



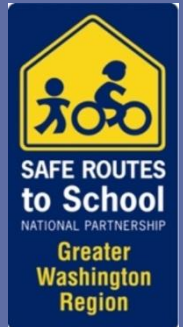
Greater Washington Region Safe Routes to School Network

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Greater Washington Network Mission

Build partnerships and leverage resources in the region to improve policies and the built environment to support increases in physical activity through walking and bicycling to school and in daily life.



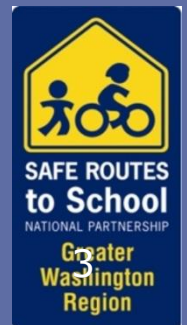
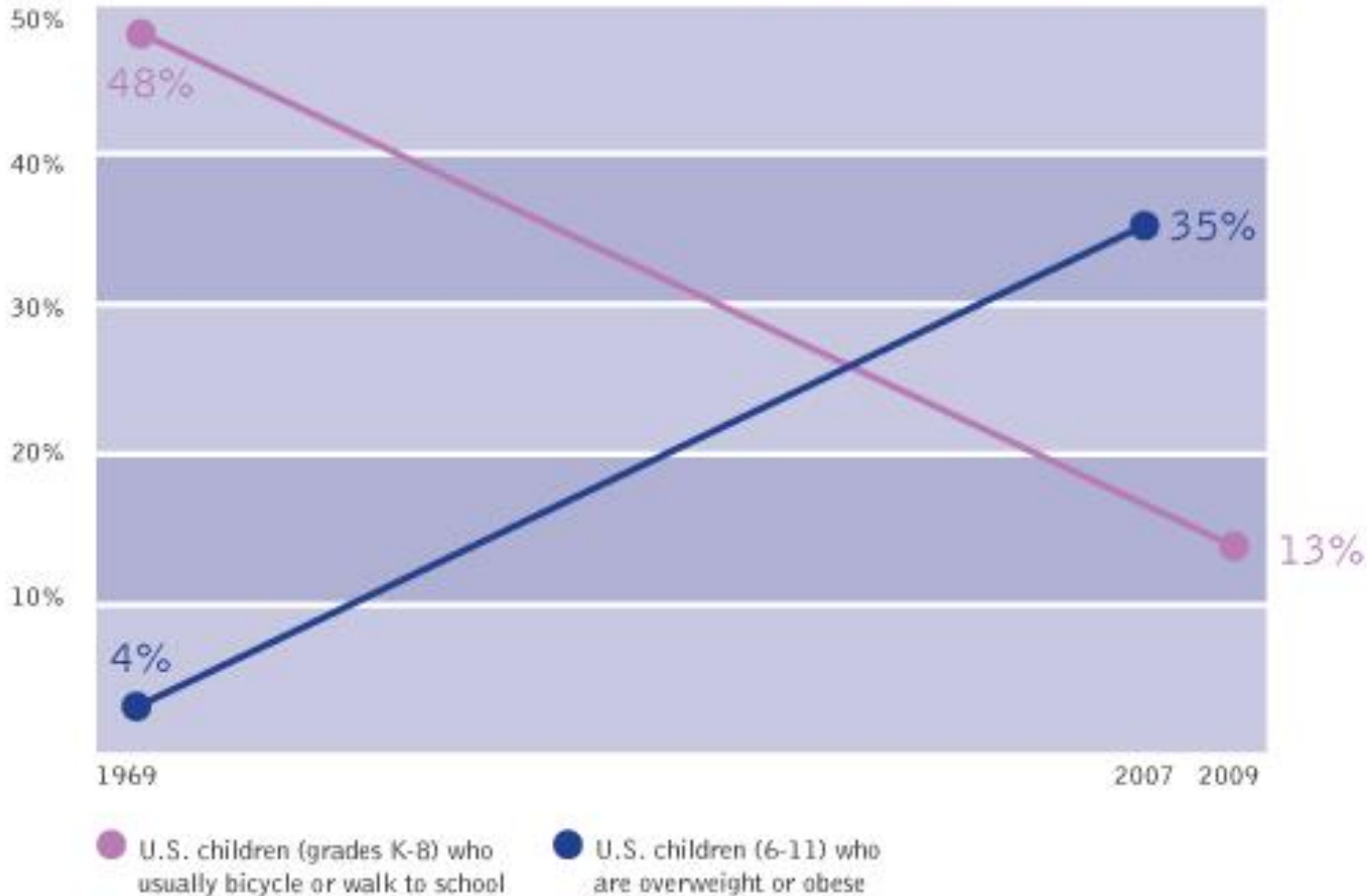
Wolftrap Elementary School. Photo by Jeff Anderson





Statistics

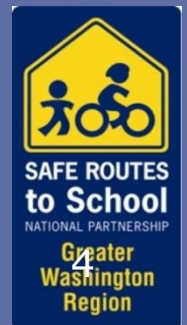
Decreased activity leads to more overweight and obese children





Transportation

- ✦ 10-14 percent of morning traffic is parents driving their kids to school
- ✦ 43 percent of students living less than a mile from school are driven
- ✦ Traffic pollution has a negative health impact
 - ✦ Schools with low-income and non-white children are specifically vulnerable





History

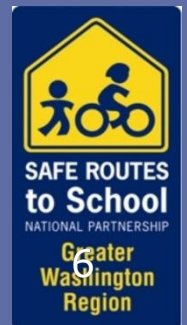
- ✦ Started in Denmark
- ✦ California adopted legislation in 1999
- ✦ Federally funded pilot program in 2000
- ✦ SAFETEA-LU Legislation in 2005





History

- ✦ SAFETEA-LU Funding
 - ✦ Five E's education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement and evaluation
 - ✦ Infrastructure and non-infrastructure
 - ✦ Infrastructure within 2 miles of schools
 - ✦ State SRTS coordinators
 - ✦ National Center for Safe Routes to School





History

- ✦ Safe Routes to School National Partnership in 2005
- ✦ Ensured new funding was implemented
- ✦ Students and communities





TPB Vision

- ✦ Convenient bicycle and pedestrian access
- ✦ A range of transportation choices in the region
- ✦ Reduced reliance on the automobile in the regional core and activity centers





Region Forward

- ✦ Increasing bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- ✦ Increasing the share of bicycle and walking trips
- ✦ Reducing greenhouse gas
- ✦ Reducing pedestrian and cyclists fatalities





Greater Washington

- ✦ Safe Routes to School Coordinators
 - ✦ Full-time: District of Columbia and Montgomery County
 - ✦ Part-time: Takoma Park, City of Rockville, Cheverly
 - ✦ Consultant: City of Alexandria-Trails for Youth





Greater Washington

- ✦ Grant applications in Fairfax County Public Schools and Prince William County
- ✦ Loudoun County Public Schools has an appointed transportation contact

Vienna Elementary
School





Greater Washington

- ✦ City of Frederick increased the number of schools participating in WTDS from 1 to 4 this year
- ✦ Prince George's received almost one million for infrastructure at five schools





Fairfax County

- ✦ Town of Vienna Elementary Schools
 - ✦ Interested parents
 - ✦ Bike/Walk Challenge
 - ✦ Mode shift

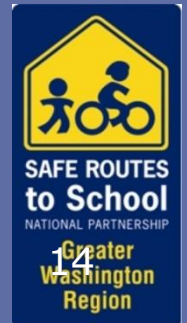


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Fairfax County

- ✦ Vienna Elementary School
 - ✦ Walking Wednesdays
 - ✦ Thursday reported less than 25 cars in kiss-n-ride when usually 70
 - ✦ 20 bikes everyday compared to 3-4
 - ✦ Teachers are reporting more focused students





Regional Activities

- ★ Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission in Columbus, Ohio
 - ★ Convenes interested parties bi-monthly
 - ★ Has a speaker
 - ★ Opportunity to share information





Regional Activities

- ★ San Diego Association of Governments
 - ★ Grant funding
 - ★ Wrote regional Safe Routes to School Plan
 - ★ Planning and capacity building and education/encouragement/enforcement grants to 12 communities





Regional Activities

- ✦ East Central Regional Safe Routes to School Program in Menasha, WI
 - ✦ Grew from 10 programs to 86 programs in 22 districts
 - ✦ Staff provides guidance and resources for implementation
 - ✦ State Safe Routes to School dollars





Next Steps

- ✦ Safe Routes to School Workshop
- ✦ Prioritize Safe Routes to School/walk/bike in MAP-21
- ✦ Bring a greater focus of kids to TPB work
- ✦ Work on SRTS as a way to reduce trips and improve air quality





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