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Cupertino Safe Routes to School



Earth Day Family Bike Rides

On Saturday, April 13, Cupertino Safe Routes to School (SR2S) hosted our annual Pedal for the Planet Family Bike Ride. This family-focused event featured two rides, a 6-mile route through Cupertino's east side, and an 11-mile route that explored the City's west side. To ensure rider safety, Sports Basement Sunnyvale was at the event to offer free pre-ride bike checks to any of our riders.

In total, 86 people participated in the two routes. Our 6-mile family riders enjoyed their low traffic route which traveled through three different parks and a creek trail. Our longer 11-mile route riders appreciated that this year's ride visited new parks and streets. Both of these routes are posted on the events page at www.Cupertino.org/SafeRoutes. Please feel free to use these routes to bike and explore the City.

Lawson Middle Bike Workshop

In March, Lawson Middle School held an after-school bicycle workshop to teach students bike handling skills and the rules of the road. The class culminated in an on-street group bike ride where students were able to practice all the skills they learned! If your are a parent of a middle school student, you can sign up for a similar workshop - our brand new parent-student summer Middle School Bike Skills class! www.wheelkids.com/ msbs-cupertino/

Spring Travel Tally Data Collection

In early May, Cupertino SR2S, in partnership with CUSD and FUHSD, is conducting our spring student travel tally, to learn how students travel to and from school. Big thanks to all participating schools! The data gathered is important information for our program and we appreciate each school's commitment to supporting Cupertino SR2S.

National Bike to School Day

Bike to School Day is coming up soon! On Wednesday, May 8, the City encourages students, parents, and school staff to walk, bike, and use alternative forms of transportation to get to and from school. Bike to School Day is part of National Bike Month.

By walking or biking on Wednesday, May 8 your child will:

- Get physical activity, which keeps their body healthy and strong, and puts them in good state of mind to learn.
- Decrease traffic congestion around school and improve the air that children breathe.

Gain a stronger sense of community if he or she travels with others.

- Remind adults to drive safely in school zones by increasing the number of visible pedestrians or bicyclists.
- have fun!

The Sedgwick Dance Party

Sedgwick Elementary School holds a Walk & Roll Day every month. As a reward, two classes with the highest rate of alternative travel each receive a Golden Sneaker Trophy. One sneaker goes to the best performing 4th or 5th grade class, the other to the best performing K-3 class. Sedgwick has recently instituted a new stretch goal. If the entire student body reaches its goal of 85% alternative travel, students will get a "Dance Party" recess - a fun, music-filled celebration to acknowledge their great success. You can do it, Sedgwick!

Important Upcoming Dates

Bike Boulevards at City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:45 pm Cupertino Community Hall, 10300 Torre Ave

> SR2S Update for FUHSD: Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:15 pm FUHSD Adult School

McClellan Construction Kickoff Ceremony: Friday, May 17, @ 1pm Lincoln Elementary School

Working Group Meeting: Tuesday, May 21 @ 4 pm, Conference Room C, Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave.

Deadline for Street Light Banner Design Contest: Tuesday, May 21, All Cupertino High Schools

Carmen Road Bridge Community Meeting: Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm @ Monta Vista Rec Center's multi-purpose room

Bike Projects Update

The City of Cupertino will begin constructing separated bike lanes on McClellan Road on May 20. Other projects scheduled for this summer are in flux.

On May 7, City Council may reject all bids or award a construction contract for bike boulevards along Portal/Merritt and Greenleaf/ Meteor. If they reject bids, Public Works will instead modify and incorporate the work into their street resurfacing program with an aim to reduce costs, if possible. On May 13, Council will reconsider Bike Plan priorities, including separated bike lanes on Stevens Creek Boulevard. See meeting details below (at left).

For info on all Bike Plan projects, see: www.cupertino.org/bikeplan

Safety Tip!

Always look both ways and make sure that motorists see you before stepping into a crosswalk. Look motorists in the eye and wave a hand if necessary.

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How to Get Involved!

Interested in helping Cupertino Safe Routes to School? Email us! saferoutes@cupertino.org