocacy of expanding Cupertino's walking and biking network. We have worked closely with Jennifer as a parent champion for Cupertino Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and we believe there couldn't be a more deserving recipient! She has been active with the SR2S program since its inception in 2015. Over the last five years, Jennifer has been essential to the success of our program, helping to plan numerous family bike rides, designing promotional SR2S content, and countless other efforts that align with SR2S's mission. Jennifer is an incredible leader who truly cares about improving her community and enhancing the lives of those who live in it. We are grateful for her support of SR2S and the advocacy she was nominated for. Thank you, Jennifer, for all you do and congratulations on being named SVBC's Person of the Year!



## Join Us!

Safe Routes to School is a partnership program between CUSD and FUHSD schools, parents, city staff, and the Sheriff's Office.

For more information or for ways to get involved, visit: [www.cupertino.org/saferoutes](http://www.cupertino.org/saferoutes) or email [saferoutes@cupertino.org](mailto:saferoutes@cupertino.org)

### Sidewalk Rules

When no sidewalk is available, walk in the direction against traffic!

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### Be Respectful

When passing people on a trail, please ring your bell or announce loudly, "on your left."

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### Stop at Stop Signs!

A cyclist must follow the same rules as any other vehicle. Failing to stop at stop signs is illegal!

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## Infrastructure Update

On Tuesday, July 21, Cupertino City Council reaffirmed their support for the expansion of Cupertino's bicycle and pedestrian network by giving the green light for staff to advance two important projects. Council awarded the construction contract for Phase 2 of the McClellan Road Separated Bike Lane project as well as the design contract for the eastern and central segments of the Junipero Serra Trail.

The McClellan project will construct separated bike lanes along McClellan Road between Stelling Road and De Anza Boulevard, and along Pacifica Drive between De Anza Blvd and Torre Ave. Construction is tentatively expected to begin in mid-August and last approximately three months.

The Junipero Serra Trail design will span from De Anza Boulevard to Vallco Parkway. Design of the western segment between Mary Avenue and De Anza Boulevard is expected to commence once the central and eastern segments are under construction.

## Calling High School Students

We are recruiting high school students who are passionate about either bicycling, healthy lifestyles, safe transportation, and/or campus safety to become a part of our Working Group. Cupertino Safe Routes to School is excited to work with our local high school students to enhance the student walking and biking experience in Cupertino.

Selected high school student representatives will attend monthly Working Group meetings and become a conduit of information and ideas between their high school's student body and our City team. They will bring ideas for improving safety, accessibility, and traffic reduction to the group and help implement those ideas.

If you or a high school student you know is passionate about improving bike and pedestrian safety to school or you'd like to learn more about the program, click [here](#).

## Be Active!

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Santa Clara County, it's important to be vigilant with social distancing. It's also important to continue to exercise in order to keep your body healthy and combat any anxiety or depression you may be experiencing. While gyms are closed and streets have little traffic, walking, running and biking are some of the best ways to get exercise.

For specifics on how to appropriately social distance while biking, please read the California Bicycle Coalition's FAQs on COVID-19 bicycle safety.

[www.calbike.org/covid-19-bicycling/faqs-bicycling-safely-during-covid-19](http://www.calbike.org/covid-19-bicycling/faqs-bicycling-safely-during-covid-19)

## State Report Cards on Active Transportation

The national Safe Routes Partnership has released state report cards which provide a snapshot of how supportive each state is of walking, bicycling, and physical activity for children and adults as of 2020, and California tops the ranking! The report cards were generated by evaluating policies in each state plus the District of Columbia across a total of 28 indicator areas spanning four core topic areas:

Complete Streets and Active Transportation Policy and Planning; Federal and State Active Transportation Funding; Safe Routes to School Funding and Supportive Practices; and Active Neighborhoods and Schools. In each of these topic areas, states have the opportunity to play a significant role—through policies, funding, and other support—in increasing the number of youth and adults walking, bicycling, and being physically active. View the reports [here!](#)