



GA Safe Routes to School Forum

June 6, 2014

Decatur High School

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Check in, Coffee, and Networking

After checking in, have a cup of coffee and network with other Safe Routes to School (SRTS) stakeholders and Forum attendees. Meet with and learn about featured statewide SRTS Resource Center Friends. Displays and tables will be set up to showcase SRTS efforts and opportunities.

*Georgia Conservancy
Clean Air Schools
Georgia Bikes!
Power Up for 30*

*Action for Healthy Kids
Walk Georgia
Safe Kids Georgia
Voices for Georgia's Children*

*GA SRTS Resource Center
Health MPowers
Georgia Department of Public Health
Alliance for Healthier Generation*

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Joint Session

Cafeteria

Introductions *Patti Sistrunk, GA Safe Routes to School Resource Center*

Welcome *Emmanuella Myrthil, Georgia Department of Transportation*

City of Decatur Schools SRTS Program: Cheryl Burnette and Greg White, Decatur Active Living

Safe Routes Success in the Forum's Host City

Cheryl Burnette and Greg White, Decatur Active Living, will discuss how Decatur has become the gold standard for SRTS in Georgia. She will explain how the city and local partners collaborate to create successful SRTS programs at eight neighborhood schools and implement Walking School Buses and Bike Trains.

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Breakout Sessions

NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Curriculum Train-the-Trainer Session

Media Center

Taki Smith, GA SRTS Resource Center

Teach your children well

Attend this train-the-trainer session to learn how to teach pedestrian safety skills to students in kindergarten through fifth grade, using the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) curriculum. This customizable and easy-to-use curriculum is perfect for PE teachers, health teachers, parents, pedestrian and safety advocates, and after-school program teachers.

Spice Up Your SRTS Program and Events

Room 110

Alicia Hatcher, GA SRTS Resource Center

Amanda Davis, Glenwood Elementary School

Kimberly Bowsher, Crabapple Crossing Elementary School

Mona Painter, Cornelia Elementary School

Whether just starting out or an old pro, take your standard SRTS strategies to the next level

Looking for ways to take your SRTS program to the next level? Or are you interested to know how SRTS can work in your community even though kids can't walk or bike? During this session you will hear from a panel of School Champions in urban, suburban, and rural settings. Panelists will share ideas on how to "spice up" your SRTS program in any environment.

Personal Safety and Law Enforcement

Cafeteria

Chelsea Carter, GA SRTS Resource Center

Carole Willis, Atlanta Public Schools

Captain Derrick Outley, Fulton County Police Department

Corporal Robert Greene, Columbus Police Department, Bike-Pedestrian Department

Brent Buice, Georgia Bikes

Safety, safety, safety!

As one of the 5 Es of Safe Routes to School, Enforcement is an integral part of any successful program. Learn how to work with law enforcement to enhance your program, how to include personal safety messages in student and parent education, and about laws related to biking.

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Breakout Sessions

“Hey Mom, can I walk to school today?” – A Discussion with Families about Student Travel Decisions

Room 110

Katie Mercarini, GA SRTS Resource Center

Trey Smith, Springdale Park Elementary School

Trish Hoff, St. Thomas Moore Catholic School

A lively discussion between kids and their parents about student travel decisions

This session is designed to encourage parents and children to be part of a joint conversation on walking and biking to school. Join this round-table discussion about why (or why not) children and parents embrace walking and biking to school. The conversation should help bring a better understanding of the concerns and hopes for each.

Organizing Bike Trains and Walking School Buses

Media Center

Taki Smith, GA SRTS Resource Center

Doris Ford, South Carolina SRTS Resource Center

Kimber Bell, Sagamore Hills Elementary School

All aboard the Bike Train and Walking School Bus!

Learn how to start a Walking School Bus or Bike Train at your school! This session will cover basics such as gaining interest in starting a walking school bus or bike train, organizing them for special events like Walk & Bike to School Days, and recruiting volunteers. You will also learn how to use GIS for a more sophisticated approach and tips for addressing safety concerns.

Engaging Higher Education in SRTS

Room 113

Patti Sistrunk, GA SRTS Resource Center

Dr. Michael Hoffman, Georgia Institute of Technology

Dr. Jim Lidstone, Georgia College & Live Healthy Baldwin

Researching, studying, volunteering, walking and biking

There are over 90 institutions of higher learning around the state include 31 public colleges and universities, 35 private institutions, and 25 technical colleges. These colleges and universities have a lot to offer SRTS programs locally, regionally, and statewide. Be inspired by the innovative ways that some higher education institutions are focusing research and service on SRTS. Then, discuss ways to find support for your SRTS efforts from institutions of higher learning.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch and Keynote

Cafeteria

Awards and recognitions Patti Sistrunk, GA SRTS Resource Center

Keynote Speaker: Katherine Moore, Sustainability Growth Manager, Georgia Conservancy

For the past three years, the Georgia Conservancy's Sustainable Growth Program has helped to broaden awareness of, and encourage greater use of, the EPA's voluntary School Siting Guidelines aimed at improving neighborhood and community sustainability. Learn more about the program and how your school and community can get involved.

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

Making the Case for Physical Activity in Schools

Media Center

Taki Smith, GA SRTS Resource Center

Kelly Cornett, Georgia SHAPE

Jenelle Holder-Williams, Georgia Department of Public Health

Diana Hatcher, Hembree Springs Elementary School

Active body, active mind

Childhood obesity is an epidemic in our country, but SRTS can be part of the solution. And did you know that children that exercise may perform better academically? Hear from experts from the Georgia SHAPE program and the Department of Public Health about ways to incorporate physical activity into the school day and why it can actually improve academic performance and behavior.

Expanding Your SRTS Network

Room 110

Patti Sistrunk, GA SRTS Resource Center

Doug Joiner, Safe Routes to School National Center

Rebecca Rackley, Summerour Middle School

Camille Snowden, Kids All Dressed Up

SRTS takes a village

Learn how Georgia communities have embraced SRTS to make Safe Routes programs stronger and more successful based on the "It takes a village to raise a child" approach. You'll get some great tips on how to garner support in your own community and collaborate with organizations with similar goals.

How to Conduct a Walk Audit: Assessing your School's Environment

Room 113

Carol Kachadoorian, GA SRTS Resource Center

Katie Mercarini, GA SRTS Resource Center

Come walk the walk

Your school is interested in encouraging more students to walk to school as part of their SRTS program, but have you assessed the area and "walked the walk?" In this session, you will learn from a Safe Routes expert and transportation planner how to complete a Walk Audit at your school and in your community.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Joint session

Cafeteria

Next steps and closing remarks Carol Kachadoorian, GA SRTS Resource Center

3:00 PM – Adjourn

3:30 PM – Optional Guided Walking Tour of Decatur

Bring your walking shoes and enjoy a guided walking tour of the City of Decatur, Georgia. With a Silver designation from [Walk Friendly Communities](#), Decatur offers beautiful, tree-lined streets, neighborhood schools, community parks, and over 60 miles of sidewalk.

