



## (Mostly) Non-Infrastructure Interventions

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## A Tale of Two Programs

- **Safe Routes to School**

- Established 2005 in MN
- 1,000 Schools
- \$66M in funding *awarded*

- **Active Transportation**

- Established 2018, funded in 2021
- 22 communities, 50 construction projects
- More than \$50M in funding *allocated*

## Non-Infrastructure

- Wagon Wheel Trail Bridge in La Crescent, MN
- Serves a SRTS/AT purpose
- Many Years of Planning
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## Eventually the Sidewalk Ends



## What Do People Say About Walking and Biking

**2,700+** SURVEYS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

**NEARLY 3 OUT OF 4**  
RESPONDENTS

*“Completely support  
improvements for walking”*

**IMPROVING WINTER MAINTENANCE**  
#1 choice for *Policies that Improve Walking*

**62%** IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY ON, ADDING,  
OR WIDENING PATHS AND SIDEWALKS  
of votes included *for Improvements for walking along state roadways*

**TOP DESIGN CHOICES** for  
*Crossing that would make people feel safer:*  
**MORE TIME TO CROSS, CURB EXTENSIONS,  
& PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS**

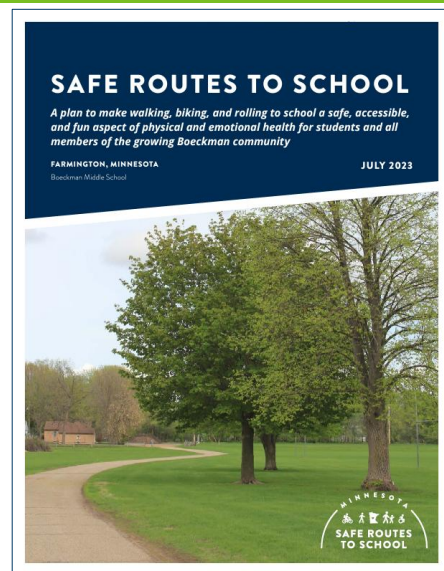
## What else can we do about it?

- Planning
- Education
- Programming
- Demonstration Projects and “Infrastructure Lite” projects



## Safe Routes to School Plans

- “First step” for youth transportation safety system change locally
- Tied to individual schools or districts
- Extensive local data analysis
- Recommended implementation steps



## Safe Routes to School Plans

### Boeckman Middle

- Identifies:
  - Barriers for youth walking/biking
  - Existing safe(r) routes
  - Vehicle operations



## Safe Routes to School Plans

### Infrastructure Recommendations

- Identifies:
  - Opportunities for Infrastructure and Programming



# Active Transportation Action Plans



The cover of the "CHIPPEWA COUNTY TRAILS ACTION PLAN" report features three circular icons at the top: a pedestrian, a person on a kick scooter, and a person on a bicycle. The title "CHIPPEWA COUNTY TRAILS ACTION PLAN" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title is the logo for "Chippewa COUNTY MINNESOTA". The date "May 2023" is printed in the bottom left corner. To the right of the report cover are three stacked photographs: a vibrant mural of a woman's face surrounded by flowers, a paved trail winding through a green park with a person in the distance, and a snowy winter scene with trees and a fence.

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Priority Projects to Advance Active Transportation Network						
# on Map	Route	Action	Next Steps	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
1	84th Street Northern Spur of Mid-City Bikeway	Close gap along 84th Street between France Avenue and Normandale Boulevard: right-size (4- to 3-lane conversion) to reallocate street space for bike lanes and provide median crossings to key destinations such as Poplar Bridge Playground.  Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT): 5,562 (near France) - 14,107 (near Normandale) vehicles per day* The City successfully right sized 84th between Penn and France with traffic volumes around 5,300 vehicles per day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study and develop a plan for 84th Street; add in the next Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Currently noted on the Pavement Priority Management 5-year projection for 2027.</li> <li>Do a pilot project using paint to restripe lanes and test intersection treatments such as mini roundabouts (after completion of the 494 project, 2026).</li> <li>Reconstruct the street with fully separated bike lanes (cycle track) and needed intersection treatments to improve the safety and flow of all users.</li> </ul>	✓		
2	Mid-City Bikeway: 86th Street between Penn and Xerxes	Mark and sign current "bike shoulder" as a legal bike lane to improve driver and cyclist awareness of the cross-city bike facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install pavement markings and signage.</li> <li>Enforce to ensure no parking in bike lane.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
3	Mid-City Bikeway: Full Route	Prioritize Mid-City Bikeway as an All Ages, All Abilities primary east-west cycling route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek funding to design and construct a fully separated bike lane (cycle track), addressing intersections and mid-block crossings to ensure pedestrians and bicyclists are fully accounted for.</li> </ul>			✓

\*MnDOT Traffic Application Tool, Official AADT 2021. Note traffic counts are provided as a reference; they should be confirmed across sources (City and State) to ensure numbers are current and reflect any revisions.

Short-Term = 0-3 years | Mid-Term = 4-6 years | Long-Term = 7+ years

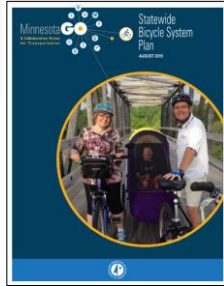
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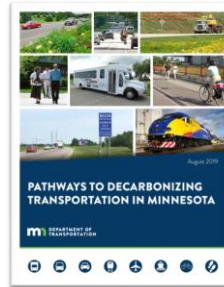
# Statewide Plans



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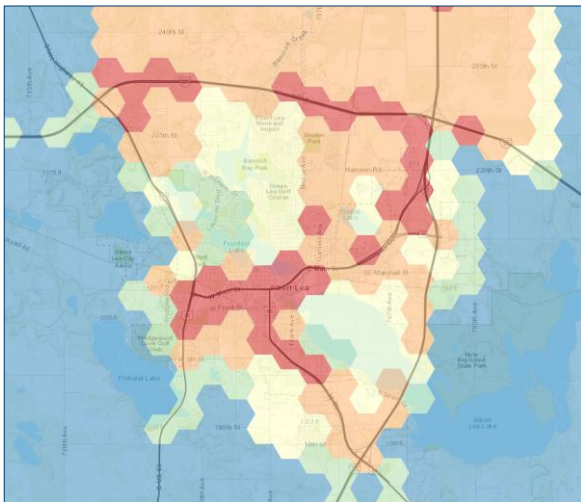


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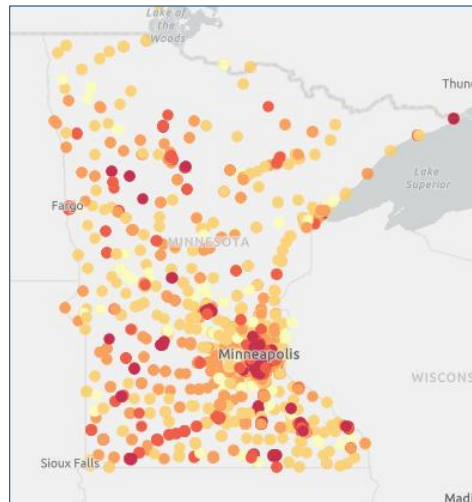


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# PAWS and STEPP



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## Education

- **Walk! Bike! Fun!**
- **Active Transportation Safety Training Program**
- **Pedestrian Safety Campaign**
- **Toward Zero Death (of course!)**
- **Driver's Curriculum**



## Walk! Bike! Fun!

- In-class education to learn safe walking and bicycling skills
- Curriculum developed to meet state PE education standards
- Adaptive education resources
- Field trips!



## Active Transportation Safety Training Program

- New requirement from 2023
- Short format education modeled after bus safety education
- General educator delivery
- Will be rolled out SY 2025-26
- **Need a new name!**



## MnDOT Pedestrian Safety Campaign

## (Safety) Programming



## (Encouragement) Programming



## (Education) Programming



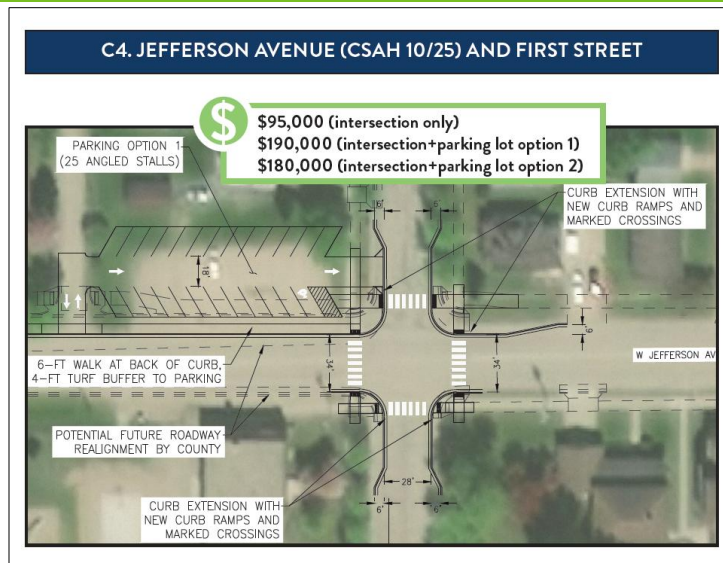
## (Programming) Programming



## Demonstration Projects



## Engineering Studies AKA Design Assistance



## Traffic Calming



## A Tale of Two Takeaways

- **Role for ALL backgrounds in these projects**

- Transportation professional
- Law enforcement
- Concerned citizen/advocate

- **Funding is Available Now!**

- Safe Routes to School
  - Planning Assistance
  - Boost (Programming)
  - Design Assistance – **Nov 22**
- Active Transportation
  - Planning Assistance - **Nov 22**
- Infrastructure



Thank you again!

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