



# Cupertino Safe Routes to School



## Working Group Meeting Update

We will not be holding SR2S Working Group meetings while the County's Shelter in Place Order is in place. We will resume meetings once the Order is lifted.

Thank you for your support as we all work together during this unprecedented time!

## SR2S Eagle Scout Project

### Student Paves the Way to Homestead High School

In March 2019, Eric Pedley finished his Eagle Scout service project with a focus on bicycle infrastructure. A Junior, Eric wanted to make a difference for students who bike to school on a daily basis by giving them a way to bike smoothly onto campus. He approached Principal Greg Giglio in May 2019 with his idea to pave a heavily-used dirt path that connects the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian path to the Homestead High School (HHS) staff parking lot. After more than nine months of meetings and communications with the school and City of Cupertino Public Works team, Eric recruited and supervised a team of volunteers from his Boy Scout troop and friends on the HHS Cross Country team. They spent three weeks preparing and constructing this project, which is now ready to use! None of this could have happened without the support of many in our community. Eric would like to thank HHS Principal Greg Giglio, HHS PTSA for their grant to fund this project, and the City of Cupertino's Steven Pagan and Kane Wolfe for their mentorship, which was critical to the project's success.



## Join Us!

Safe Routes to School is a partnership program between CUSD and FUHSD schools, parents, city staff, and the Sheriff's Office.

For more information or for ways to get involved, visit: [www.cupertino.org/saferoutes](http://www.cupertino.org/saferoutes) or email [saferoutes@cupertino.org](mailto:saferoutes@cupertino.org)

**ABC Quick Check**  
Make sure your bike is in proper working condition by utilizing the ABC Quick Check. View this [video](#) to see how.

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**What Should I Wear?**  
Bright, reflective clothing makes you the most visible to vehicles. Please keep this in mind when choosing what to wear while biking.

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**Stop at Stop Signs!**  
A cyclist must follow the same rules as any other vehicle. Stop at all stop signs because failing to do so is illegal and dangerous.

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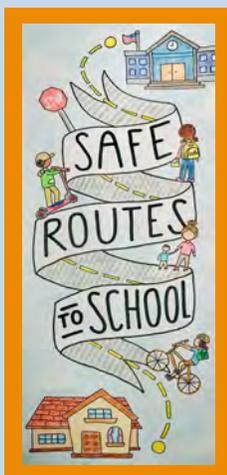
## Cupertino High School Student Distributes Free Bike Lights

On Friday, February 28, Cupertino High School student, Juliet Shearin, handed out 55 sets of bike lights to her fellow classmates. Everyone was happy to receive the lights, especially once they were told the lights are rechargeable. Juliet intentionally did not advertise the event but instead made a sign to alert students that free bike lights were being passed out. Juliet wisely positioned herself at the school's bike racks so students who regularly bike to school would get the bike lights. Cupertino Safe Routes to School loves to see student-led initiatives that encourage walking and biking to school. If you have an idea that you would like support implementing at your school, please reach out to our team at: [saferoutes@cupertino.org](mailto:saferoutes@cupertino.org).



## SR2S Street Light Banner

In 2019, we conducted a high school art competition that resulted in six new Safe Routes to School themed street light banner designs. Over the coming months, we'll be highlighting each of these designs in our newsletter. This month's design is entitled, "Getting to School Safely" by Indira Abhyanker, which you can view and read about to the right.



### *Getting to School Safely By* Indira Abhyanker

My design has a ribbon banner that symbolizes a road. The yellow dashed lines, that are usually in the middle of a road, connect the house (at the bottom) and the school (on top) to show a "route" to school. My artwork aligns with the theme of active and sustainable transportation because along the path, there are kids walking, biking, and scootering, which are all healthy and environmentally friendly ways to get to school. I hope my banner will inspire our community to make a cleaner, safer Cupertino.

## Stay Healthy, Stay Active

Santa Clara County's March 31st Shelter in Place Order continues to allow residents to walk or bike to perform Essential Needs such as shopping and exercising, so long as social distancing guidelines are followed. Getting exercise and fresh air daily can calm nerves and contribute to good health during these challenging times. Cupertinians are lucky to live in a city where most essential destinations are an easy walk or bike ride away. While we shelter in place, consider walking or biking every day either to get exercise or to get to your essential destination instead of driving. Stay healthy by staying active!

## Fall Travel Data

Cupertino's fall 2019 student travel data report is now posted on our website:  
[cupertino.org/saferoutes/data](http://cupertino.org/saferoutes/data).  
View the new report [here](#).