### **Cupertino Safe Routes to School**

Moving beyond improving infrastructure to change behavior

Nov 13, 2019 Working Group Meeting













#### **Cupertino Safe Routes to School (SR2S)**

Mission Statement: "Create a safer environment for students and families in Cupertino to travel to and from school actively."







### **Cupertino SR2S: Question?**

- Please introduce yourselves to the group with:
  - Your Name
  - Your school or org
  - How did you celebrate Halloween?



### **Public Comments**



### 'FAQ' from the Frontlines







David Stillman, Transportation Manager, City of Cupertino



## First Lego League

#### Bike Safety in Cupertino

- Aradhana Sekar
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## School Highlight: Lawson

### Walk and Roll Day Fall 2019!



- We organized a 2-hour Bike Safety workshop on Friday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6pm at the YMCA for Lawson middle schoolers
  - Silicon Valley Bike Coalition certified instructors conducted the workshop
  - YMCA provided a room and a fenced-off parking lot for the event
  - There was a discussion on bike safety, followed by practice in the parking lot, and finally a group bike ride around the neighborhood to practice our new skills
  - We organized a bike train from Lawson after school to the YMCA.
    After the workshop, some kids were escorted back to Lawson, while others went home on their own

- This is the second time we have done this workshop after the huge success of our first workshop in March 2019.
- A total of 13 kids participated
- Feedback from the kids and parents was very positive
- Most participants in the workshop are 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders whose parents are trying to get them ready to go to school independently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school

#### Learnings

- Parents really value teaching bike safety to their kids
- Many of the kids who participated in the workshop don't currently bike to school, primarily because of safety concerns, though their parents have a desire to let them bike to school
- We should consider what else we can do to make parents and kids feel safer about biking to school – whether it be events, training, equipment, or infrastructure
- Kids need a neighborhood ride to solidify their understanding of bike safety. A bike rodeo around a parking lot is not enough. Parents recognize that and specifically requested a neighborhood ride be part of the workshop
- Schools are not comfortable hosting a bike workshop if there's a neighborhood ride component because of liability concerns. Hosting the event at the YMCA worked out well for us. Two liability waivers are required – city waiver and YMCA waiver
- The whole event took a full 2 hours
- Kids loved the little give-aways that Cherie brought. We gave out pens, notebooks, and bike lights and most kids put the bike lights on their bikes immediately.



Getting ready to ride out from Lawson

Discussion on Bike Safety





Practicing their skills in the YMCA parking lot





Neighborhood ride

## **Update:** Spring Travel Tallies

#### **Fall Student Travel Tallies**

2019 Fall Dates: October 22 - 24



### **Upcoming Events:**



January 8, 4-5 pm: Cupertino SR2S Working Group Meeting,

Conference Room C, City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave

#### **Contact Info:**

#### For Issues/Question/Comments/Scheduling:

 Best contact for program is saferoutes@Cupertino.org

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