



# City of Austin Safe Routes to School

Community Services Division ▪ Public Works Department



# What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?

*Safe Routes to School is an international movement with two basic goals:*

- improve the safety conditions of routes to school
- encourage more children and families to bike or walk to school





# Children's Changing Commute

*What percentage of students use active transportation to get to school?*

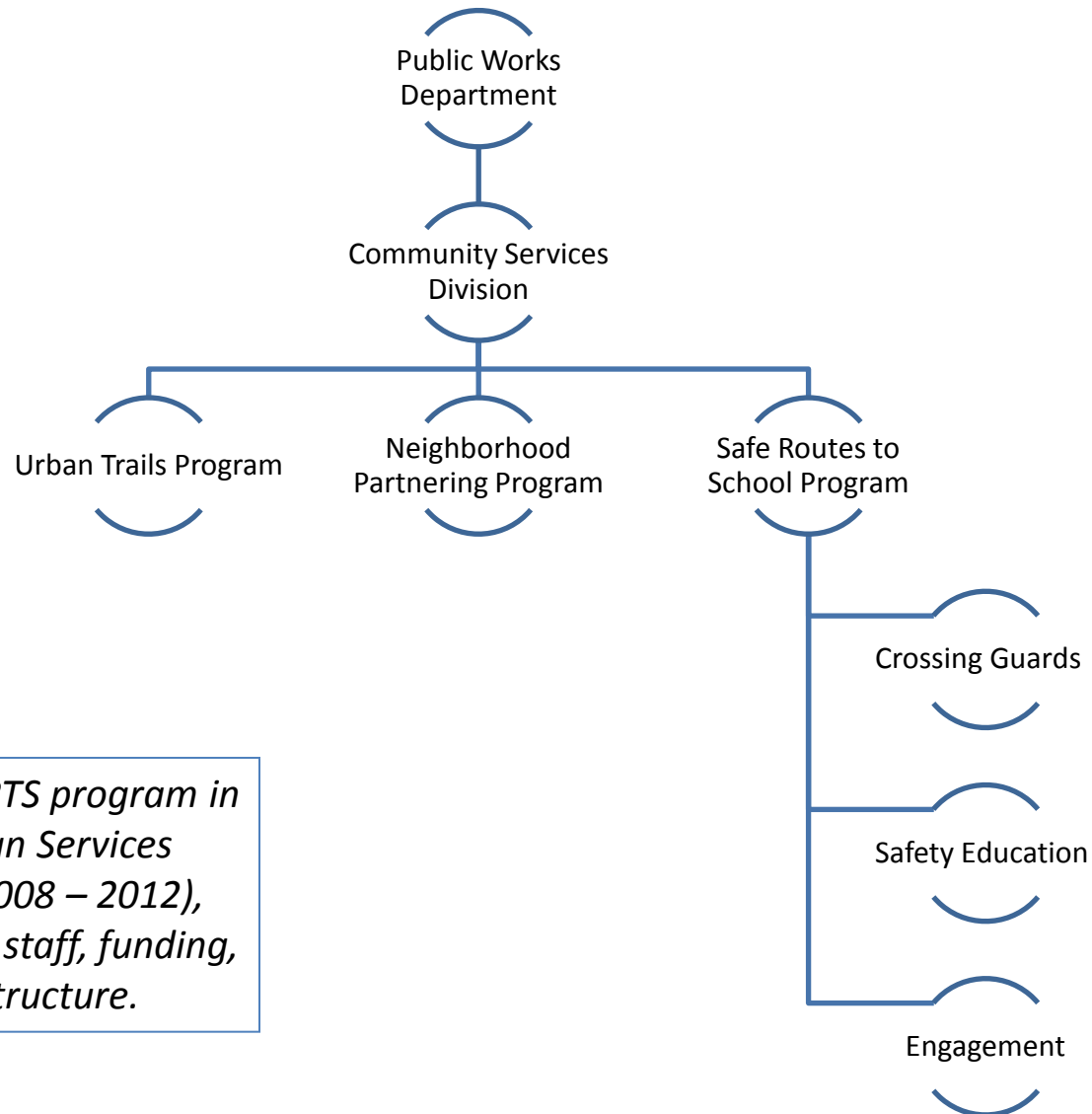


1969: 48% walked or biked, 12% driven

2009: 13% walked or biked, 44% driven

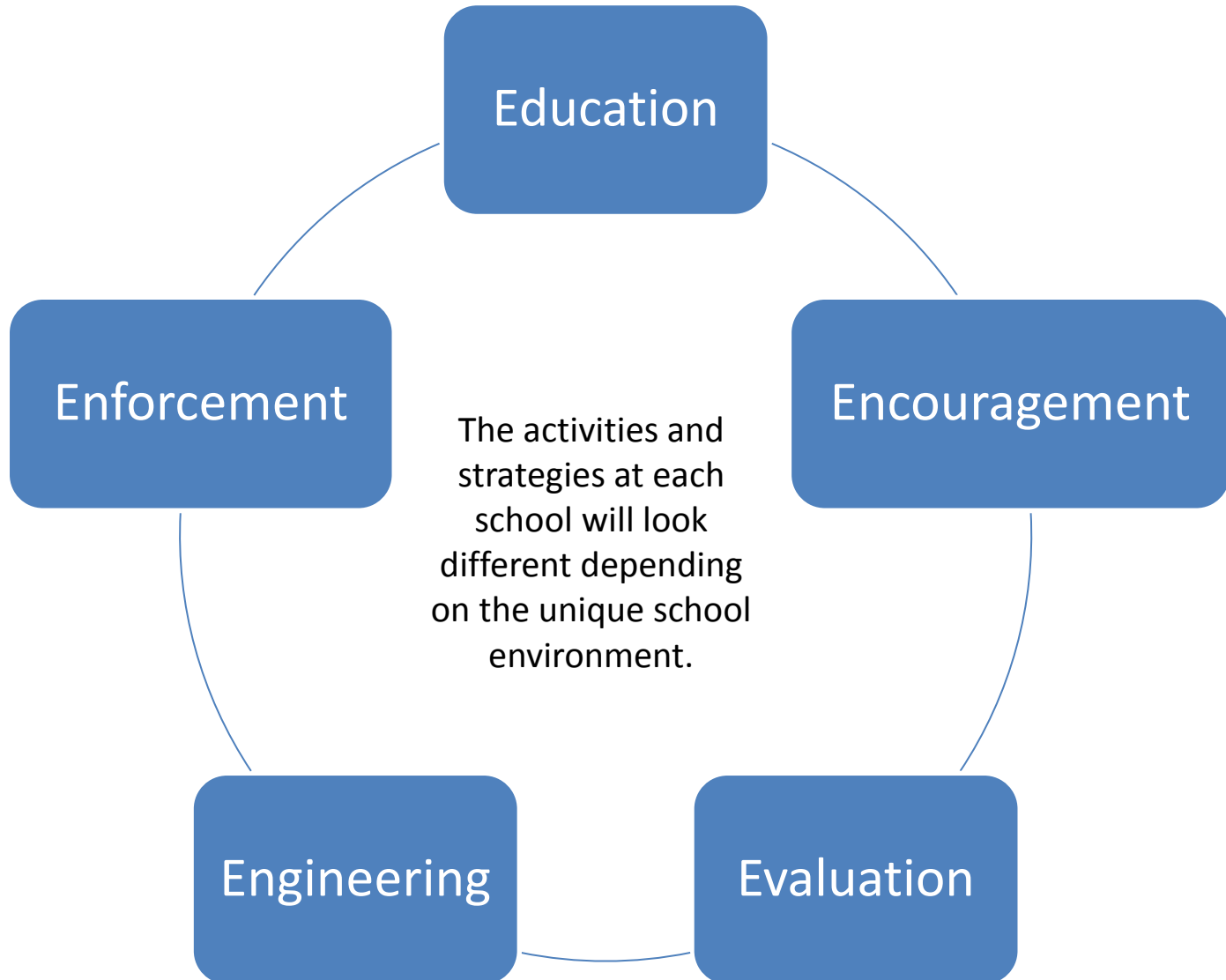
**Our goal: more families choose active transportation to travel to school.**

# Safe Routes to School in Austin



*\*The former SRTS program in Health & Human Services Department (2008 – 2012), had a different staff, funding, and program structure.*

# SRTS on Your Campus



# SRTS Services Snapshot

## District-wide

- Crossing Guards
- Pedestrian & Bike Safety Education (in P.E. classes)

## Event Planning & Implementation

- CATCH nights/Safety Fairs
- Parent trainings and presentations
- Walk/Bike to School Day
- Bike Rodeos & Clinics

## Daily Programs

- Walking School Buses
- Bike Trains

## Resources

- Maps/flyers
- Active transport safety information
- Safety vests, stickers, prizes (limited supply)
- “The Hub” active transportation tracking system

# What makes a route safe?

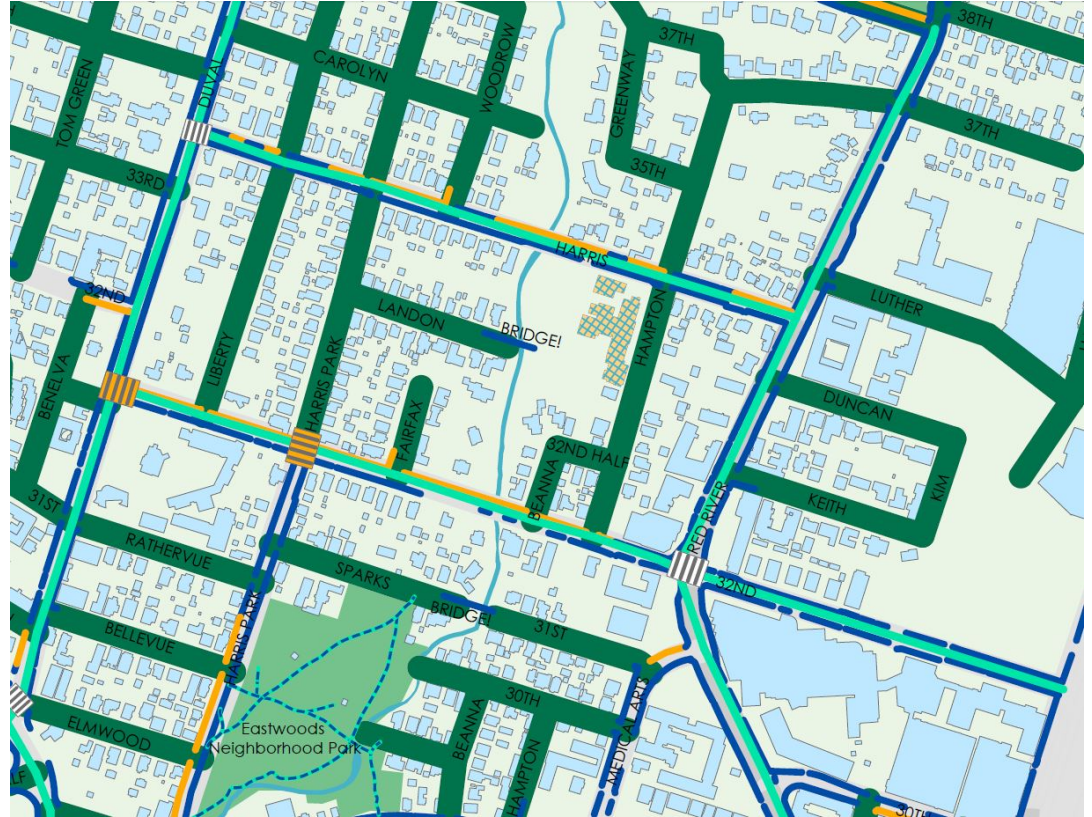
- Low speed limits
- Low traffic volumes
- Presence of sidewalks
- Presence of bicycle facilities





# Lee Elementary

- Well connected street grid
- Simpler symbol for “Quiet Street”
- Park Trails and Bridges provide key connections

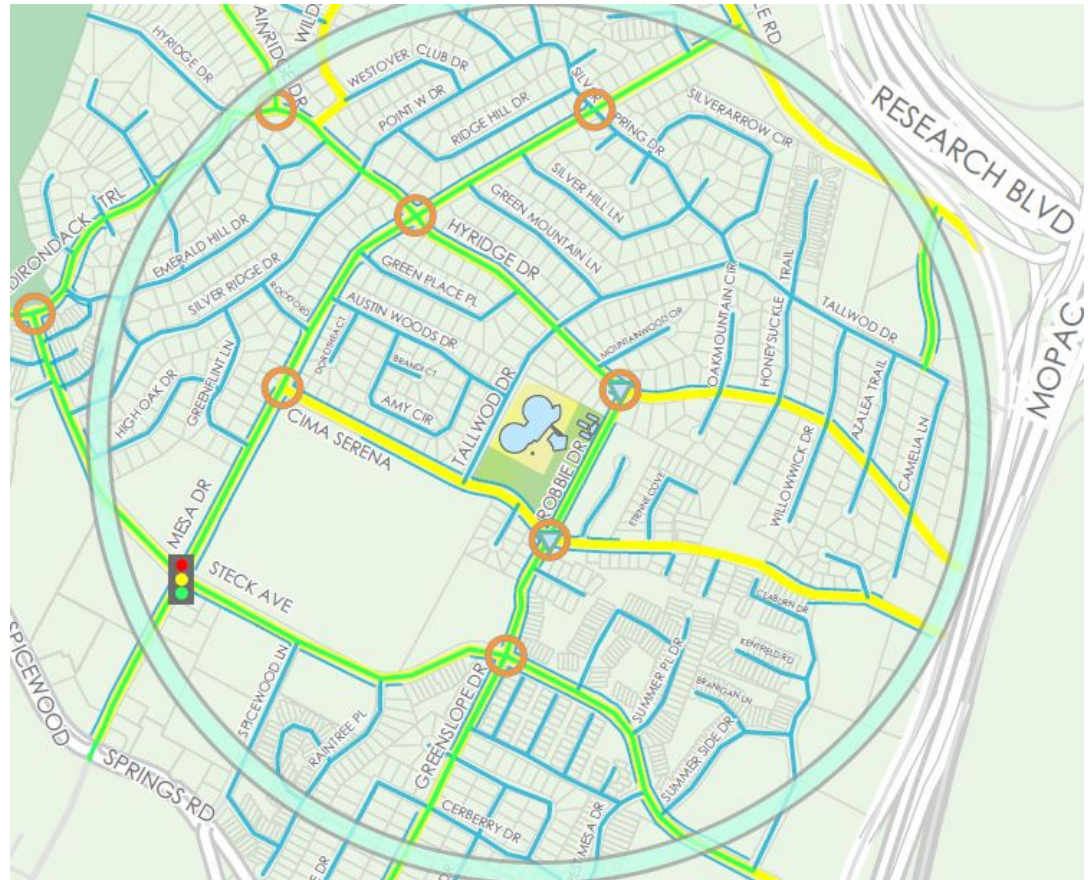




# Hill

## Elementary

- High speed limit roads
- Difficult crossings
- Bike/Ped facilities along busy roads



# Questions?



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