



# Safe Routes to School



## What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national program that exists to promote safe walking and biking to school. There are many benefits to having more students walk and bike to school. This initiative is part of Lancaster's larger Vision Zero program, which aims to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the city.

## What are the benefits of walking or biking to school?

Walking or biking to school can provide a variety of benefits, both for the individual student and for the community as a whole:

- Improve student mental and physical health
- Improve student academic performance
- Promote student responsibility and independence
- Ease parent/guardian schedules by reducing driving trips
- Reduce traffic congestion around schools
- Improve air quality by reducing driving trips
- Build stronger community connections

By making walking and biking safe travel options, students and the community can see their quality of life improve.

## What type of projects are part of the SRTS program?

The following are types of SRTS projects and initiatives that may be implemented:

- SRTS Assessments
- Constructing / repairing sidewalk
- Constructing curb ramps and/or crosswalks
- Upgrading traffic signals to facilitate pedestrian crossing
- Constructing on-street bicycle lanes or separate bicycle paths
- Adding bicycle racks or other bicycle parking facilities
- Implementing traffic calming or speed reduction strategies
- Education on pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Public awareness campaigns in the community

## More Information

Refer to Engage Lancaster at <https://engage.cityoflanasterpa.gov/> or Scan QR Code

Sources: PennDOT SRTS Website, FHWA SRTS Website, [Saferoutespartnership.org](http://Saferoutespartnership.org), [Saferoutesinfo.org](http://Saferoutesinfo.org)

