

# Champaign-Urbana Public Schools 2010 School Travel Plan

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## 1. Introduction

Our school is committed to ensuring that all our students can utilize *physically active transportation*, such as walking and bicycling, for a safe and enjoyable trip to school. This School Travel Plan aims to address the issues that impede active transportation and seeks to strategically solve these problems by implementing a Safe Routes to School program.

Our community is motivated to pursue Safe Routes to School because:

- ☒ We highly value student physical activity and health.
- ☒ We want to improve the air quality and environment around our school(s).
- ☒ We wish to improve unsafe or insufficient walkways, bikeways and crossings.
- ☒ We are committed to reducing speeding and reckless driving near school(s).
- ☒ Our students are threatened by illegal behaviors near school(s).
- ☒ We have a history of pedestrian or bicycle crashes around school(s).
- ☒ We want to address the issue of childhood obesity in our community

We want to increase daily activity through walking & biking to school and Safe Routes to School programs to help reduce childhood obesity. The Champaign County IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs) has identified obesity as one of the four top priority health issues in Champaign County.

## 2. The Safe Routes To School Team

We believe that a diverse Safe Routes to School Team develops the most successful School Travel Plans. Our Team is comprised of a variety of stakeholders, each lending their own unique perspective and expertise in order to make walking and bicycling to school more safe, accessible and fun for our students.

The members of our team include:

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- Sandra Duckworth, School or staff official
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### 3. The Public Input Process

Our Team worked to include the entire community in developing our School Travel Plan. To accomplish this, we:

☒ Administered [parent surveys](#)

Champaign-Urbana schools distributed surveys to various grades in each of the 21 K-8 schools. In 2007, 398 parents responded, and we are still collecting data for 2010.

☒ Hosted public meetings

The School Travel Plan was presented to the Champaign & Urbana School Boards, and the Urbana Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission. No public comments were received. One Champaign School Board member was disappointed to learn that 46% of Champaign families live 2 or more miles from school, and the board appreciated the SRTS Team's efforts. The Urbana School Board thought the Team is doing great work, and one member encouraged the district to incorporate pick-up and drop-off analysis in school reconstruction projects. C-U SRTS Report school board presentations summarizing student & parent surveys, and Long Range Transportation Plan public meetings were also held.

☒ [Interviewed](#) key stakeholders

Local traffic engineers, planners, school district representatives, and other interested parties were interviewed.

☒ Solicited student opinions

As part of the 2010-11 Walk to School Day, students completed a Walkability Checklist. Both Champaign and Urbana schools also administered student tally sheets. This includes Wiley School in Urbana, which received a SRTS mini-grant in 2010. CCRPC also interviewed 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Stratton School in Champaign while developing its SRTS Plan.

☒ Publicized a public comment period

Champaign & Urbana Schools had an agenda item for commenting on and approving the ideas in the School Travel Plan at meetings open to the public. CCRPC also posted the draft plan for review on its website during a 7 day public comment period. No public comments were received. 30 day public comment periods for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2035 and Urbana Bicycle Master Plan (UBMP) included the opportunity to comment on walking & bicycling issues for children, as well as commission and council presentations for those plans and the Champaign Transportation Master Plan (CTMP). The C-U SRTS Report was also publicly presented to both school boards.

☒ Conducted [engineering studies](#)

The City of Urbana and Urbana School District worked to improve walking and biking in engineering plans for the expansion of King School. The City of Champaign, CCRPC, and other entities worked to improve walking and biking in the engineering plans for the reconstruction of Booker T. Washington School. The City of Champaign

will work on engineering changes based on recommendations from CCRPC's SRTS plan for Stratton School.

- ☒ Conducted a community 'Walkabout' or 'Bikeabout'

In 2010, City of Champaign, CCRPC, and other agency staff analyzed walking and biking conditions at Stratton School to develop the school's SRTS plan. In 2009, C-U SRTS Project hired Mark Fenton to conduct a walkabout and SRTS workshop, which included analyzing University High School, a school that houses 7th and 8th graders. In August 2008, the Urbana Public Works & Police Departments, the King School principal, and the C-U SRTS Project conducted a walkabout at King School.

- ☒ Incorporated our town's existing bike or pedestrian plan recommendations

Goals from the 2004 Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan, 2008 Urbana Bicycle Master Plan, 2008 Champaign Transportation Master Plan, and Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 completed in 2009 were considered.

- ☒ Incorporated our [School Wellness Policy](#) objectives

Champaign and Urbana School Wellness Policies were considered.

#### 4. School Description

Our School Travel Plan addresses the needs of :

- ☒ A city/municipality

The school(s) and district(s) included in our School Travel Plan are:

- BOTTENFIELD ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- CARRIE BUSEY ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- DR HOWARD ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL in district 0040
- FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL in district 0040
- GARDEN HILLS ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL in district 0040
- KENWOOD ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- ROBESON ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- SOUTH SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in district 0040
- STRATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in district 0040
- VERNON L BARKSTALL ELEMENTARY SCH in district 0040
- WASHINGTON ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- WESTVIEW ELEM SCHOOL in district 0040
- LEAL ELEM SCHOOL in district 1160
- M L KING JR ELEM SCHOOL in district 1160
- PRAIRIE ELEM SCHOOL in district 1160
- THOMAS PAINE ELEM SCHOOL in district 1160
- URBANA MIDDLE SCHOOL in district 1160
- WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in district 1160
- YANKEE RIDGE ELEM SCHOOL in district 1160

The school(s) are located in:

- CHAMPAIGN
- URBANA

#### 5. School Demographics

##### Summary of all Schools

Our student demographic information includes:

41.80% White 37.50% Black 8.40% Hispanic 9.20% Asian 0.30% Native American 2.80% Multiracial/Ethnic

58.70% Low income students 10.50% Limited English proficient students

16.00% Special education students

## 6. Travel Environment

### Summary of all Schools

This is how our students travel to and from school.

Travel Mode	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Public Transit	Other
Number of Students	2904	273	5855	9051	719	948	334
Percent	14.46%	1.36%	29.15%	45.07%	3.58%	4.72%	1.66%

These are the distances our students live from school.

Distance lived from school	Less Than 1 mile	1 to 1.5 miles	More Than 1.5 miles
Number of Students	1877	938	6334
Percent	20.52%	10.25%	69.23%

We have the following supports or activities in place during student travel times:

- ☒ Crossing guards
- ☒ Student patrol
- ☒ Parent patrol
- ☒ Staff presence during drop-off/pick-up
- ☒ Police department support
- ☒ Neighborhood Watch program
- ☒ Walking School Bus
- ☒ Bike Train
- ☒ School traffic safety plan

Our school arrival and dismissal procedures include:

For Pedestrians and Bicyclists: Use sidewalks, use safe walking route, cross with crossing guards where available

For School Buses: Use bus drop-off zone and phased loading for yellow school and public transit buses

For Private Vehicle Drop-off/Pick-up: Goal is to have parents pick up/drop off in a separate location from the bus drop-off zones where available. We have several elementary schools participating in voluntary Park & Walk programs.

For Teachers and Staff: Park in separate parking lot where available

For Carpools: Same as private vehicle drop-off/pick-up

Our school **does** provide School Safety (Hazardous Route) Busing to students.

The number of students provided this service is: 734

Our school is already engaged in activities that enhance safe and active student travel, including:

Risk Watch curriculum is in the schools as well as participation in Walk & Bike to School Day. We also hold bike rodeos throughout the community, are present at safety fairs and health fairs, and have started frequent walker clubs. Also, one Champaign and one Urbana school have received SRTS mini-grants.

## **7. Barriers to Active Transportation**

### **Summary of all Schools**

We have identified and prioritized the following barriers to walking and bicycling to school:

- ☒ Significant traffic crashes within 2 miles of school over the last 3 years

The most recent Selected Crash Intersection Report completed by the MPO using IDOT traffic crash data indicates that every school in Champaign-Urbana is within two miles of one or more intersections deemed as critical due to ADT volumes, crash rate, and/or number of crashes.

- ☒ Missing or insufficient walkways (sidewalks and paths)

There are missing sidewalks within 1 mile of several schools.

- ☒ No safe place to ride a bike to school

Many streets have high traffic volumes and no safe place for bicyclists to interact with that traffic.

- ☒ Crossing streets and intersections is difficult or dangerous

Some large intersections are difficult to cross and provide few safe gaps or traffic controls to facilitate crossing.

- ☒ A major roadway or expressway divides the school from residential areas

I-57 and I-74 divide many residential neighborhoods from schools, and overpasses & underpasses do not include any bicycle facilities and sometimes no pedestrian facilities.

- ☒ Walkways are not accessible to students with disabilities

There are areas that do not have ADA compliant ramps, and some areas do not have sidewalks.

- ☒ Distance to school is too far

Some students who would like to walk/bike cannot due to distance from their schools. Of the parents surveyed in 2007, over 46% of Champaign families live more than 2 miles from school.

- ☒ Bike parking at school is missing, insufficient or not secure

The Urbana School District upgraded bike parking areas at some schools during the 2008-09 school year; however, with the exception of Bottenfield School, which has new bicycle racks, all other Champaign schools have outdated and/or unsecure bicycle racks.

- ☒ Dangerous driving and speeding on streets

Many corridors have speeding concerns near numerous schools. Some drivers will not stop for children crossing the street, even with a crossing guard present. Some drivers also do not stop when school buses have their stop arms engaged.

- ☒ Drop-off and pick-up process creates congestion and unsafe behaviors

Parents drop kids off/pick them up across the street from school, promoting jaywalking students. Students cross in between buses and parked cars. The City of Champaign worked with the C-U SRTS Project when creating new traffic patterns for Kenwood & Robeson Schools in 2008; worked with the architect expanding Garden Hills School and CCRPC in its traffic impact analysis for the reconstruction of Booker T. Washington School to improve walking & biking patterns at those schools; and hired CCRPC to do a SRTS plan for Stratton School. However, several other Champaign-Urbana schools still have traffic pattern issues. Congestion from parent pick-ups occurs on major corridors.

- ☒ Public safety concerns (crime, violence)

Parents are concerned about abductions, crime, violence, and sexual offenders.

- ☒ School policies ban or prohibit bicycling

Some schools discourage walking/biking because they are on or near major streets.

- ☒ Local ordinances negatively impact pedestrians and bicyclists

Local ordinances lack sidewalk snow removal requirements in school areas, and could better promote street connectivity.

## **5. School Demographics**

### **BOTTENFIELD ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

51.18% White 34.43% Black 3.30% Hispanic 10.85% Asian 0.24% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

43.40% Low income students 4.70% Limited English proficient students

13.90% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **CARRIE BUSEY ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

37.10% White 50.90% Black 5.60% Hispanic 6.10% Asian 0.30% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

65.50% Low income students 4.60% Limited English proficient students

17.90% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **DR HOWARD ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

38.90% White 43.70% Black 4.00% Hispanic 12.90% Asian 0.50% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

55.30% Low income students 2.00% Limited English proficient students

15.70% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

44.29% White 33.18% Black 12.19% Hispanic 10.19% Asian 0.15% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

52.00% Low income students 14.40% Limited English proficient students

14.50% Special education students



**5. School Demographics****FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

38.80% White 47.00% Black 4.40% Hispanic 8.90% Asian 0.90% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

55.00% Low income students 5.30% Limited English proficient students

18.10% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****GARDEN HILLS ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

27.20% White 47.80% Black 7.80% Hispanic 16.70% Asian 0.50% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

74.30% Low income students 20.40% Limited English proficient students

11.90% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

49.90% White 36.70% Black 4.70% Hispanic 8.70% Asian 0.00% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

50.90% Low income students 8.50% Limited English proficient students

18.10% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****KENWOOD ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

46.20% White 43.50% Black 4.40% Hispanic 5.90% Asian 0.00% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

62.40% Low income students 2.20% Limited English proficient students

18.20% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****ROBESON ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

55.20% White 34.40% Black 2.50% Hispanic 7.70% Asian 0.20% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

42.10% Low income students 3.50% Limited English proficient students

12.70% Special education students

### ***5. School Demographics***

#### **SOUTH SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

55.90% White 35.60% Black 2.00% Hispanic 5.20% Asian 1.30% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

38.60% Low income students 1.60% Limited English proficient students

10.80% Special education students

### ***5. School Demographics***

#### **STRATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

28.70% White 44.20% Black 15.20% Hispanic 11.70% Asian 0.20% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

71.10% Low income students 20.50% Limited English proficient students

13.50% Special education students

### ***5. School Demographics***

#### **VERNON L BARKSTALL ELEMENTARY SCH**

Our student demographic information includes:

43.90% White 30.80% Black 4.10% Hispanic 21.00% Asian 0.20% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

35.30% Low income students 5.00% Limited English proficient students

13.80% Special education students

### ***5. School Demographics***

#### **WASHINGTON ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

6.30% White 40.10% Black 46.80% Hispanic 6.80% Asian 0.00% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

85.20% Low income students 47.30% Limited English proficient students

13.90% Special education students

### ***5. School Demographics***

**WESTVIEW ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

44.30% White 28.70% Black 10.00% Hispanic 16.30% Asian 0.70% Native American 0.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

52.10% Low income students 25.50% Limited English proficient students

16.80% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****LEAL ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

50.11% White 6.64% Black 31.35% Hispanic 2.06% Asian 1.37% Native American 8.47% Multiracial/Ethnic

61.30% Low income students 31.10% Limited English proficient students

13.00% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****M L KING JR ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

11.10% White 55.40% Black 3.10% Hispanic 26.60% Asian 0.00% Native American 3.80% Multiracial/Ethnic

85.80% Low income students 31.80% Limited English proficient students

13.20% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****PRAIRIE ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

25.00% White 59.50% Black 2.40% Hispanic 0.60% Asian 0.00% Native American 12.50% Multiracial/Ethnic

78.90% Low income students 0.90% Limited English proficient students

18.80% Special education students

**5. School Demographics****THOMAS PAINE ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

52.90% White 27.50% Black 3.80% Hispanic 4.50% Asian 0.30% Native American 11.00% Multiracial/Ethnic

66.00% Low income students 2.10% Limited English proficient students

22.30% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **URBANA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

40.10% White 37.60% Black 10.30% Hispanic 4.10% Asian 0.20% Native American 7.70%  
Multiracial/Ethnic

67.50% Low income students 3.80% Limited English proficient students

21.50% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **WILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

47.70% White 35.80% Black 1.90% Hispanic 3.40% Asian 0.00% Native American 11.20%  
Multiracial/Ethnic

64.50% Low income students 2.50% Limited English proficient students

14.30% Special education students

## **5. School Demographics**

### **YANKEE RIDGE ELEM SCHOOL**

Our student demographic information includes:

60.49% White 20.37% Black 2.78% Hispanic 7.41% Asian 0.00% Native American 8.95% Multiracial/Ethnic

49.40% Low income students 3.70% Limited English proficient students

17.30% Special education students

## **8. Creating Solutions**

### **Goals**

Our primary goal(s) for active school transportation are:

- ☒ Increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school
- ☒ Improve the safety of students walking and bicycling to school
- ☒ Additional goals include:

Reduce transportation costs for schools. Decrease students being driven and picked up from schools.  
Improve environment by reducing driving and increasing student activity. Reduce childhood obesity. Create  
Champaign SRTS Plans.

## **8a. Education Strategies**

☒ Teach pedestrian and bicycle safety skills to students and parents

Walk & Bike to School Day, C-U SRTS Project Bike Rodeos, Risk Watch curriculum, C-U SRTS Project bringing in national speakers and trainers. C-U SRTS Project is talking with the schools about providing bicycling education programming through after school programs, perhaps with the park districts, or as part of P.E. during Bike to Work & School Month. C-U SRTS Project is also planning to work with Illinois Public Media on creating a program called "Multi-Media Youth Engagement in Pedestrian Safety" for students middle school age and older.

☒ Organize a Bicycle Rodeo or training course to teach on-bike skills

ChampaignCountyBikes.org and C-U SRTS Project will work with schools to develop and conduct materials and events, including Bike to School Day or similar event.

☒ Teach personal safety skills to students and parents

Risk Watch and similar programs, Walk & Bike to School Day, and safety fairs. The Cities of Champaign & Urbana and C-U SRTS Project are also annual sponsors of Light The Night, a free bike light installation event which educates recipients on safe bicycling.

☒ Teach the health, environmental and sustainable transportation benefits of walking and bicycling to students and parents

Walk & Bike to School Day, C-U SRTS Project participating in school wellness fairs and open houses, educating families through the initiation and implementation of a Frequent Walker program.

☒ Educate parents and caregivers about safe driving procedures at the school

Walk & Bike to School Day, attending community wellness fairs and showcases, working with the schools to improve traffic patterns to improve safety and air quality, yard signs promoting new state laws (no cell phones in school zones, stop for pedestrians), radio advertising, billboards, newspaper advertising (including Crossing Guard Appreciation Program), bus boards, and movie theater advertising.

☒ Create educational materials

Safe Walking Route Maps, Walk & Bike to School Day materials, C-U SRTS Project Healthy Aspects brochure, C-U SRTS Project website & Facebook page, developing a SRTS video, C-U Area Bike Map, Champaign County Greenways & Trails Map. The Cities of Champaign & Urbana and C-U SRTS Project sponsored and helped create "C-U Sharing The Road," a local bike education video.

☒ Train school and community audiences about Safe Routes to School

Walk & Bike to School Day, training for Walking School Buses and Bike Trains, bringing nationally recognized speakers to Champaign-Urbana, conducting public workshops and seminars, conducting bike rodeos.

## 8b. Encouragement Strategies

☒ Start a [Walking School Bus](#) program

Offer training for Walking School Buses to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offering incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program. This information is available on the C-U SRTS Project website.

☒ Start a [Bike Train](#) program

Offer training for Bike Trains to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offering incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program.

☒ Host [International Walk to School Day](#) or other special event

Expand upon existing Walk & Bike to School Day program in Champaign-Urbana. C-U SRTS Project is meeting with the new Urbana Middle School principal to expand this event into middle school(s). Local government agencies and bike groups also hosted the largest ever C-U Bike To Work Day in May 2010, with sponsors, stations, and incentives. We have the public schools engaged in this event to help make it a Bike to Work and School Day.

- ☒ Initiate a [walking/biking mileage club](#) or other contest

Barkstall, Carrie Busey, and Robeson Schools in Champaign and Thomas Paine & Wiley Schools in Urbana have initiated and/or implemented Frequent Walker Clubs.

- ☒ Create a park-and-walk program

Robeson, Kenwood, and Carrie Busey Schools in Champaign and Thomas Paine School in Urbana have initiated park-and-walk programs. Two more elementary schools will possibly have park-and-walk programs in the future. We will continue to work with more elementary schools to initiate park-and-walk programs.

- ☒ Promote Safe Routes to School in the community

C-U SRTS Project education and encouragement efforts. C-U SRTS Project are now partners with the C-U Fit Families coalition. C-U SRTS Project also organized a Family Bike Ride in Summer 2010. C-U SRTS Project will also be undertaking its campaign to encourage sidewalk snow removal in Winter 2010-11.

- ☒ Initiate a reward program for safe travel behaviors among students

Offer training for Walking School Buses & Bike Trains to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offer incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program. C-U SRTS Project conducted a drawing for 10-12 bikes for King School students, did helmet fittings, a bike rodeo, and basic care of bike training. Offer incentives to families utilizing Park & Walk programs when available.

- ☒ Start a [Safe Passage or Neighborhood Watch program](#)

King School is working to initiate a Safe Passage program for selected routes. C-U SRTS Project and the City of Champaign met with Community Matters, and offered resources from their program for Garden Hills School. • Promote Safe Routes to School in the community o C-U SRTS Project education and encouragement efforts. C-U SRTS Project are now partners with the C-U Fit Families coalition. C-U SRTS Project also organized a Family Bike Ride in Summer 2010. C-U SRTS Project will also be undertaking its campaign to encourage sidewalk snow removal in Winter 2010-11.

- ☒ Conduct a [community safe driving awareness and education campaign](#)

C-U SRTS Project has purchased billboards; transit bus boards; radio, print, and movie theater advertising; a website; and created a Facebook page. C-U SRTS Project is also planning to purchase yard signs stating new laws, and to create TV advertising. CCRPC/CUUATS initiated a teen safe driving program at all Champaign-Urbana high schools. The Cities of Champaign and Urbana produced a bike education video called "C-U Sharing The Road," which educates motorists on how to interact with bike traffic.

## 8c. Enforcement Strategies

- ☒ Create a [crossing guard training program](#)

The City of Champaign will evaluate its crossing guard program during the 2010-11 school year, including the investigation of adding volunteer crossing guards into the current paid crossing guard program. C-U SRTS Project is working with the City of Champaign to create a volunteer crossing guard program at Barkstall School to address the need for crossing guards at a key crosswalk in the adjacent neighborhood. C-U SRTS Project also initiated a Crossing Guard Appreciation Program. On Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in 2008 and 2010, the City of Urbana and C-U SRTS Project visited every crossing guard in Urbana, and retrained crossing guards who weren't present or doing their job correctly.

- ☒ Create a [parent or student patrol program](#)

Several schools in Champaign-Urbana have student patrol programs.

- ☒ Lower speed limits in school vicinity

Champaign and Urbana schools have 20 mph school zone speed limits.

- ☒ Utilize [speed feedback trailers](#) or signs (portable)

In conjunction with existing enforcement strategies. Wiley, Thomas Paine, Prairie, and Urbana Middle School have permanent speed feedback signs installed in the 2008-09 school year. The City of Champaign also places portable speed feedback trailers near schools.

- ☒ Specific police department efforts

The Urbana Police Department has targeted enforcement for speeding in school zones. The Champaign Police Department publicized and enforced the new no cell phones in school zones law.

## 8d. Evaluation Strategies

- ☒ Count the number of students who walk and bicycle to and from school

We selected a date from the "Student Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet" and determined the percentage of walkers and bikers for all respondents (23% response rate for all K-8 schools in Champaign-Urbana). CCRPC met with all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Stratton School to conduct travel tallies in Fall 2010. C-U SRTS Project has talked to the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) about distributing bike to school surveys at two C-U schools.

- ☒ Track the number of crashes within 2 miles of school

CCRPC/CUUATS keeps track of all crashes in Champaign-Urbana.

- ☒ Measure parent/guardian perceptions of safety

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- ☒ We have developed additional safety measures that include:

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- ☒ Obtain planning services for expanding or improving an existing Safe Routes to School plan

We have Safe Routes to School maps for all K-8 public schools, but would like to look into more detail with the help of a transportation planning/engineering consultant. The City of Champaign hired CCRPC to do a SRTS Plan for Stratton School, with the goal of doing a plan for each Champaign elementary school.

There were 500 bicycle/pedestrian crashes between 01-01-2005 and 12-31-2009.

There were 14414 vehicle crashes between 01-01-2005 and 12-31-2009.

## 8e. Engineering Strategies

We have identified strategies involving the 5 "Es" of Safe Routes to School to address the barriers to walking and bicycling in our school community and to achieve our stated goals.

**We have selected at least one strategy from each of the categories of Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation,** in addition to any Engineering strategies that are indicated.

The strategies we will use include:

### Engineering Strategies within 2 miles of schools.

- ☒ Construct, replace or repair sidewalks

Fill in gaps, repair sidewalks, off-street pedestrian and/or bike trails where indicated.

- ☒ Create on-road bicycle lanes

Champaign and Urbana have both completed Bicycle Master Plans that give recommendations for where to install bicycle lanes. Both Urbana and Champaign have installed bicycle lanes and shared lane markings. Both cities are planning to install more bicycle lanes and shared lane markings and also to implement bike routes.

☒ Build off-road walking/bicycling paths

This is a constant endeavor of the municipalities, park districts and other agencies such as schools. A shared-use path was installed in Douglass Park in 2007 leading to Booker T. Washington School in Champaign. As part of the King School expansion in Urbana, the Urbana School District is installing an exercise path around the perimeter of the school that connects to an adjacent park.

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Both cities are working on this and the park districts where park land adjoins school property.

☒ Install curb extensions to reduce the crossing distance on streets

The City of Urbana has installed curb extensions at Urbana Middle School and University High School (which houses 7th & 8th graders). The City of Champaign is considering this design change.

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LED pedestrian signals in front of or near some schools, safety lighting for bicycle facilities/parking areas. Street lighting was replaced around Yankee Ridge School in Fall 2008. The Urbana School District is installing lighting on sidewalks at King School connecting to King Park.

☒ Install new or improved signage (school zone, speed limits, crosswalk, speed feedback signs (fixed), etc.)

Stop signs, "school buses loading" signs, all school related signage, and fixed speed feedback signs are present in C-U school zones. New signs were installed around University High School, which houses 7th & 8th graders. The City of Urbana erected new school zone signage consistent with the MUTCD at every Urbana school in the 2008-09 school year thanks to an IDOT SRTS grant it received, including fluorescent yellow-green signs, flashing beacons, and permanent vehicle speed flashback signs.

☒ Install new or improved pavement markings or legends

School speed zone markings, bus loading lane adjacent to school. In Fall 2010, Champaign installed bike lanes and shared lane markings on Randolph Street at Stratton School and State Street at Edison Middle School. Both Champaign & Urbana are planning to install these facilities near schools.

☒ Make existing walkways accessible to disabled students

Make every ramp ADA compliant at minimum along dedicated safe routes to school.

☒ Install bicycle parking near schools

Bicycle shelters, new bicycle racks. The Urbana School District installed updated bike parking with lighting at some Urbana schools in the 2008-09 school year. Barkstall School in Champaign received a SRTS mini-grant to upgrade and increase its bike parking.

☒ Install traffic calming measures (curb extensions, speed bumps, traffic circles, raised crosswalks, narrowing lanes, etc.)

Curb extensions and narrowing lanes are to be considered. Bicycle lanes have been installed in Champaign and Urbana. The vehicle lanes on State and Randolph Streets in Champaign were narrowed to create space for bike lanes. A new median refuge island was constructed at Carrie Busey School in Champaign, and on Philo Road in Urbana near Thomas Paine School.

☒ Install raised pedestrian islands for street crossings

A new median refuge island was constructed at Carrie Busey School in Champaign, and on Philo Road in Urbana near Thomas Paine School. Considering these islands at other uncontrolled crossings.

☒ Create traffic controls using traffic lights or signs

Crosswalk flashing lights.

☒ Redesign pick-up and drop-off procedures to increase safety and access

Separate area for parent drop off (cars) and school bus drop off to segregate them from foot and bicycle traffic in main circle drive in front of school. Kenwood and Robeson Schools in Champaign created new traffic



patterns at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. Booker T. Washington and Garden Hills School in Champaign will have new traffic patterns when those schools are reconstructed. Carrie Busey School in Champaign will have a new traffic pattern when it moves into a brand new building in Savoy. King School in Urbana will also have a new traffic pattern when its building expansion is complete. However, several other Champaign-Urbana schools still have traffic pattern issues.

## 9. Improvements Mapping

To View or Print the Map in each school in your plan, please click the link below.

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## 10. The Action Plan

The Safe Routes to School team is committed to realizing our vision for a safe, enjoyable and accessible walking and bicycling environment for our students. We will utilize the following Action Plan to keep our efforts focused and on track:

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY projects with funding source IL SRTS Program, current cycle will be eligible for funding this cycle. Only those strategies identified for funding in the IL SRTS Program, current cycle will transfer to your Application.)**

Strategy	Strategy Type	Strategy Detail	Timeframe	Responsible Party	Status	Funding Source
Create educational materials	Education	Safe Walking Route Maps, Walk & Bike to School Day materials, C-U SRTS Project Healthy Aspects brochure, C-U SRTS Project website & Facebook page, developing a SRTS video, C-U Area Bike Map, Champaign County	6-12 months	CCRPC/CUUATS, CUMTD, C-U SRTS Project	being implemented	IL SRTS Program, current cycle

		Greenways & Trails Map. The Cities of Champaign & Urbana and C-U SRTS Project sponsored and helped create "C-U Sharing The Road," a local bike education video.				
Educate parents and caregivers about safe driving procedures at the school	Education	Walk & Bike to School Day, attending community wellness fairs and showcases, working with the schools to improve traffic patterns to improve safety and air quality, yard signs promoting new state laws (no cell phones in school zones, stop for pedestrians), radio advertising, billboards, newspaper advertising (including Crossing Guard Appreciation Program), bus boards, and movie theater advertising.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Organize a Bicycle Rodeo or training course to teach on-bike skills	Education	ChampaignCountyBikes.org and C-U SRTS Project will work with schools to develop and conduct materials and events, including Bike to School Day or similar event.	12-24 months	ChampaignCountyBikes.org, C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Teach pedestrian and bicycle safety skills to students and parents	Education	Walk & Bike to School Day, C-U SRTS Project Bike Rodeos, Risk Watch curriculum, C-U SRTS Project bringing in national speakers and trainers. C-U SRTS Project is talking with the schools about providing bicycling education programming through after school programs, perhaps with the park districts, or as part of P.E. during Bike to Work & School Month. C-U SRTS Project is also planning to work with Illinois Public Media on creating a program called "Multi-Media Youth Engagement in Pedestrian Safety" for students middle school age and older.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Teach personal safety skills to students and parents	Education	Risk Watch and similar programs, Walk & Bike to School Day, and safety fairs. The Cities of Champaign & Urbana and C-U SRTS Project are also annual sponsors of Light The Night, a free bike light installation event which	12-24 months	Risk Watch	being implemented	IL SRTS Program, future cycle

		educates recipients on safe bicycling.				
Teach the health, environmental and sustainable transportation benefits of walking and bicycling to students and parents	Education	Walk & Bike to School Day, C-U SRTS Project participating in school wellness fairs and open houses, educating families through the initiation and implementation of a Frequent Walker program.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Train school and community audiences about Safe Routes to School	Education	Walk & Bike to School Day, training for Walking School Buses and Bike Trains, bringing nationally recognized speakers to Champaign-Urbana, conducting public workshops and seminars, conducting bike rodeos.	12-24 months	CCRPC/CUUATS, C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Conduct a <a href="#">community safe driving awareness and education campaign</a>	Encouragement	C-U SRTS Project has purchased billboards; transit bus boards; radio, print, and movie theater advertising; a website; and created a Facebook page. C-U SRTS Project is also planning to purchase yard signs stating new laws, and to create TV advertising. CCRPC/CUUATS initiated a teen safe driving program at all Champaign-Urbana high schools. The Cities of Champaign and Urbana produced a bike education video called "C-U Sharing The Road," which educates motorists on how to interact with bike traffic.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project, CCRPC/CUUATS	under development	<a href="#">other funding</a>
Create a park-and-walk program	Encouragement	Robeson, Kenwood, and Carrie Busey Schools in Champaign and Thomas Paine School in Urbana have initiated park-and-walk programs. Two more elementary schools will possibly have park-and-walk programs in the future. We will continue to work with more elementary schools to initiate park-and-walk programs.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	none needed
Host <a href="#">International Walk to School Day</a> or other special event	Encouragement	Expand upon existing Walk & Bike to School Day program in Champaign-Urbana. C-U SRTS Project is meeting with the new Urbana Middle School	6-12 months	CCRPC/CUUATS, CUMTD, C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle

		principal to expand this event into middle school(s). Local government agencies and bike groups also hosted the largest ever C-U Bike To Work Day in May 2010, with sponsors, stations, and incentives. We have the public schools engaged in this event to help make it a Bike to Work and School Day.				
Initiate a <a href="#">walking/biking mileage club</a> or other contest	Encouragement	Barkstall, Carrie Busey, and Robeson Schools in Champaign and Thomas Paine & Wiley Schools in Urbana have initiated and/or implemented Frequent Walker Clubs.	3-6 months	C-U SRTS Project, School Districts	being implemented	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Initiate a reward program for safe travel behaviors among students	Encouragement	Offer training for Walking School Buses & Bike Trains to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offer incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program. C-U SRTS Project conducted a drawing for 10-12 bikes for King School students, did helmet fittings, a bike rodeo, and basic care of bike training. Offer incentives to families utilizing Park & Walk programs when available.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Promote Safe Routes to School in the community	Encouragement	C-U SRTS Project education and encouragement efforts. C-U SRTS Project are now partners with the C-U Fit Families coalition. C-U SRTS Project also organized a Family Bike Ride in Summer 2010. C-U SRTS Project will also be undertaking its campaign to encourage sidewalk snow removal in Winter 2010-11.	3-6 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Start a <a href="#">Safe Passage or Neighborhood Watch program</a>	Encouragement	King School is working to initiate a Safe Passage program for selected routes. C-U SRTS Project and the City of Champaign met with Community Matters, and offered resources from their program for Garden Hills School. C-U SRTS Project will also be undertaking its campaign to encourage sidewalk snow removal in Winter 2010-11.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle

Start a <a href="#">Bike Train</a> program	Encouragement	Offer training for Bike Trains to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offering incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Start a <a href="#">Walking School Bus</a> program	Encouragement	Offer training for Walking School Buses to anyone in the Champaign-Urbana community, and offering incentives through C-U SRTS Project for participation in the program. This information is available on the C-U SRTS Project website.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Create a <a href="#">crossing guard training program</a>	Enforcement	The City of Champaign will evaluate its crossing guard program during the 2010-11 school year, including the investigation of adding volunteer crossing guards into the current paid crossing guard program. C-U SRTS Project is working with the City of Champaign to create a volunteer crossing guard program at Barkstall School to address the need for crossing guards at a key crosswalk in the adjacent neighborhood. C-U SRTS Project also initiated a Crossing Guard Appreciation Program. On Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in 2008 and 2010, the City of Urbana and C-U SRTS Project visited every crossing guard in Urbana, and retrained crossing guards who weren't present or doing their job correctly.	12-24 months	Cities, C-U SRTS Project	under development	none needed
Create a <a href="#">parent or student patrol program</a>	Enforcement	Several schools in Champaign-Urbana have student patrol programs.	3-6 months	School Districts, C-U SRTS Project	being implemented	none needed
Lower speed limits in school vicinity	Enforcement	Champaign and Urbana schools have 20 mph school zone speed limits.	3-6 months	Cities	complete	none needed
Specific police department efforts	Enforcement	Specific police department efforts. The Urbana Police Department has targeted enforcement for speeding in school zones. The Champaign Police Department publicized and enforced the new no cell phones in school zones law.	3-6 months	Cities	complete	none needed

Utilize <a href="#">speed feedback trailers</a> or signs (portable)	Enforcement	In conjunction with existing enforcement strategies. Wiley, Thomas Paine, Prairie, and Urbana Middle School have permanent speed feedback signs installed in the 2008-09 school year. The City of Champaign also places portable speed feedback trailers near schools.	3-6 months	Cities	being implemented	none needed
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Install bicycle parking near schools	Engineering	Bicycle shelters, new bicycle racks. The Urbana School District installed updated bike parking with lighting at some Urbana schools in the 2008-09 school year. Barkstall School in Champaign received a SRTS mini-grant to upgrade and increase its bike parking.	12-24 months	School Districts	under development	<a href="#">other funding</a>



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Install new or improved street lighting	Engineering	LED pedestrian signals in front of or near some schools, safety lighting for bicycle facilities/parking areas. Street lighting was replaced around Yankee Ridge School in Fall 2008. The Urbana School District is installing lighting on sidewalks at King School connecting to King Park.	12-24 months	Cities, School Districts	being implemented	IL SRTS Program, future cycle
Install raised pedestrian islands for street crossings	Engineering	A new median refuge island was constructed at Carrie Busey School in Champaign, and on Philo Road in Urbana near Thomas Paine School. Considering these islands at other uncontrolled crossings.	12-24 months	Cities	not yet begun	IL SRTS Program, current cycle

Install traffic calming measures (curb extensions, speed bumps, traffic circles, raised crosswalks, narrowing lanes, etc.)	Engineering	Curb extensions and narrowing lanes are to be considered. Bicycle lanes have been installed in Champaign and Urbana. The vehicle lanes on State and Randolph Streets in Champaign were narrowed to create space for bike lanes. A new median refuge island was constructed at Carrie Busey School in Champaign, and on Philo Road in Urbana near Thomas Paine School.	12-24 months	Cities	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
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Count the number of students who walk and bicycle to and from school	Evaluation	We selected a date from the "Student Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet" and determined the percentage of walkers and bikers for all respondents (23% response rate for all K-8 schools in Champaign-Urbana). CCRPC met with all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders	12-24 months	Schools, CCRPC/CUUATS, C-U SRTS Project	under development	none needed



		at Stratton School to conduct travel tallies in Fall 2010. C-U SRTS Project has talked to the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) about distributing bike to school surveys at two C-U schools.				
Measure parent/guardian perceptions of safety	Evaluation	Champaign and Urbana schools administered parent surveys for student travel behaviors. All surveys were tallied and summarized in the C-U SRTS Report, released by CCRPC & C-U SRTS Project in 2009.	12-24 months	C-U SRTS Project, CCRPC/CUUATS	being implemented	other funding
Obtain planning services for expanding or improving an existing Safe Routes to School plan	Evaluation	We have Safe Routes to School maps for all K-8 public schools, but would like to look into more detail with the help of a transportation planning/engineering consultant. The City of Champaign hired CCRPC to do a SRTS Plan for Stratton School, with the goal of doing a plan for each Champaign elementary school.	12-24 months	CCRPC/CUUATS, City of Champaign	under development	IL SRTS Program, current cycle
Track the number of crashes within 2 miles of school	Evaluation	CCRPC/CUUATS keeps track of all crashes in Champaign-Urbana.	3-6 months	CCRPC/CUUATS	being implemented	other funding
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## 11. Plan Approval

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October 25, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Urbana endorses the projects and ideas in the School Travel Plan as submitted by the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, their public School Districts, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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October 21, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
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Dear Secretary Hannig,

The City of Urbana Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission endorses the projects and ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Brandon or Jennifer

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November 2, 2010

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Dear Secretary Hannig:

The Urbana School District #116 Board of Education endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr.  
Superintendent  
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Dear Secretary Hannig:

King Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Ivory-Tatum  
Principal, King School  
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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Leal Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

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Spencer Landsman  
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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Prairie Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

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Yavonnda Smith  
Principal, Prairie School  
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November 2, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Thomas Paine Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandy Cooper'.

Sandy Cooper  
Principal, Thomas Paine School  
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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Wiley Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barbara Sartain'.

Barbara Sartain  
Principal, Wiley School  
Urbana School District #116



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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Yankee Ridge Elementary School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Beth Norris'.

Mary Beth Norris  
Principal, Yankee Ridge School  
Urbana School District #116



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Dear Secretary Hannig:

Urbana Middle School endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Woods', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Woods  
Principal, Urbana Middle School  
Urbana School District #116



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October 20, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Hannig,

The City of Champaign endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Schweighart  
Mayor  
City of Champaign




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CHAMPAIGN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4  
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The Champaign School Board endorses the School Travel Plan as submitted by the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, their Public Schools and the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area.

  
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President  
  
10/18/10  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

October 25, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Hannig,

Stephanie Eckels, Stratton Elementary School Principal, endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Eckels*

**Stephanie Eckels, M Ed., CAS Ed.**

*Principal*

*Stratton Elementary School*

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8 October 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke.

Cameron Moore

CEO

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission





October 26, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Hannig,

I am writing to endorse the School Travel Plan being submitted for the Champaign-Urbana community. The community has been actively engaged in creating safer environments for children walking and bicycling to and from school. This plan reflects the ideas, creativity and hard work being undertaken.

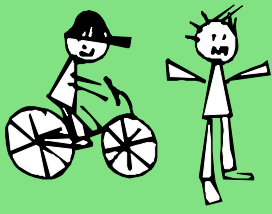
A coalition, called C-U Safe Routes to School Project, composed of local governments, agencies, schools, health care institutions, businesses, the transit district, and media have worked together to improve safety for children walking and/or bicycling to and from school. The coalition has been encouraging walking and biking to and from school since the inception of the Walk to School Day program in our community in October of 2004. Programming provides year-round efforts to encourage safe walking and biking for children K-8. In addition, the program works to enhance the health of children, improve air quality and the environment, and create safer routes for walking and biking.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Please contact me at (217)-278-9059 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cynthia Hoyle'.

Cynthia Hoyle, FAICP  
Transportation Planner  
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District  
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Dear Secretary Hannig,

I am writing to endorse the School Travel Plan being submitted for the Champaign-Urbana community. This community has been actively engaged in creating safer environments for children walking and bicycling to and from school and this plan reflects the ideas, creativity and hard work being undertaken.

Our C-U Safe Routes To School Project group has been working hard to improve safety for children walking and/or bicycling to and from school. Our project group is composed of many local governments, agencies, schools, health care institutions, businesses, the transit district and media and we have been encouraging walking and bicycling to and from school since our first Walk to School Day in October of 2004. Our programming provides year-round efforts to encourage safe walking and biking for children K-8, in addition to educating the community on these same efforts. We are also part of a local C-U Fit Families coalition where we are all working together to increase the level of physical activity of these same children.

Together and with continued support, we can improve the health safety of our children. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Rose M. Hudson*

Rose M. Hudson  
Project Co-Chair



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October 22, 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Hannig,

The Champaign Park District endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public school districts.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Herakovich  
Executive Director  
Champaign Park District

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22 October 2010

Secretary Gary Hannig  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Secretary Hannig,

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District endorses the ideas presented in the School Travel Plan created by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission staff for the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and their public School Districts. We are excited and committed to working with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission to make our community safer and give families more opportunities for active commuting.

Sincerely,

Nikki Hillier  
Program Coordinator  
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District