

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiatives are:

Sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to...

- **Improve the health and well-being of children** by...
 - Enabling and encouraging them to **walk and bicycle to school** and to get students more active within their neighborhoods before and after school.
 - In Minnesota, **funded and supported by the MN Department of Transportation** (MnDOT) and other partners across the state
- Burnside has a Planning Grant through MnDOT for the Safe Routes to School Program (Twin Bluff and Sunnyside also had this grant and have gone through the process)
- The past few months we have:
 - Collected feedback from students and caregivers
 - We have been at teachers conferences and spoke with 30-40 parents and 30 students, Kids Junction spoke with about 20 parents and breakfast speaking with about 40 students to receive feedback
 - Many live too far away to walk or ride their bike
 - The families that do live close enough, there are safety concerns
 - The crosswalk on Aspen
 - The steep hill on Aspen
 - How close the sidewalk is to the road
 - The condition of the sidewalk in the winter
 - The Safe Routes to School team observed dismissal to see these safety concerns
 - The team consists of: The Director and Deputy Director with Public Works Goodhue County, Lead City Engineer with the city of Red Wing, Public health educators through Goodhue County, Police dept. staff, Director of buildings and grounds, and Jen Grove.
 - The team had a rapid planning workshop on Dec 1st where community engagement, barriers and solutions were discussed.
- The next stage of the grant is to work with Consulting Groups ZAN and Alta to come up with a Safe Routes to School Plan.
 - This will include programs and infrastructure opportunities
- We encourage everyone to still please take the caregiver survey, we are still collecting data and the more information we have the better our plan will be: [Caregiver Survey About Walking and Biking to School](#)

More information can be found at: [Burnside School Safe Routes to School Plan English.](#)