SRTS Infrastructure Program Overview + Bike Bus

Austin Transportation and Public Works

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

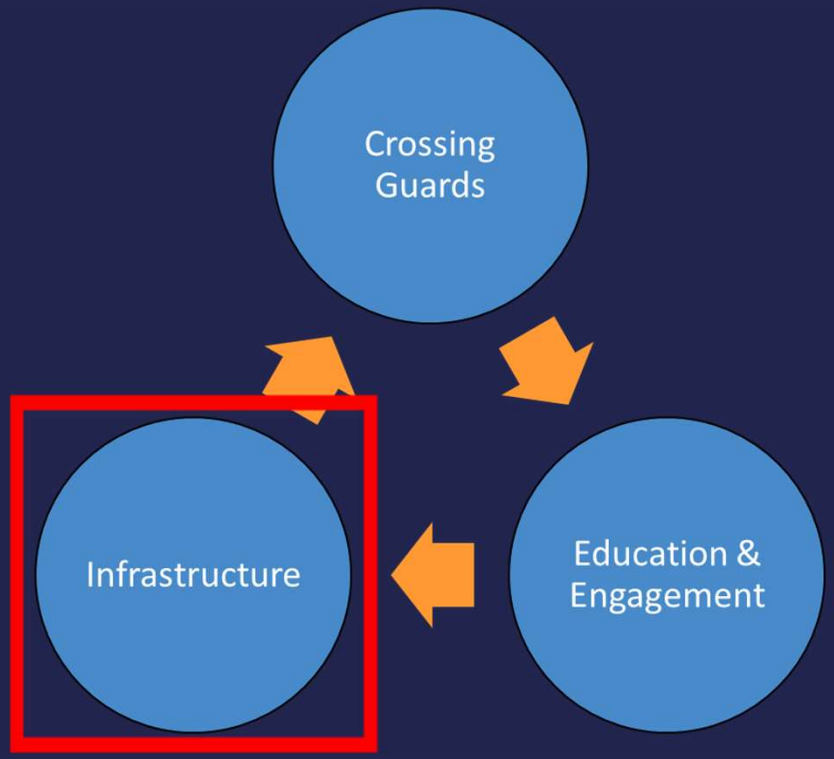
Mission and Vision

Mission:

To increase the number of students walking and biking to school by creating a safer, healthier and more equitable environment that fosters human-powered transportation.

Vision:

Engage with the community to create a safer, healthier and more equitable environment that fosters human powered transportation as the first choice for City of Austin Students.



SRTS Walking School Buses



Hart Elementary School



Guerrero-Thompson Elementary School



2016 Bond Funding

$27,500,000 divided evenly among the ten City Council Districts to allow the City to address Safe Routes to School. The Safe Routes to School Program is a partnership with local school districts to address safety concerns of routes to school and encourage children and families to bike or walk to school. Improvements may include infrastructure options that create a safer environment such as sidewalks, traffic calming devices, protected bicycle facilities, and urban trails.

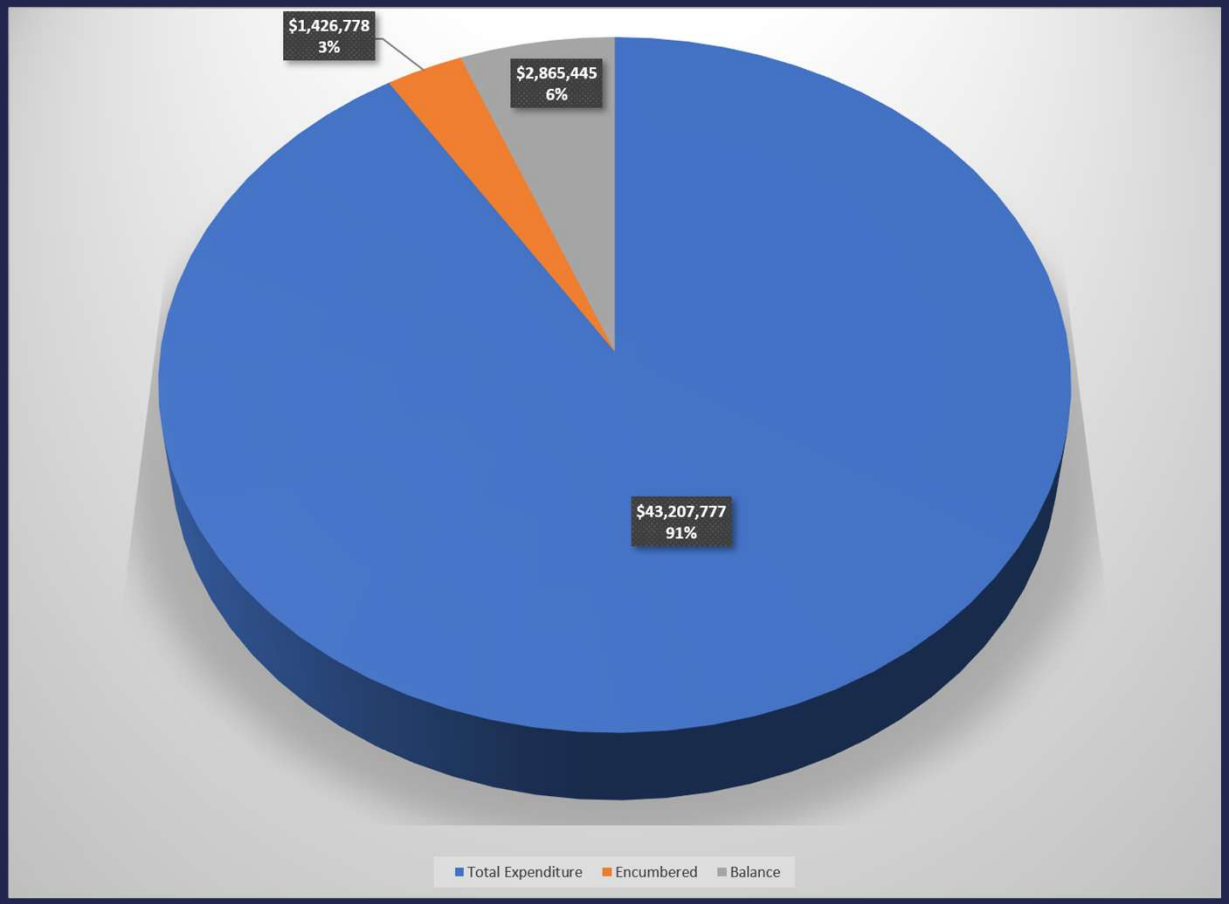




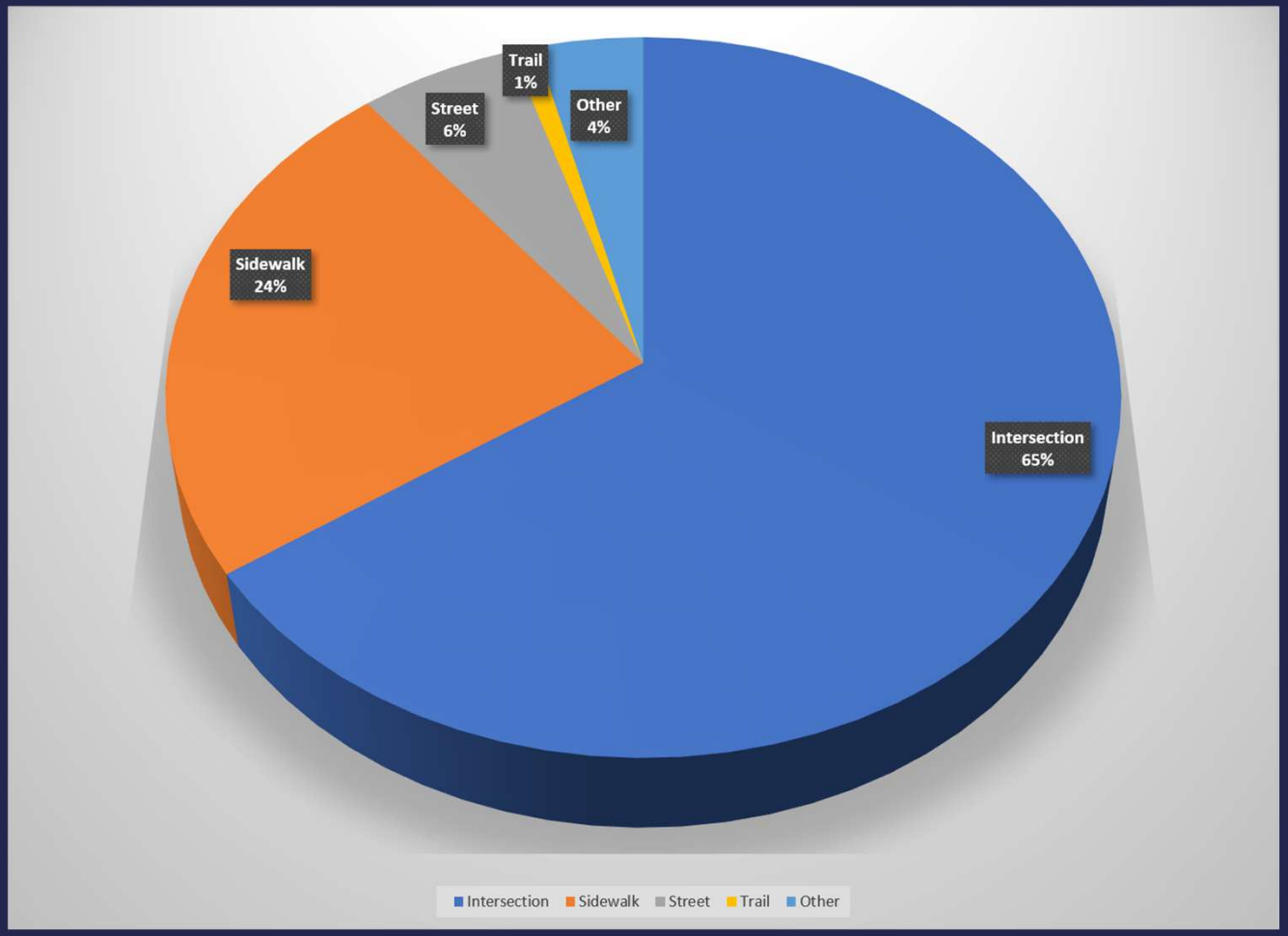
2020 Bond Funding

$20,000,000 was allocated to address barriers identified in the SRTS Infrastructure Reports with a focus on Very High and High Benefit and/or Cost Benefit Projects. To help address equity concerns, SRTS is allocating at least $1,000,000 of the 2020 Bond to improvements near charter schools which have historically been built in Low SES areas around Austin.

Total Spend: 2016 and 2020 Bond Combined (11/12/26)



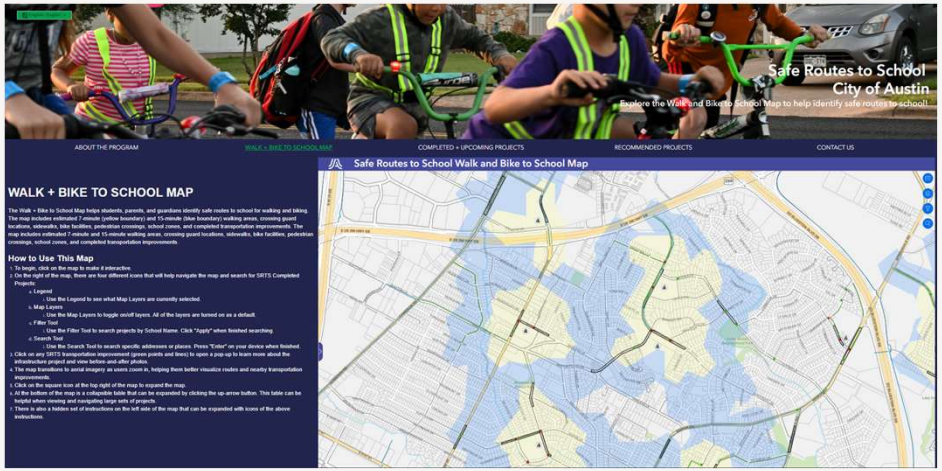
Total Count of Barriers Addressed (9/30/26)

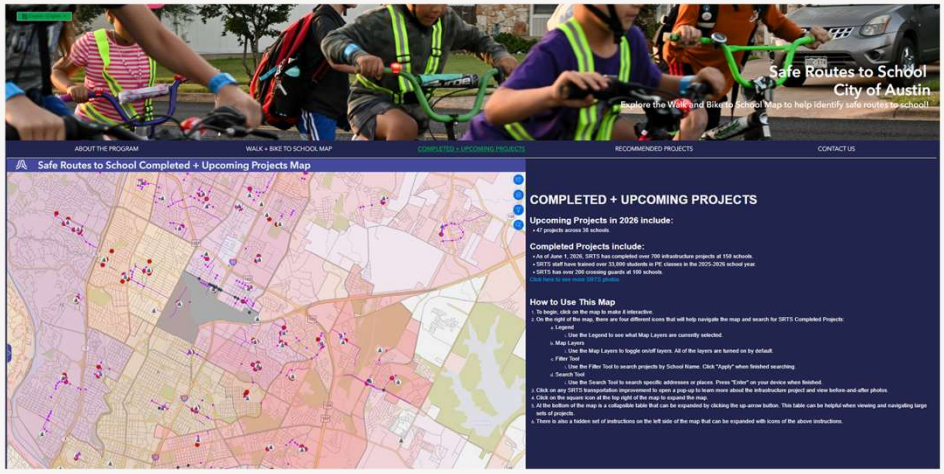


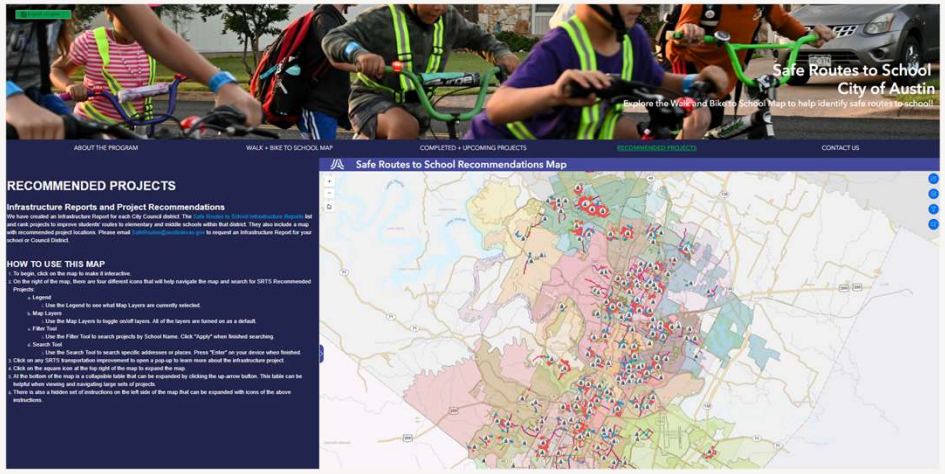
Safe Routes to School Interactive Web Maps

Safe Routes to School has developed a website featuring three interactive web maps that helps parents/guardians choose the best active transportation route to school for their child by mapping walk sheds, schools, crossing guard locations, and completed construction projects.

1. The Walk + Bike to School Map
2. Completed + Upcoming Projects Map
3. Recommended Projects Map









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https://www.austintexas.gov/saferoutes

Explore the Walk and Bike to School map to help identify Safe Routes to School!

View a map of Safe Routes to School projects ↗



Bike Buses

Our *"Bi-Cycle"* Approach

Austin

Daily Bike Bus Leaders

- Hired through Safe Routes to School Crossing Guard Program
- Paid $22.15 an hour
- Required to work mornings and afternoons, following the school schedule
- Required to attend Bike Bus Leader Training Clinic and orientation

Volunteer Bike Bus Leaders

- Supported with resources and free bike safety gear
- Resource connection with other Bike Bus Leaders
- Flexible scheduling based on community ability
- Consistency is still key!

Bike Buses take about 3-5 months of planning before a successful launch!

Current Bike Buses in Austin...and Growing!

- Brentwood ES
  - Fridays only, launched prior to Austin Bike Bus Program
- Cedar Creek ES
  - Fridays only, launched prior to Austin Bike Bus Program
- Holy Family Catholic School (Private)
  - Shifted from Wednesdays to Fridays only
- Travis Heights ES
- Odom ES
- Clayton ES
- Blanton ES
- Gullet ES (started 11/11!)



Austin Bike Bus Resources

- **Bike Bus Training Clinics**
  - Supported by Get There ATX and led by Ghisallo Cycling Initiatives (GCI)
- **Bike Bus Bash Events**
  - Target's school communities wanting to start a Bike Bus program
  - Supported by Get There ATX and led by GCI
- **Volunteer Toolkits (Work in Progress)**
  - Safety Vest, First Aid kit, Bike Safety Swag for Leaders and Students





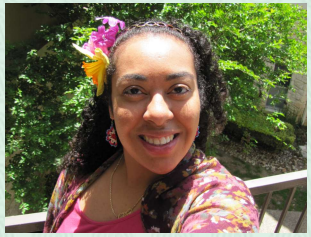
Austin Bike Bus Resources





- **Resources and Safety Supplies**
  - **Parent's Guide to a Bike Bus Program** (English and Spanish)
    - Safety tips, weather procedures, registration form examples
  - **Customizable Flyers** (English and Spanish)
    - Overview of "What is a Bike Bus?"
    - School Specific Registration
  - **Bike Bus Safety Checklist**
    - Ensure parents/guardians prepare their student(s)
  - **Outreach Templates**

Thank You!



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