

# The Spin



Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network

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## Notes and Reminders

It's back to school month in Colorado! We know everyone is gearing up for another successful year and we're excited to see increased momentum throughout the state for walking and biking. Please reach out to us to share your success stories so we can include those in *The Spin* as a source of inspiration and information for others!

A few quick reminders:

- **Don't forget to take [The Spin readership survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thespın2014survey)!** It's online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thespın2014survey> and closes tomorrow, August 22, at 5 p.m. All survey takers will be entered into a random drawing to win one of two \$25 Amazon gift certificates.
- **Walk to School Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8.** Now is the time to start planning your activities AND to register your event at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org). (More information is included below.)

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## Walk to School Day, Oct. 8

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### New Incentives for 2014 Walk to School Day

CDOT recently sent out an invitation to all Colorado schools, inviting them to participate in **Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014** or to choose another day to celebrate as Walk to School Day, as a part of Colorado Pedestrian Month. Included with that invitation was a poster and a list of available materials for Walk to School Day and SRTS promotion. Please contact Leslie at [dot\\_srts@state.co.us](mailto:dot_srts@state.co.us) for more information or copies of those materials.

This year, through a partnership with Colorado Action for Healthy Kids and LiveWell Colorado, CDOT will be **randomly awarding three (3) \$250 mini-grants** to schools who have registered and reported their Walk to School Day/Month participation through [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org). The grants should be used to continue SRTS encouragement and education activities.

Be sure to reach out to your school to encourage them to register and start planning your Walk to School Day activities soon. **We'll be using the hashtag #cowalk2school** on social media that day, so you can tag your photos and Walk to School Day posts on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. We'd also love to hear your Walk to School Day stories!



## The National Crosswalk

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### A Primer for Walking School Bus Programs

Thinking about how children in your local school or district might safely walk to school on a regular basis? The National Center for SRTS has developed a six-step training module for individuals looking to explore and possibly launch a walking school bus program in their school or district.

Each of the modules is approximately 15 minutes in length and they cover topics ranging from general education about the importance of walking school buses to planning, forming partnerships and securing funding to ensure both a successful and sustainable program.

Interested? The primer is available online at [http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/training/walking\\_school\\_bus/](http://apps.saferoutesinfo.org/training/walking_school_bus/).

## Cruisin' with CDOT

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### Be on the Lookout for 2015 SRTS Non-Infrastructure Grants

Applications for the CDOT 2015 SRTS Non-Infrastructure grants will be available by the end of August. The announcement will be sent out via email and will be available online at <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/bikeped/safe-routes> starting in late August.

### No CDOT Infrastructure Grants This Year

Colorado SRTS will not be awarding infrastructure grants this year. As an alternative, you should refer to the [Transportation Alternatives Program Guidelines & Applications](#) (TAP) and contact the appropriate CDOT Region



(listed in appendix B of the TAP document) for regional due dates.

## Training Wheels and Webinars

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- **18th Pro Walk/Pro Bike/Pro Place Conference** – September 7-11 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Penn. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.pps.org/pwpb2014/#>.
- **Model General Plan Language Supporting Safe Routes to School** – ChangeLab Solutions, in collaboration with CA4Health, has developed a great resource for both planners and citizens who want to give input on updates to their city or county's comprehensive plans to support walking and biking. It is available at [http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/SRTS\\_general-plans](http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/SRTS_general-plans).

## Pedaling Programs and Funding Feet

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### Fire Up Your Feet Tools and Resources Available

Fire Up Your Feet is a core program of Safe Routes to School National Partnership that encourages families, students and schools to work together and create active lifestyles that inspire children to be healthy and physically active.

This year Fire Up Your Feet is offering schools in participating regions, including Colorado, the chance to win [a Fire Up Your Walk to School cash award](#) for schools that participate in their Fall Activity Challenge, Oct. 1-31. For more information, visit [http://fireupyourfeet.org/sites/default/files/docs/fire\\_up\\_your\\_walk\\_to\\_school.pdf](http://fireupyourfeet.org/sites/default/files/docs/fire_up_your_walk_to_school.pdf)

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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](#), [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#), [Children's Hospital Colorado](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#), [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#), and subject matter experts.*

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