What is a Safe Routes to Schools Task Force?

The SR2S Task Force brings together the school district staff and board members, and parent volunteers from each school with city representatives – public works, traffic officers and city council. Other attendees can include bike/ped advocates, neighbors and local businesses. Together they identify safety issues for each school and come up with strategies to address those issues. An onsite walk audit can take place with City and Safe Routes engineers to determine the best infrastructure improvements. A plan of action is develop that includes infrastructure and enforcement strategies from the city and education and encouragement strategies from the school. The Task Force then continues to work together to implement that plan and update it with new information.

Meetings take place three times a year in the fall, winter and spring.

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- Attend walk audits (number of audits varies – usually 1-2 a year)
- Provide updates on activities to the City Council
- Coordinate with staff on implementation of approved Safe Routes improvements and/or enforcement solutions
- Work with staff on identifying funding opportunities for approved Safe Routes improvements

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- Develop a city policy to support Safe Routes to Schools
- Organize neighborhood safety committees
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