

Culver City Safe Routes to School Program



Bike, walk, skate, scoot, carpool... more!

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OVERVIEW

What is Safe Routes to School?

- Started in 1997 to provide resources to develop programs that improve traffic safety for children who walk or bike and programs to encourage children to walk or bike to school more often
- Based on European models
- 2 types of government grant programs: Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure



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Culver City SRTS Programs

- Linwood Howe *Infrastructure* SRTS Program: Improving 13 intersections with curb extensions and improved crosswalks
- 4 Year *Non-Infrastructure* Program





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Why Safe Routes to School?

- **30% of children** in the U.S. are considered obese
- Just **10% of U.S. children** receive 60 minutes of daily activity
- **25% of morning congestion** is related to school traffic
- Only **13% of children** walk or bike to school (50% in 1970)



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Why Safe Routes to School

Morning activity – **walking and biking to school** – is a simple way to address many of these issues.

- Gets kids out of cars and encourages more activity
- Reduces traffic and pollution around schools
- Helps to reduce health risks such as asthma and obesity
- Improves attendance and academic performance
- Reduces bullying

Students are more active, healthier and more engaged

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Why Safe Routes to School

Teaches Life-long skills:

- Responsibility
- Good Decision making
- Develops greater community awareness



Every Day and Each Block Helps

Walk / Bike to School Programs do not mean door-to-door, or everyday.



Culver City 4 Year SRTS Non-Infrastructure Program

- **Education:** Students, parents, guardians and school staff
- **Encouragement:** Promote excitement for the program at each campus
- **Enforcement:** Working with CCPD
- **Evaluation:** Tallies and surveys to monitor outcomes



Culver City 4 Year SRTS Non-Infrastructure Program

- All 5 elementary schools + CCMS
- Develop sustainable programs at each campus
- Hosting activities that promote safe walking and biking as a fun and easy way to get to and from school
- Reduce congestion and pollution around the schools
- Teach children safe and responsible walking and bicycling habits
- Finding, creating and promoting safer routes
- Educate parents about the benefits to walking and bicycling to school and safe driving behaviors

Success Stories

All 6 schools participated in National Bike to School Day, May 7 *including some for the first time*

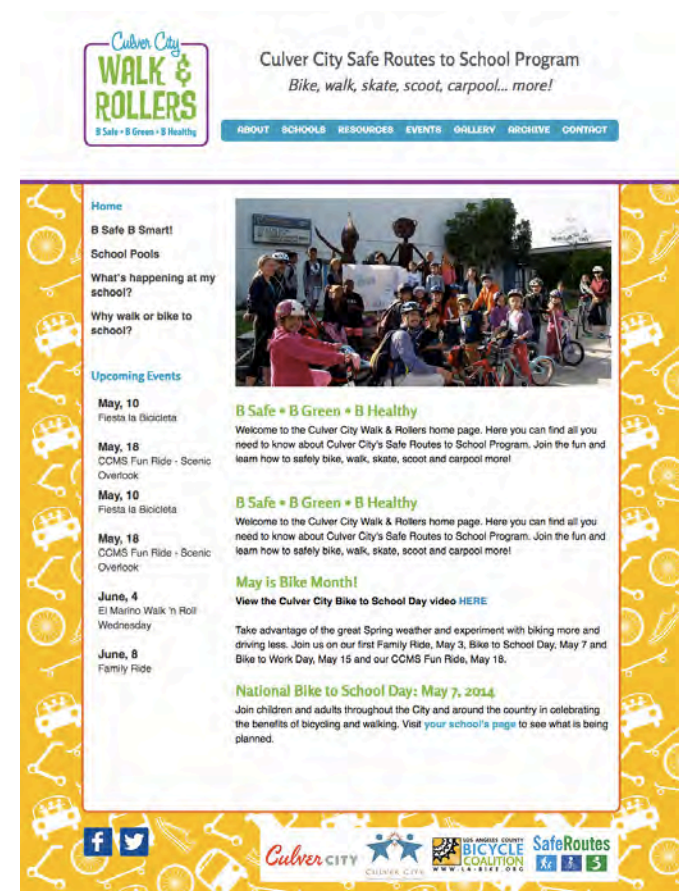


Success Stories

- Culver City SRTS Website launched May 1:

www.ccWalkAndRoll.Com

- SRTS info & Program details
- Event listings
- Details on each schools' program
- Access to preferred walking & biking routes to each school
- Photo and video gallery





Success Stories

- Schools are building **SRTS Committees** and starting to prepare for the next school year
- **Parent Travel Surveys** and **Student Hand Tallies** have either been conducted or are being planned to collect baseline data
- The first **Culver City Bike Festival** is in the planning stages
- **All schools** have shown support and enthusiasm
- **Partnerships have been developed and strengthened** with CCPD, CCUSD School Security, PTA and CCBC

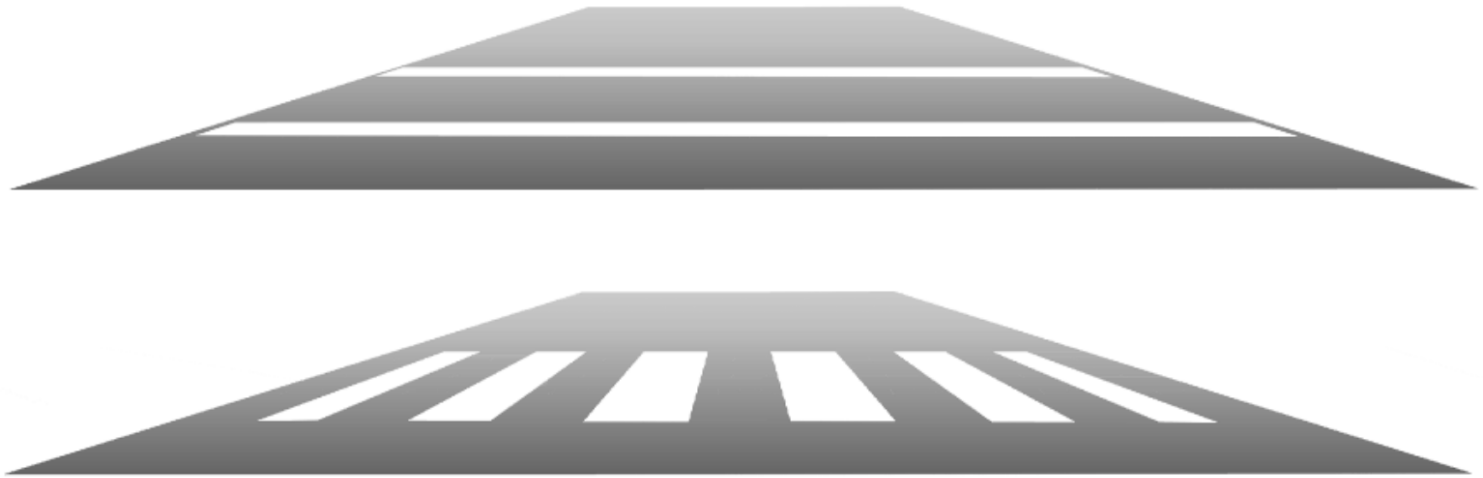
La Ballona SRTS Proposal

- Improving intersections
- Adding crosswalks
- Adding curb extensions
- Improving cycling connectivity along Elenda between Washington and Culver
- Adding a traffic signal on Jefferson



New SRTS Program

High Visibility Crossings

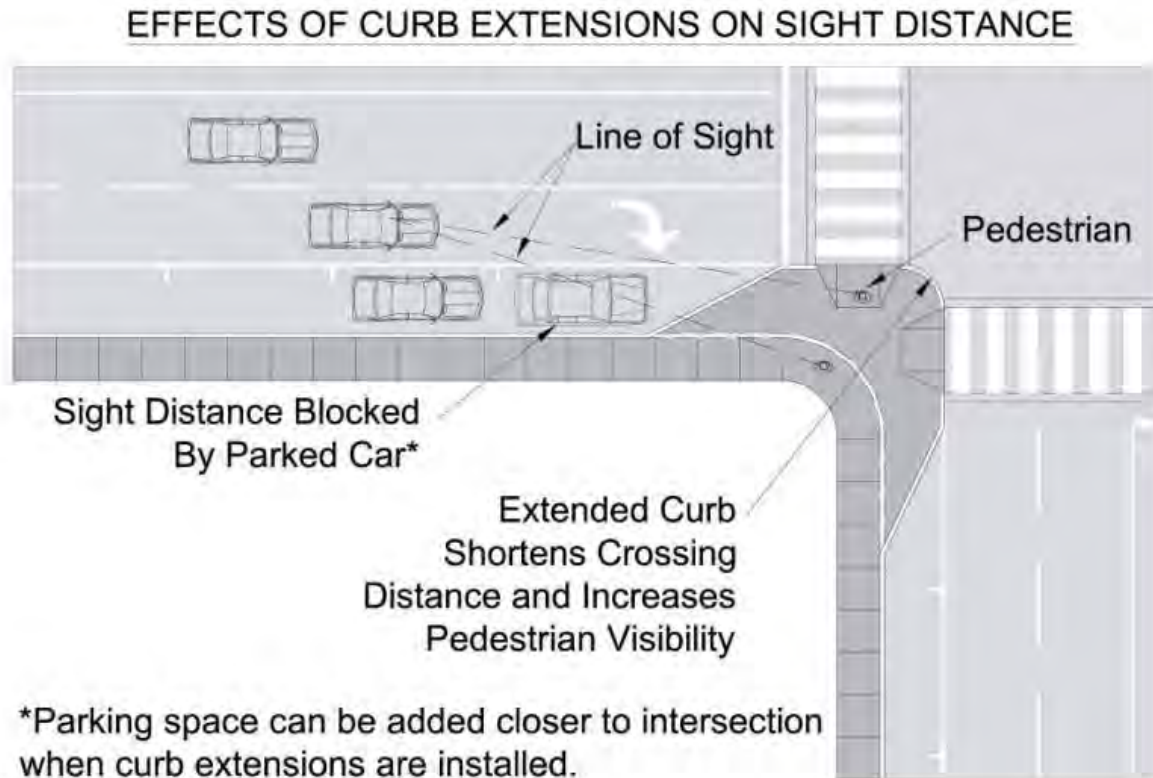


Curb Extensions

- **Reduce traffic collisions by 37%**
- Increases pedestrian and motorist visibility
- Reduces crossing distance and exposure to traffic
- Reduce traffic speeds
- Requires more complete stops
- Reduces likelihood of “right turn squeezing”

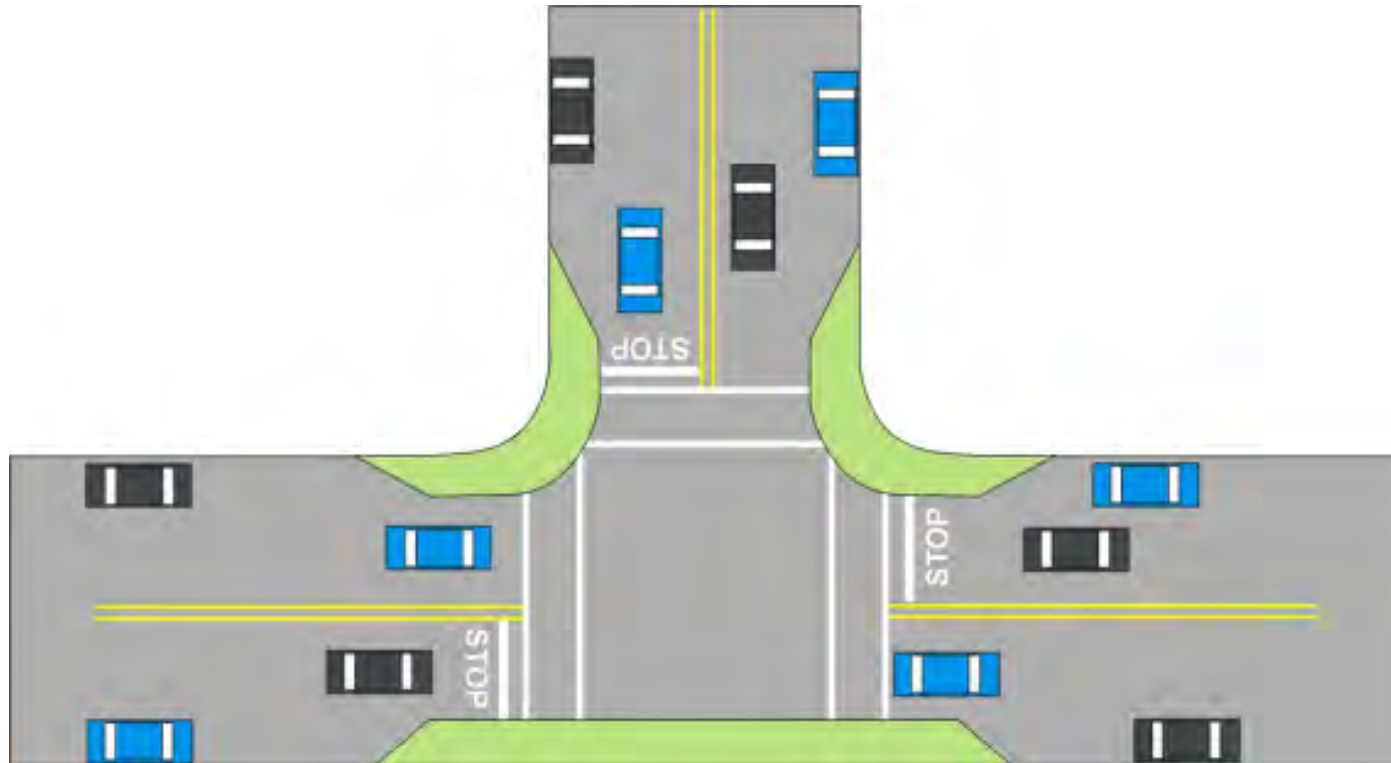
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New SRTS Program

Cycle Tracks

- Improves safety for cyclists by adding separation



Cycle Tracks

- Maintains parking and driveway access





New SRTS Program

Timeline

- **Application submitted May 20, 2014**
- Awards announced November 2014
- Community Meetings and Outreach mid-2015
- Design RFP late-2015
- Construction RFP mid-2016
- Groundbreaking 2017



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