

Safe Routes to School

*Winton Woods City Schools | Informational Presentation | Public Input Meeting
October, 2017*

Presentation Overview

- What is Safe Routes to School?
- How is the School Travel Plan developed?
- Overview of the Winton Woods City Schools Travel Plan
- Questions
- Public Input



Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- Collaborative planning process to promote
 - Active Transportation
 - Safety
 - Healthy lifestyle choices
- Highway Transportation Bill since 2004
- Administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
 - Tommy Arnold, ODOT District 8, Traffic Studies Engineer
- Funds for both Infrastructure & Non-Infrastructure Projects
- ODOT assists communities
- Over 200 approved Safe Routes to School Travel Plans in Ohio



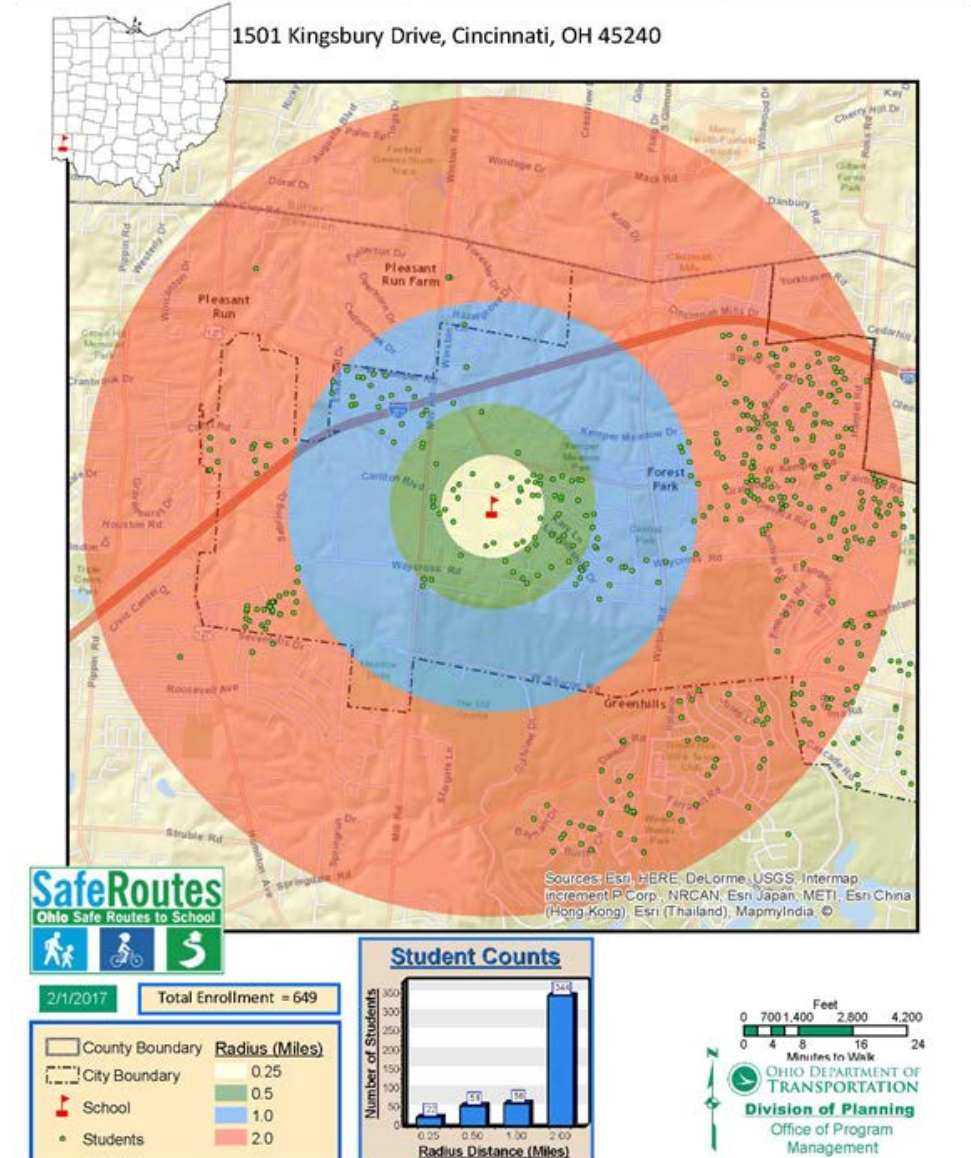
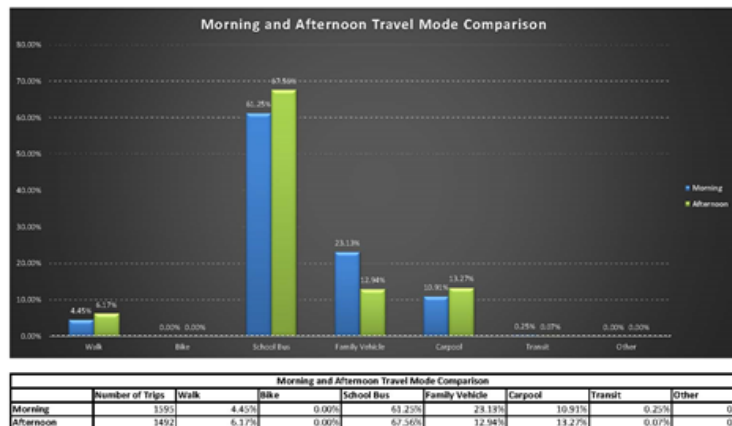
Safe Routes to School (Continued...)

- Goal
 - Encourage more youth to walk & bike to school
 - Make walking & biking routes safer for ALL community members
- Includes five (5) Components (“5 E’s”)
 - Education
 - Encouragement
 - Enforcement
 - Engineering
 - Evaluation
- School Travel Plan (STP) Process
 - Studies & documents communities’ intentions around active transportation
 - STP is a requirement for further funding requests (up to \$400,000 for infrastructure)



School Travel Plan Development

- Three key Considerations
 - Where are students coming from?
 - What travel mode are they using?
 - Why?



Winton Woods City Schools SRTS School Travel Plan

- STP process began Fall of 2016
- Connected to the ***We Thrive!*** Community initiative with Hamilton County Department of Public Health
- SRTS Vision
 - Provide the safest and healthiest route to school possible for each and every one of our students. The safety and health of our young people is our highest priority and it sets the stage for authentic learning and growth to take place in our community and in our schools. The school travel plan will increase the number of students walking or biking to school which will promote healthier lifestyles, improve traffic conditions, impact the environment positively and improve the overall quality of life in our community.
- STP Tasks
 - Parent surveys
 - School travel tallies
 - Audit of existing travel conditions
 - Recommended solutions & countermeasures – both Infrastructure & Non-Infrastructure
 - SPECIAL for Winton Woods City Schools, **Align to both current schools & future new schools coming 2020/2021**



PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

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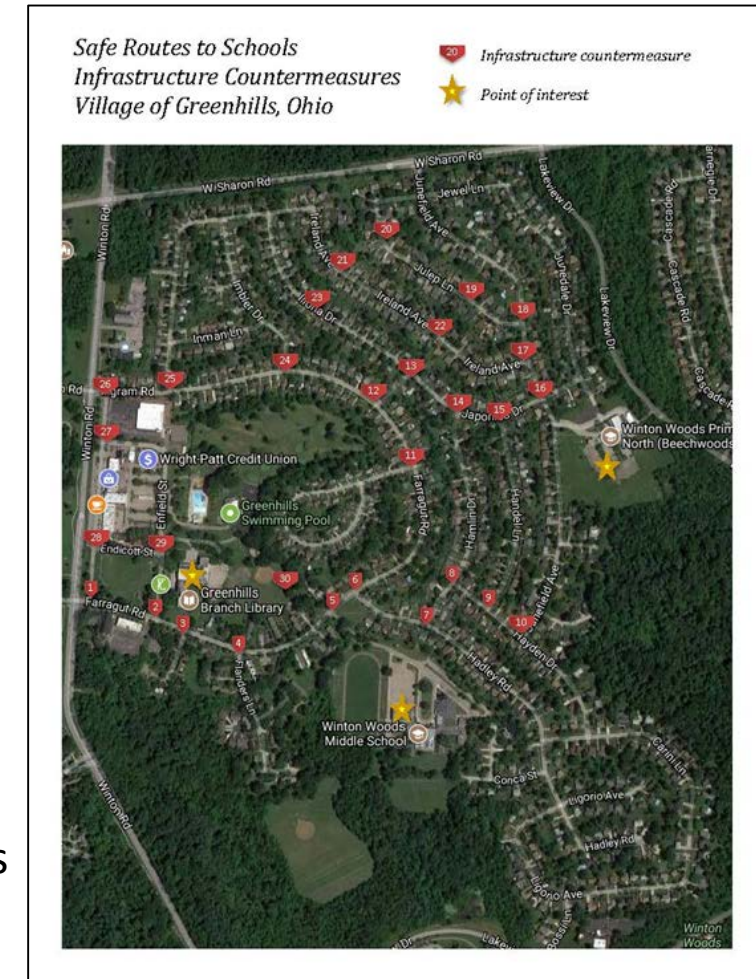
- Primary Concerns

- Traffic & speed along routes to school
- Distance between home and school
- Lack of sidewalks infrastructure
- Parent perceptions about safety
- Inadequate lighting and/or signage
- Age of students (specifically Preschool through 2nd Grade)



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- Infrastructure Countermeasures (up to \$400K)
 - 65 identified improvement projects
 - Walk/bike path on west side of Winton Road between Sharon Road & Waycross Road
 - Walk/bike path along Waycross Road between Hamilton Avenue & Mill Road
 - Walk/bike path along Mill Road between Williamson Drive and Winston Court & West Kemper Road
 - Walk/bike path along Lakeview Drive near Carlsbad Road
 - Install speed feedback devices at key pedestrian walkways
 - Improved crosswalk signage, markings & lighting
 - Rapid flash pedestrian improvements at high traffic intersections
 - \$1,798,024 estimated in total identified improvements



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- Non-Infrastructure Countermeasures (up to \$15K)
 - Safety Town
 - Bike Rodeo
 - Girls In Gear Program
 - Walking School Bus Training
 - ODOT's Every Move You Make campaign
 - Safe Driving Pledge for young drivers
 - Annual Walk & Bike to School Days
 - Mileage Clubs
 - Ohio AAP Bike Helmet Donation Program
 - Enhanced enforcement of school zone speed limits
 - Periodic surveys to monitor progress



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Questions & Public Input

- What questions do you have?
- We invite you to share your input

For more information, visit the SRTS Homepage:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/ActiveTransportation/Pages/SRTS.aspx>

