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Safe Routes to School Team Heads Out to Community Events to Gather Input on \$27.5 Million Infrastructure Plan

AUSTIN, TEXAS – The City of Austin’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is gathering input from residents at nearly 30 different events this fall. The SRTS team can be found at local libraries, recreation centers and community events between now and the end of the year.

The SRTS team wants to hear from parents, students and residents about improvements to sidewalks, intersections, bike lanes and other facilities that would help students safely walk and bike to school.

The input-gathering efforts are part of an initiative to identify and prioritize infrastructure needs of elementary and middle schools in each of the ten Austin City Council districts. Last year, public meetings were held in Council Districts 1 and 10 and in the spring, meetings were held in districts 2, 8 and 9. For the fall of 2018, the city is gathering input in districts 3, 5 and 7. The SRTS team will be visiting recreation centers, public libraries and community events in those areas including Holiday Cheer in the Community at Alison Elementary from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m on Dec. 8, Yarborough Branch Library from 4 – 6 p.m. on Dec. 10 and the Camacho Activity Center from 4 – 6 p.m. on Dec. 13. The full list can be found on the City of Austin website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/saferoutes>.

In an effort made possible by the 2016 Mobility Bond, the City of Austin is making an unprecedented investment in the safety of schoolchildren through the Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Plan. The \$27.5 million Infrastructure Plan will create safer options for students to get to and from school. The goal of the 18-month project is for schoolchildren attending 131 schools in seven school districts across the City to have access to safer, connected facilities for walking and biking to school.

“We are relying heavily on input from school officials, parents, guardians and students on how to best prioritize infrastructure solutions,” says Amir Emamian, Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the City of Austin. “We want to make it as easy as possible for people to provide input for the plan, so we are using an online map and attending more than two dozen events in the next months to gather input.”

Emamian reminds Austinites that they can participate online using an Interactive Maptool that can be accessed in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Please contact Amir Emamian, 512-974-9319 or at saferoutestoschool@austintexas.gov for more information.

Once complete, the City of Austin will use the Infrastructure Plan as a guide to address the needed improvements. The Infrastructure Plan and related improvements are made possible by the 2016 Mobility Bond, which included \$27.5M for improvements to sidewalks, streets, bikeways and trails with access to school for Austin children.

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