

Huntington County
Safe Routes to School Task Force

***SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
PUBLIC MEETING***

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PURPOSE

- Safe bicycling and walking to school
- Provide the opportunity for children to walk and bicycle to school
- Planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL DETAILS

- A 100% federal reimbursable grant
- Versatile to accommodate a variety of community issues
- Applies to Elementary and Middle Schools



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

EXAMPLES OF

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

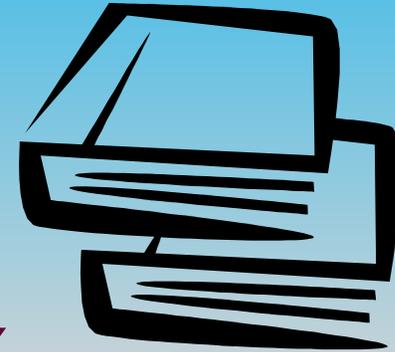
- **Sidewalk Improvements**
 - New sidewalks
 - Widened sidewalk
 - Sidewalk gap closures
 - Curb ramps
- **Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Improvements**
 - New or upgraded traffic devices
 - Crosswalks
 - Pavement markings
 - Traffic signs
- **On-Street Bicycle Facilities**
 - New bike lanes
 - Turning lanes
 - Channelization
- **Traffic Diversion Improvements**
 - Reducing motor vehicle traffic adjacent to school facilities
- **Pedestrian Facilities**
 - New trails
- **Traffic Calming Measures**
 - Roadway median
 - Pedestrian refuges
 - Full and half-street closures
 - Speed humps
- **Bicycle Parking Facilities**
 - Bicycle racks
 - Bicycle lockers

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EXAMPLES OF NON-INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES

- **Plan Development**
 - Master plan
 - School travel plan
- **Encouragement Activities**
 - Competitions among grades
 - Scheduled days for walking or biking
 - Mileage clubs
 - Walking school buses and bike trains
- **Education Materials**
 - Safe walking and bicycling pamphlets
 - Video materials
- **Crossing Guard Training**
 - Training sessions
- **Student Training**
 - Pedestrian safety training
 - Safe biking techniques
- **Traffic Enforcement Activities**
 - Increase speed enforcement presence
 - Speed trailers
 - Monitoring of schools zones
 - Traffic calming measures
- **Equipment Purchases**
 - Clothing and equipment for crossing guards
 - Portable in-road signs

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?



- Webster Dictionary definition:

"A plan giving overall guidance"

- As it applies to the Huntington County Safe Routes to School Program:

"An action plan that will evaluate needs and propose a criteria to prioritize future Huntington County SRTS projects."

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENTS

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENT: EDUCATION

- Teach children about the broad range of transportation choices
- Launch driver safety campaigns
- Includes parents, neighbors, and other drivers



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENT: ENCOURAGEMENT

- Implement specific events and activities
- Walk to school events
- Competition among grades
- Walking school buses and bike trains



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENT: ENFORCEMENT

- Partnering with local law enforcement
- Increases driver awareness
- Improves driver behavior
- Initiates community enforcement



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENT: ENGINEERING

- Evaluate existing conditions
- Create operational and physical improvements
- Establish, safer crossings, walkways, trails and bikeways
- Create safer conditions for pedestrians



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN ELEMENT: EVALUATION

- Is the program making a difference?
- Monitors and documents outcomes and trends through the collection of data



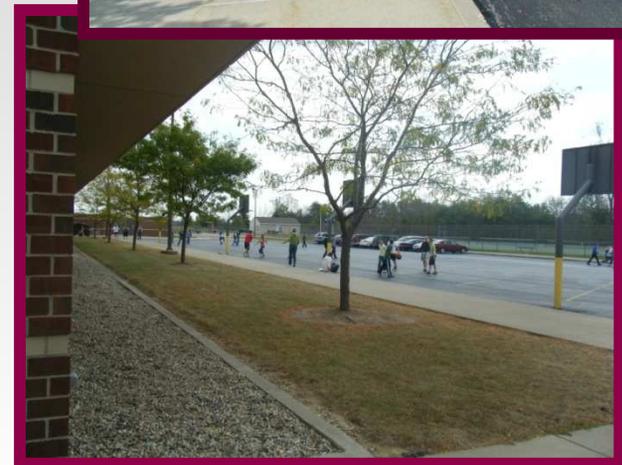
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MASTER PLAN



- Andrews Elementary School
- Crestview Middle School
- Flint Springs Elementary School
- Horace Mann Elementary School
- Huntington Catholic School
- Lancaster Elementary School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Northwest Elementary School
- Riverview Middle School
- Roanoke Elementary School
- Salamonie School

CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- School Wellness Program – Fitness Fridays
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Lack of sidewalks at CR 500 N and Stults Road
 - Insufficient lighting
 - Difficult crossings
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 4% Bike or Walk
 - 20% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 76% School Bus



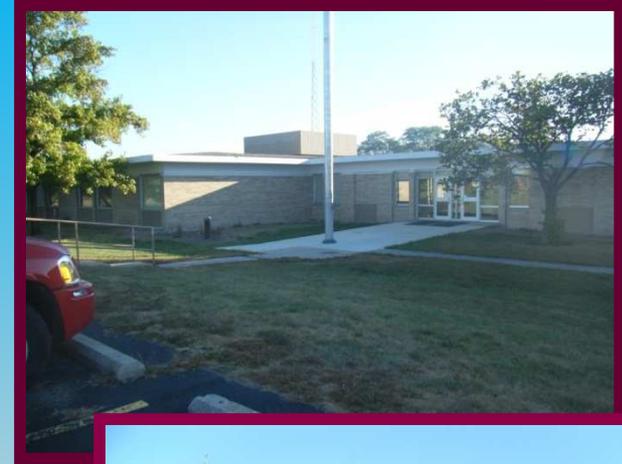
FLINT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School Wellness Program – Exercise through PE Department
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Isolated location
 - High speeds along nearby roadways (CR 100 W and Tipton Street)
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Bike or Walk
 - 15% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 85% School Bus



LANCASTER **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- School Wellness Program – Students walk around the perimeter of the campus
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Lack of sidewalks at CR 300 W and CR 300 S
 - Rural location
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Bike or Walk
 - 9% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 91% School Bus



ROANOKE **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- School Wellness Program – Healthy walking programs
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Maintenance of public sidewalks during the winter time
 - High speeds on Vine Street
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Bike
 - 12% Walk
 - 16% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 72% School Bus



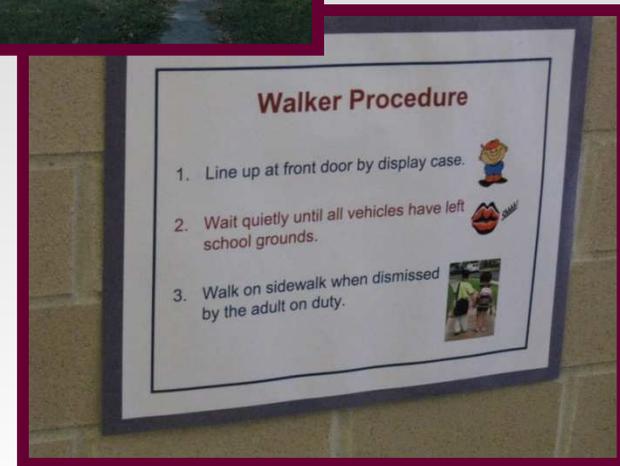
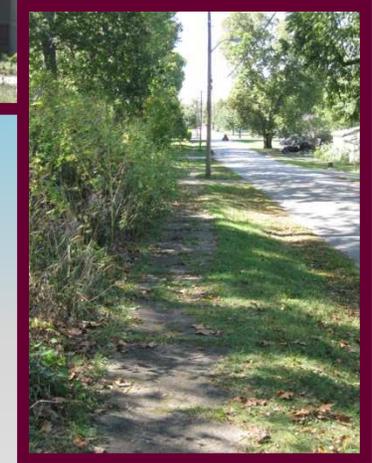
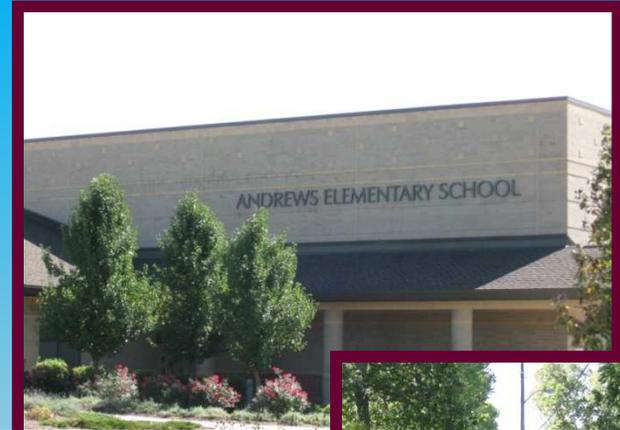
SALAMONIE SCHOOL

- Existing unimproved walking trail
- School Wellness Program – Morning Mile
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Rural location
 - No sidewalks
 - Maintaining/Monitoring existing trail
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 1% Walk or Bike
 - 16% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 83% School Bus



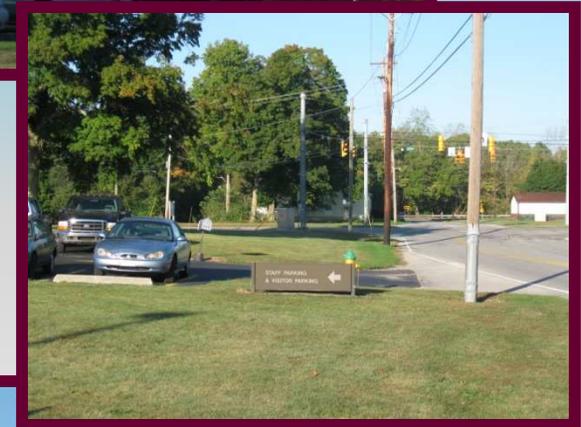
ANDREWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A.C.E.S. Program – Andrews Cardinals Exercising Simultaneously
- School Wellness Program – Fitness Challenge and Healthy Snacks Program
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Inadequate sidewalks on Jefferson Street and McKeever Streets
 - No crosswalks or crossing guards
 - No bike racks
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Bike
 - 4% Walk
 - 23% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 73% School Bus



HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School Wellness Program – Centered around PE Department and teacher discretion
- Vehicle congestion is a serious issue during dismissal
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - No sidewalks on Etna Avenue or Waterworks Road
 - No crosswalks or crossing guards
 - Excessive speeds on nearby streets
 - Sight distance on NB Etna Avenue
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 1% Bike or Walk
 - 21% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 78% School Bus



HUNTINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- School Wellness Plan – Pedometers and Jump Rope for Heart
- Students/staff regularly walk between elementary and middle schools
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Inadequate street lighting (Daylight Savings Time issues)
 - Few marked crosswalks
 - Inconsistent ADA sidewalk ramp availability
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 6% Bike
 - 13% Walk
 - 20% School Bus
 - 61% Family Vehicle / Carpool



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School Wellness Plan
 - Walking program during recess with Abraham Lincoln connection
 - In-school walking program for early arrivals and bus users (modeled after A.C.E.S.)
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - “Remote” location of school
 - No sidewalks on streets
 - No crosswalks or crossing guards
 - Excessive speeds on Broadway Avenue and Taylor Street
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Walk or Bike
 - 16% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 84% School Bus



NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School Wellness Program – Partnership with Huntington University Kid-Fit Program
- Campus has an outdoor lab
 - Under-utilized due to outdated equipment and lack of volunteer maintenance
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - Rural location of school
 - No sidewalks on county roads
 - Excessive speeds on CR 800 N
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Walk or Bike
 - 18% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 82% School Bus



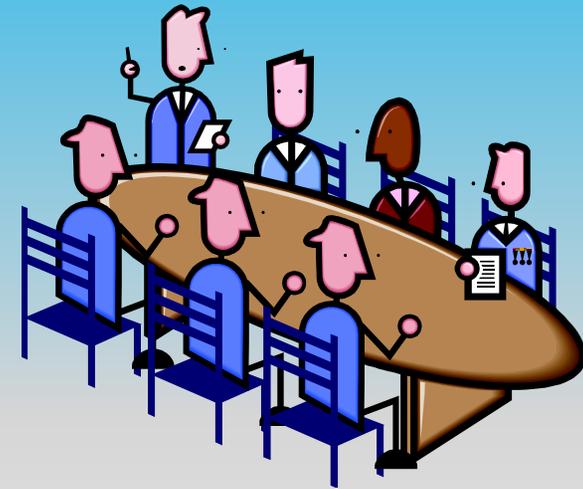
RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- School Wellness Program – Life Fitness Approach
- Campus has an outdoor lab/walking Trail
 - Maintained and recently expanded
- Perceived obstacles for implementing a safe environment for walking or bicycling:
 - No sidewalks, crosswalks, or crossing guards
 - Excessive speeds on nearby streets
 - Inadequate street lighting (Daylight Savings Time issues)
- Typical mode of arrival and departure from school (per surveys)
 - 0% Walk or Bike
 - 19% Family Vehicle / Carpool
 - 81% School Bus



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MASTER PLAN PROCESS TO DATE

- Task force created
- Application submitted to Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Advisory Committee
- INDOT/SRTS Committee awards funds
- Task force either develops Master Plan or selects/hires consultant to assist
- Parent/School surveys and site assessments



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NEXT STEPS

- Continue to prepare Master Plan:
 - The Master Plan will evaluate needs for each school based on:
 - Information collected to date
 - Public Meetings
 - The Master Plan will propose criteria for the Huntington County SRTS Task Force to evaluate the needs for prioritization of future projects
 - The Master Plan will present potential future projects and identify the top five (5) priority projects

- Huntington County SRTS Task Force submits future SRTS applications for the projects



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INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

- National Center for Safe Routes to School:
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org>
- Indiana Safe Routes to School Program:
<http://saferoutes.in.gov>
- Federal Highway Administration Safe Routes to School Program:
<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes>
- Walk to School Day:
<http://www.walktoschool.org>
- Health by Design:
<http://www.healthbydesignonline.org>



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLIC MEETING

***Thank you
for
attending tonight***



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Questions/Comments

