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Safe Routes to School

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report &
Fiscal Year 2024 Work Plan



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About Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is the City's program to make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable for students to walk and bike to school.

Alexandria provides an ideal environment for walking and bicycling since so many families live close to their neighborhood elementary schools. The City has been promoting walking and biking to school through infrastructure improvements, education, and encouragement since 2003.

By starting with children and the trip to school, communities become safe places for everyone to walk and bike.



Safe Routes to School Walk Audits

The City has performed Safe Routes to School Walk Audits for all ACPS K-12 schools.

Walk audits bring City staff, consultants, parents, school administrators, and volunteers together to identify traffic safety issues impacting students walking and biking to school. Walk Audit reports include recommendations to guide the City's future traffic safety work near schools.



Safe Routes to School Walk Audit recommendations include infrastructure improvements like crosswalks, curb extensions, bike lanes, No Turn on Red Restrictions, changes to traffic signals, and more.

Fiscal Year 2023 At-A-Glance



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speed cameras installed in school zones



7

schools benefited from new speed limit reductions



5

walk audits performed near schools



50+

crossing improvements completed near schools



60%

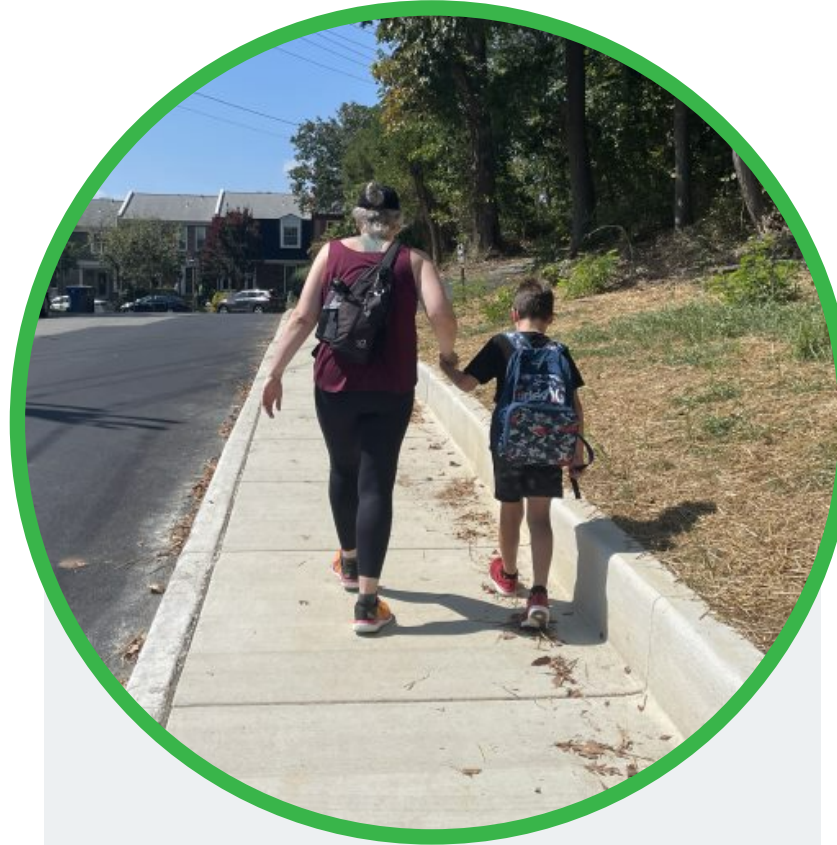
of SRTS recommendations closed out or in progress

Fiscal Year 2023 Project Highlights



Safe Routes to School Walk Audits Phase 2

Completed walk audits for 5 schools, which will result in recommendations for future safety improvements.

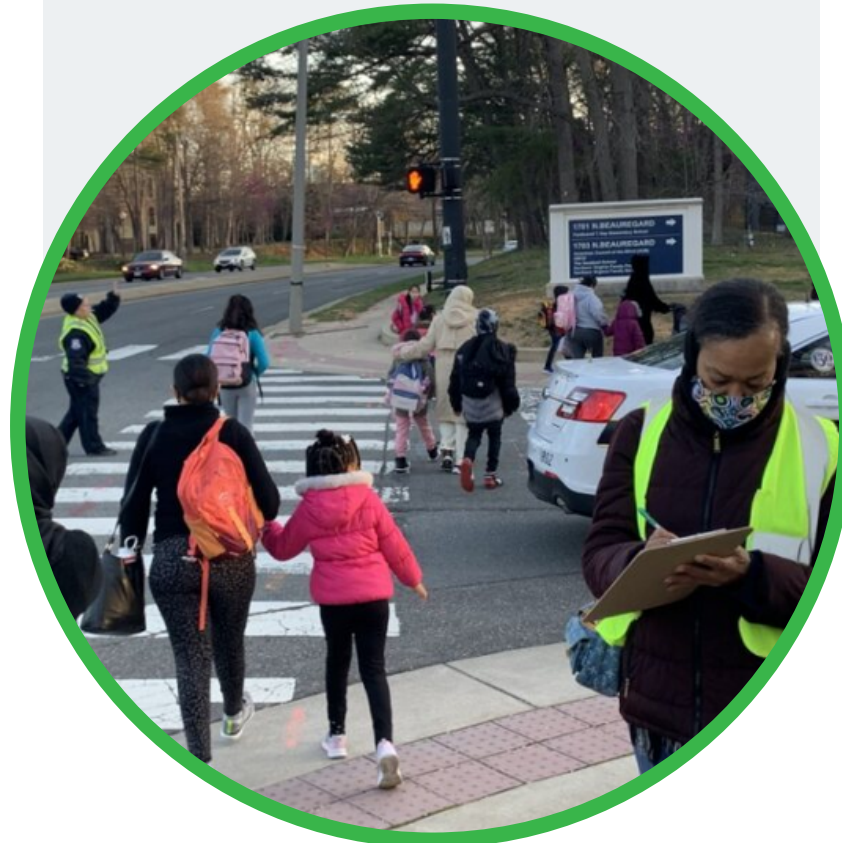


Crossing Improvements Near Schools

Developed concept designs and prepared a grant application for crossing improvements at 6 intersections near schools.

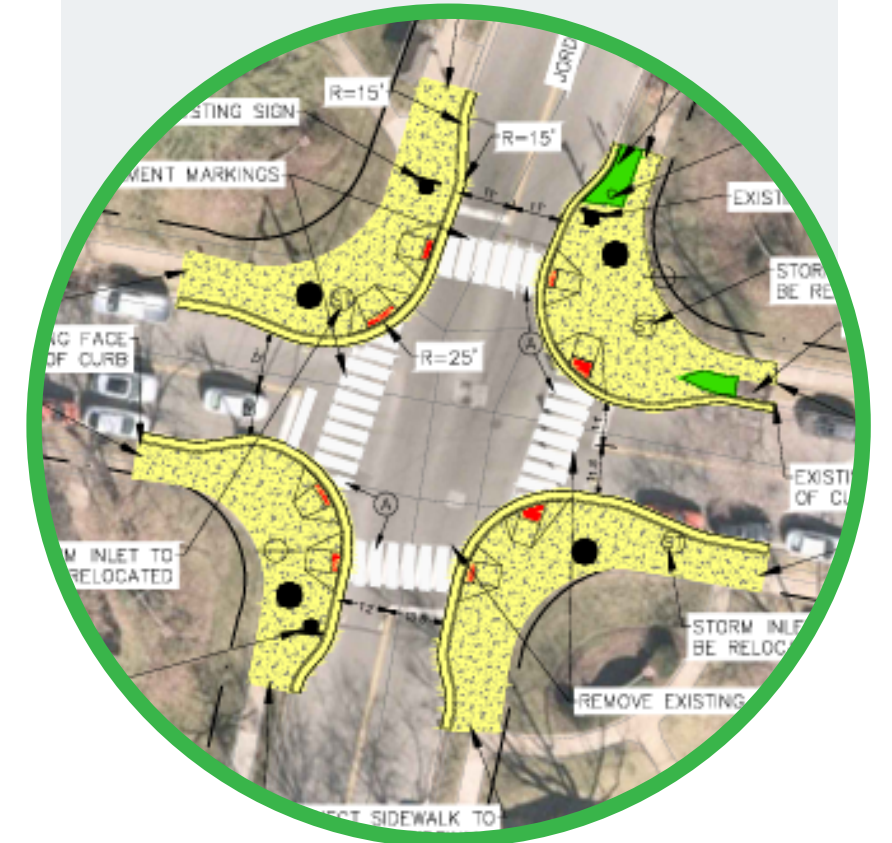
Rayburn & Reading Avenues Project

Installed improvements near John Adams Elementary, including new crosswalks and pedestrian refuges.



Polk Avenue Sidewalk

Completed design for a new sidewalk on Polk Avenue near Polk Elementary and Hammond Middle.



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School Speed Cameras: Launch speed cameras in school zones; evaluate program for potential expansion

Crossing Improvements Near Schools: Submit grant application to support future project.

Polk Avenue Sidewalk: Install sidewalk on Polk Avenue between Pelham Street and Palmer Place.

William Ramsay Elementary SRTS Project: Design and install walk audit recommendations to improve safety.

Spot Improvements: Install spot improvements near schools as funding is available to improve safety.

Safe Routes to School Program Budget



FY24 Approved CIP: Non-Motorized Transportation

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
City Funding	\$154,600	\$419,200	\$431,800	\$501,200	\$515,900
State/ Federal Grants		\$2,000,000*	-	-	-
Total CIP	\$154,600	\$2,419,200	\$431,800	\$501,200	\$515,900

Note: Budget is not inclusive of standalone CIP projects.

*Applied for funding

Related Programs

Complete Streets

Safe Routes to School is a key program within the Complete Streets umbrella. The SRTS program uses Complete Streets principles to ensure streets are designed and operated for all ages and abilities.

Vision Zero

Both Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School are programs to improve safety. While Vision Zero's focus is eliminating fatal and severe crashes, SRTS aims to enhance safety near schools for the purpose of safety in and of itself, but also to encourage students to walk and bike to school.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming

The City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program installs speed cushions and other traffic calming treatments on residential streets. Some of these projects provide safety benefits near schools.

Resources



[Safe Routes to School Walk Audits](#)



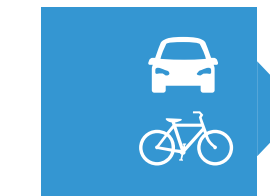
[Complete Streets Design Guidelines](#)



[Complete Streets Policy](#)



[Complete Streets Five Year Plan](#)



[Alexandria Mobility Plan](#)



[Vision Zero Action Plan](#)



[Vision Zero Policy](#)



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To learn more about what the City of Alexandria is doing to make it easier and safer for students and families to walk and bike to and from school, visit:

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