

# The Spin



Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network

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## Thankful for Safe Routes to School

Welcome to *The Spin*, a monthly e-newsletter brought to you by the Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network.

In honor of Thanksgiving, the Safe Routes to School State Network steering committee reflected on what they are thankful for:

“...blue skies and lots of beautiful places to be a pedestrian.”—Leslie Feuerborn

“the opportunity to join forces with advocates across Colorado who are committed to kids walking and bicycling safely to school.”—Deb Federspiel

“that the state SRTS network has given more children the opportunity to begin and end their day outdoors safely walking to and from school.”—Sandy Stenmark

“that communities around Colorado are thinking more strategically about how to provide children more safe routes to school, and realize that this is not a privilege for kids and families, but a right to have safe access and options.” —Jessica Osborne

“the chance to teach kids to ride a bike in all the schools that we work in. So many brave kids come forward, admit that they never had the chance to learn and give us the chance to teach them.” —Jenna Berman

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"the opportunity to spread awareness, information, and inspirational stories involving SRTS." –Cate Sweeney

Thank you for being apart of the SRTS movement!

**Save the Date for SRTS Winter Rally!**

**February 10, 2014**

**8:00am—10:30am**

Join us during the [Bicycle Colorado Summit](#) for the 2014 Safe Routes to School Winter Rally. Learn about opportunities to influence bike and pedestrian policies and projects in Colorado, and leave with some practical steps you can take to educate and influence decision makers as well as your friends and neighbors. This is also a great chance to network with others and celebrate successes in promoting Colorado kids safely walking and bicycling to school. Stay tuned for more information!

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## The Season of Giving

This season is a great time to consider what you are thankful for regarding Safe Routes to School. If you happen to have an extra bicycle that doesn't get use anymore or know of a neighbor who does, consider donating it to one of the two non-profit organizations below.

You could help children across the state of Colorado bike easier to and from school.

### The Bike Depot

The Bike Depot is a multifunctional non-profit that encourages bicycling, self-sufficiency, and health. Through their adult Earn-A-Bike and children's Rodeo programs, individuals receive a free bike and learn riding, safety and mechanic skills. With the help of volunteers, The Bike Depot also offers a Fix-Your-Bike program which allows bicyclists to use an on-site work area to fix their own bikes.

Without the generous donations of bikes and parts and help from their volunteers, The Bike Depot wouldn't function as it does. Celebrate the



season of giving and donate today. If you have any questions please call 303.393.1963 or visit <http://www.thebikedepot.org> for more information.

## Project ReCycle

Project ReCycle is a non-profit organization dedicated to educate children on bicycle maintenance and safety by providing them with a used bicycle. Located on the front range, this



organization holds bike donation drives, fixes up the donated bicycles and gives them to those children throughout Colorado in need of a bike.

They are gearing up for their large bike give-away events next year and need your help. If you have a bicycle you would like to donate or if you would like to host a bike drive, visit <http://www.projectrecycle.org/#&panel1-1> to learn more.

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## The National Crosswalk

### Everyone is a Pedestrian Initiative

Unfortunately, the number of pedestrian deaths in the United States has increased over the last two years. To combat this increase, U.S.

Transportation Secretary, Anthony Foxx announced a new initiative, Everyone is a



Pedestrian. As part of this campaign, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is offering \$2 million in pedestrian safety grants to "pedestrian focused cities" and has launched a [website](#) complete with safety tips and resources for local leaders, city planners, parents and others involved in improving pedestrian safety. [Download these valuable resources here.](#)

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## Crusin' with CDOT

### Final Call for 2014 SRTS Applications

The deadline for 2014 SRTS funding is December 6, 2013. Be sure to apply for 100% federally funded (no local match required) grants for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply now!

### 2013 Walk to School Day a Success!

Nationwide, a record 4,447 Walk to School Day events were held, 166 more than in 2012. Twenty-seven states bested their registration totals from last year, and 17 set all-time highs. While fewer Colorado schools registered this year (145) as compared to last year (211), we still have the 7th highest participation rate of all states with 9.2% of all schools registering.

This year CDOT sent Walk to School Day



information, materials, order forms and posters to all elementary and middle schools in Colorado. In response to requests from groups hosting Walk to School Day (WTSD) activities, CDOT sent out over 106,000 WTSD support materials (posters, brochures, book marks, bike maps, rules of the road cards) to 137 schools and organizations. Next up is Bike to School Day on May 7, 2014. For more information see <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>.

## Training Wheels and Webinars

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Join speakers from [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#) and [ChangeLab Solutions](#) on January 16, 2014 at 12:00pm MST for a webinar titled, *Liability 201: Addressing Liability Concerns Related to Walking School Buses, Bike Trains, Remote Drop Off and More!!* Tune in to become an expert on overcoming these obstacles. [Click here](#) to register.

## Pedaling Programs and Funding Feet

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### Healthy FUNdraising

[Fire Up Your Feet](#) puts the fun in fundraising! Raise money by offering healthy fundraisers that incorporate activities like Fired Up Fun Runs and Walkathons. Not only is this a unique opportunity, this program provides easy-to-use tools to earn money and stay



healthy. To get started, [download the toolkit](#), [learn from webinars](#), [register](#) to fundraise and set both activity goals and fundraising goals. Good luck and happy FUNdraising!

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*The purpose of the **Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network** is to facilitate two-way information sharing and connecting among communities and organizations in order to lift up what is working, identify new opportunities and galvanize support for policy and culture change that will increase the number of students walking and biking safely to and from school in every Colorado community.*

[LiveWell Colorado](#) serves as the lead facilitator for the Network. Other members of the Network's steering committee include: [Action for Healthy Kids](#), [Bicycle Colorado](#), [Children's Hospital Colorado](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#), [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#), and subject matter experts.

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