

Safe Routes to School Idaho Annual Report 2022

New Program in 2022

West Central Mountains
SRTS
McCall-Donnelly #421

Ongoing Programs & Districts Served

LPOSD SRTS
Lake Pend Oreille #84

University of Idaho,
Moscow SRTS
Moscow #281

Biking the Clearwater
SRTS
Orofino #171

Treasure Valley
Regional Transit
SRTS
Boise #1
West Ada #2
Nampa #131
Caldwell #132
Vallivue #139
Kuna #3

Wood River Valley SRTS
Blaine County #61

Southeast Idaho Council of
Governments -
SICOG
Pocatello/Chubbuck #25

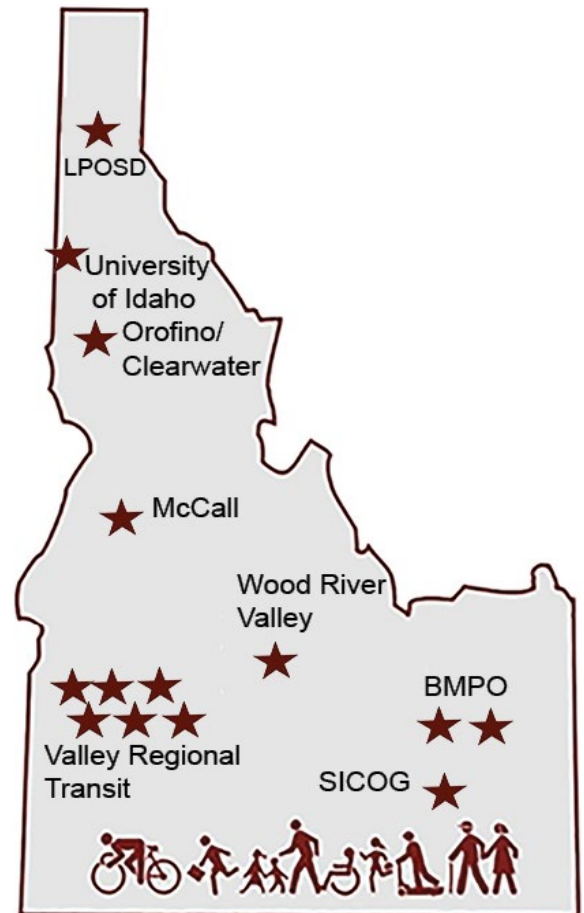
Bonneville/Idaho Falls
SRTS-BMPO
Idaho Falls #91
Bonneville #93

Statewide Snapshot

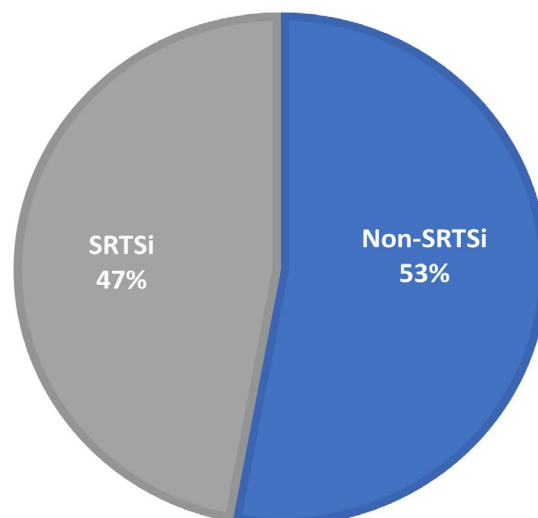


Idaho SRTS programs
served 142,078 students
in 2021.

With the addition of the
new West Central
Mountains program in
McCall, SRTS can reach
up to 5 more schools and
1,500 more students in
2023.



IDAHO STUDENTS SERVED BY SRTSi



What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School is a program that aims to make it safer and easier for students to walk and bike to school. The first federally funded Safe Routes to School program was created in 2005, and has since undergone several legislative and policy transformations. In 2012, Congress created the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) by merging together three previous programs that funded active transportation.

Saferoutespartnership.org

Idaho Safe Routes to School Programs are funded through TAP grants administered by the Idaho Transportation Department with support from Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and Idaho Smart Growth.

The 6 Es of Safe Routes to School



Engineering

Enforcement

Education

Encouragement

Evaluation

Equity



Idaho Safe Routes to School Programs



Lake Pend Oreille School District Safe Routes To School

Sandpoint, Idaho

Coordinator: Erin Billings

Facebook: [Safe Routes to School Sandpoint Idaho LPOSD 84](#)

2022 Students Served: approximately 2,500

Held 3 bike rodeos with approximately 80 children.

8 schools and 405 students participated in Bike to School Day.

8 schools and 1,175 students participated in Walk to School Day.

LPOSD SRTS currently serves nine schools and hopes to include the high school soon. In 2022 they held Bike Month in partnership with their local library and held a bike maintenance class at one of their elementary schools. They worked with a local bike club, the Pend Oreille Pedalers, to hold bike rodeos. LPOSD SRTS teaches safety education in P.E. classes and sends a monthly newsletter with safety tips.



Walk to School Day 2022

Photo Credit: Facebook site



LPOSD
Safe Routes to School



Bike Rodeo 2022

Photo Credit: Pend Oreille Pedalers



University of Idaho

Moscow, Idaho

Coordinator: Erin Bacon

Website: <https://www.uidaho.edu/ed/departments/srts>

Facebook: [Safe Routes to School Moscow](#)

2022 Students Served: approximately 1,500

Held 27 bike rodeos with approximately 2,283 children.

8 schools and 751 students participated in Bike to School Day.

8 schools and 817 students participated in Walk to School Day.

Moscow SRTS had over 55 volunteers in 2022. At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, the Moscow School District experienced bus driver shortages which forced the school district to limit bus routes. This reduction in service coupled with numerous road construction closers at key intersections resulted in increased traffic congestion around many Moscow schools. Moscow SRTS was able to work closely with community partners and school principals to address these issues and increase safety for students as they went to and from school. They updated school walking and biking maps to reflect infrastructure changes and recommended routes. They installed a bike education park at West Park Elementary. The Moscow SRTS coordinator served on the Pathways and Transportation Commissions to promote safe walking and biking for Moscow students.

Moscow SRTS conducts a robust bike education program to reach students K-8 with intentional and age-appropriate lessons. Many of these lessons take place in the school setting as part of P.E. instruction. Moscow SRTS summer programming focuses on bike education and exploration with three targeted groups: Adventure Club is a childcare program ran through the school district, Kid's Kamp is a day camp program ran through City of Moscow Parks and Rec., and Gritman Bike Explorer is a movement therapy group for children with disabilities sponsored by the local health system. These three partnerships allow Moscow SRTS to reach hundreds of children each summer with age and ability appropriate bike experiences to help them gain knowledge and confidence in cycling.



Biking the Clearwater Safe Routes to School

Orofino, Idaho

Staff: Brenda Drobish

Facebook: [Biking the Clearwater](#)

2022 Students Served: approximately 371

Held 1 bike rodeos with approximately 55 children.

1 school and 34 students participated in Bike to School Day.

Biking the Clearwater SRTS currently serves four schools and has six volunteers. In 2022 they held a bike rode with children from two schools, hosted a Back to School Family Bike Ride in Peck, ID to promote biking in that community and established a working relationship with the Mayor of Peck. SRTS participated in the Walking Fellows Institute to learn how to examine, evaluate and encourage safe bike/ped infrastructure in the community.

With the City of Orofino, SRTS designed and completed a Toddler Strider Bike Track at a city park. They gave away strider bikes and helmets and created a Bike Garden during Biketoberfest. After an assessment by Idaho Smart Growth, Orofino and SRTS initiated a campaign of 'Slow Down on Brown' which promoted and identified a safe route on Brown Ave. to the elementary school. SRTS is working on establishing a mountain bike club and hope to encourage more youth to take up the sport. Staff attended the Convening of the Safe Routes Idaho and Walking Fellowships Institute and the National Convening of SRTS. The program also won a ribbon in the Lumberjack parade and increased visibility in the community using the bike trailer which they obtained through a Blue Cross Community Transformation Grant.



Peck Elementary School P.E. Class in front of the Biking the Clearwater bike trailer.

Credit: Facebook site



Treasure Valley Regional Transit Safe Routes to School

Ada and Canyon Counties

Coordinator: Lisa Brady

Website: TreasureValleySafeRoutes.org

Facebook: [Treasure Valley Safe Routes to School Program](https://www.facebook.com/TreasureValleySafeRoutesToSchoolProgram)

2022 Students Served: over 20,000 approximately

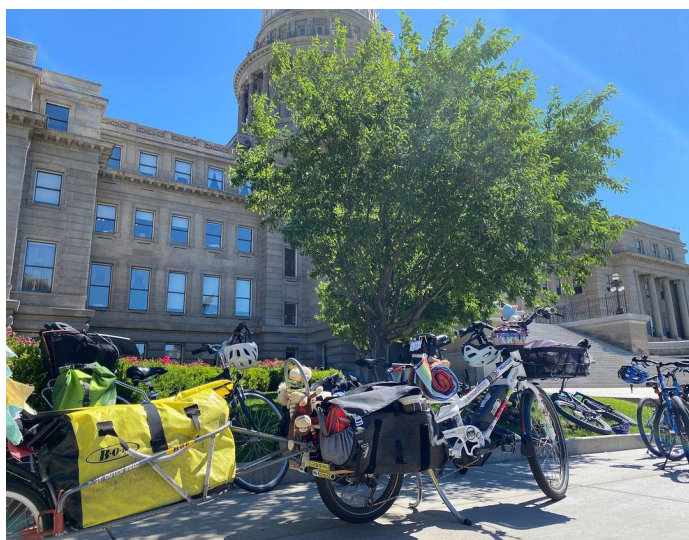
Held 16 bike rodeos with approximately 4,200 children.

2 schools registered for Bike to School Day.

5 schools registered for Walk to School Day.

TV SRTS focused on in class and bike rodeo education. This year TV SRTS were in class at fifteen schools the Boise and West Ada Districts and also provided six sessions of bike/ped safety and law in Driver's Education classes. SRTS did eight weeks of bike camps at the West YMCA and held one pilot 'learn to ride' with first grade students at Mountain View Elementary. Parent involvement increased during the spring of 2022.

TV SRTS received support from St. Luke's Regional Medical Center through the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance that helped with the purchase of helmets and the hiring of a new staff member. They participated in several community rodeos in Canyon County, virtually attended the National Bike Summit in March and held multi-day bike rodeo lessons in schools across the valley. One rodeo was held inside a school gym after a freak snowstorm in May. Four additional schools are interested in future bike rodeos. TV SRTS is in the process of updating their strategic plan.



Bike Camp rides to the Capitol

Credit: Facebook site

Indoor Bike Rodeo

Credit: Facebook site



Wood River Valley Safe Routes to School

Ketchum, Sun Valley, Hailey, Bellevue

Coordinator: Isabel Crossen

Website: saferouteswoodrivervalley.com

Facebook: [Safe Routes Wood River Valley](https://www.facebook.com/SafeRoutesWoodRiverValley)

2022 Students Served: approximately 500

Held 28 bike rodeos with approximately 300 children.

8 schools and 1000 students participated in Bike to School Day.

8 schools and 1000 students participated in Walk to School Day.

Wood River Valley SRTS spent 2022 holding bike rodeos at local elementary schools and the library. WRV SRTS continued to use the traffic garden which began in 2020. The program has a good amount of teen and middle school volunteers who help with rodeos and program education. Over the summer SRTS coordinated the Bike to Bloom weekly rides and started fall bike clubs at three elementary schools. Their coordinator attended the free lunch program with the Hunger Coalition where she encouraged children to be active by riding their bikes.



Bike to Bloom
Credit: Facebook site



Traffic Garden in Wood River Valley
Credit: Facebook site



Southeast Idaho Council of Governments - SICOG

Pocatello, Chubbuck

Coordinator: Tara Contreras

2022 Students Served: approximately 5302

Held 1 bike rodeos with approximately 30 children.

6 schools and 5000 students participated in Walk to School Day.

Each month while school is in session the SICOG SRTS program sends a newsletter that highlights one of the six E's, offering tips, encouraging parent/student activities, including parent surveys. The coordinator attended three community events sharing about the Safe Routes to School program and offering safety tips. She also attends PTA/PTO meetings for all six schools, and meets with school principals regularly. In October, the six schools participated in Walk/Bike/Roll month. This activity encouraged safety, healthier habits, and a cleaner environment. Each week of the "challenge" children were given activity sheets to complete for prizes. These sheets covered safety when walking and biking.

This year the SRTS coordinator received a certificate of training for completing the course Conducting a School Walk Audit through Florida Local Technical Assistance Program.



Bonneville/Idaho Falls Safe Routes to School - BMPO

Idaho Falls

Coordinator: DaNiel Jose

2022 Students Served: Up to 10,000.

Held 5 bike rodeos.

21 schools participated in Bike to School Day.

In 2022 BMPO provided crossing guard training, bike skills courses and a bike safety ride for 5th graders. They participated in Just Ride Idaho by coordinating a bike to school event, setting up a bike skills course and giving away helmets.



Safe Routes to School Idaho Coordinator's Convening

October 12, 2022

Boise, Idaho

Safe Routes to School Idaho Coordinators met at the Idaho Statehouse to collaborate, learn and build relationships with each other. The convening was held in conjunction with the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance Transportation Policy Conference.

Coordinators first listened to Ian Lockwood, a Livable Transportation Engineer with Toole Design Group as he presented:



You Get What You Buy: Reforming Transportation Values, Metrics, and Practice to Align Transportation Infrastructure with Community Values; and Increase Equity, Prosperity, and Sustainability in Cities.

You can listen the presentation on Idaho Walk Bike Alliance's [YouTube channel](#).

Coordinators also had a presentation and question and answer session with Sylvia Gauthereau with [School Streets Initiative](#) based in the United Kingdom.

A School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone.* From their website

Coordinators are investigating how this concept might be applied to schools in Idaho.



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COORDINATION and CURRICULUM

ISG holds monthly meetings with the SRTS programs around the state to network, share information, and share curriculum and best practices. They convene Safe Routes to School coordinators from around Idaho each year for a one-day training.

ASSISTANCE and PROGRAMMING

ISG conducts assessments for communities, reports on recommended infrastructure improvements, leads events, completes educational presentations, assists with program implementation, helps with grant applications, and collects data and reports on Safe Routes to School in Idaho.

HIGHLIGHTING SAFETY

In November ISG supported the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance to coordinate the National Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

OTHER ISG ACTIVITIES

In September ISG participated in Park(ing) Day: a global, public, participatory project where people across the world temporarily re-purpose curbside parking spaces and convert them into public parks and social spaces to illustrate a more equitable use of public spaces.



World Day of Remembrance for
Road Traffic Victims
November 20, 2022 Boise, Idaho



Park(ing) Day
Boise, Idaho

