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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SR2S-AC

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Meetings are being provided both in person at 423 Main Street, Suisun City, CA 94585 and Zoom Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86216242595?pwd=TnKahYkoVUHnGtn5mfUBv7bo3QUltG.1
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ITEMS	MEMBER/STAFF
1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/CONFIRM QUORUM (1:30 – 1:35 p.m.)	Ana Petero, Chair
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1:35 – 1:40 p.m.)	Members
3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (1:40 – 1:45 p.m.)	
4. COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES (1:45– 1:50 p.m.)	Group
5. PRESENTATIONS (1:50 – 2:00 pm)	
A. Solano County E-Bike Handbook Draft **Pg. 3**	Janelle Gregorio, STA
6. CONSENT CALENDAR (2:00– 2:05 p.m.) Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.	
A. SR2S-AC Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2026 Recommendation: Approve the SR2S-AC meeting minutes of August 19, 2026 **Pg. 23**	Natalie Quezada, STA

SR2S-AC MEMBERS

Benjamin Ernest **School Representative**	Briella Jamros **Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD)**	Jason Gray **STA's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**	VACANT **STA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**	Jennifer Leonard **Solano County Office of Education**
Dan Healy **Suisun City Police Department**	Ana Petero-Chair **Member-At-Large**	Terri Booth **STA's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)**	Brant Beavers **City of Vacaville**	Giselle Salinas-Zavala **Solano County Public Health**

7. ACTION ITEMS – FINANCIAL

A. None.

8. ACTION ITEMS - NON-FINANCIAL

(2:05– 2:10 p.m.)

A. 2027 Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Elections — Amy Antunano, STA

Recommendation:

1. Nominate and elect an SR2S-AC Chair for 2027.
2. Nominate and elect an SR2S-AC Vice-Chair for 2027.

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9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(2:10– 2:50 p.m.)

A. Enforcement Status Updates

1. Benicia Police Department — Benicia PD
2. Dixon Police Department — Dixon PD
3. Fairfield Police Department — Fairfield PD
4. Suisun City Police Department — Suisun City PD
5. Vallejo Police Department — Vallejo PD

B. Funding Updates — Amy Antunano, STA

C. Community Task Force Updates

1. City of Fairfield — City of Fairfield
2. City of Vacaville — Brant Beavers, City of Vacaville

D. Solano Public Health (SPH) Update — Giselle Salinas-Zavala, SPH

E. SR2S Program Coordinator Update

1. International Walk and Roll to School Day 2026 — Janelle Gregorio, STA
2. Benicia/Rio Vista/Travis Unified School Districts — Leigh Moilanen, STA
3. Fairfield-Suisun/Dixon Unified School Districts — Crystal Peacher, STA
4. Vacaville/Vallejo Unified School Districts — Jayme Ziadeh, STA

10. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE AND FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

(2:50 – 3:00 p.m.)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Schedule for the Calendar Year 2027

Wednesday, February 17, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday August 18, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 17, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.

For questions regarding this agenda:

Please contact Program Manager, Amy Antunano at (707) 399-3210 or aantunano@sta.ca.gov.

Agenda Item 5. A
November 18, 2026

DATE: November 2, 2026
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Janelle Gregorio, SR2S Program Coordinator
Amy Antunano, SR2S Program Manager
RE: Solano County E-Bike Handbook Draft

Background:
The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program aims to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school by promoting safe, healthy and accessible travel options. Employing an inclusive strategy, the program incorporates six key elements, often referred to as the 6 E's: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, engagement, and evaluation. The program supports schools countywide with activities and programs that educate students about safety, promote health awareness, and identify opportunities for community improvements, ultimately enhancing safer travel for all.

Discussion:
STA's SR2S program has developed a draft E-Bike Handbook to help students, families, and community members understand e-bike classifications, riding requirements, and safe riding practices. The handbook provides accessible guidance on where e-bikes may be ridden, helmet use, lighting and visibility, battery safety, and the differences between e-bikes and electric motorcycles.

The draft (see Attachment A) has been forwarded to STA's Bicycle Advisory Committee and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for review and feedback as well. Comments received will help staff refine the handbook before finalizing it for distribution.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Recommendation:
Informational.

Attachments:
A. Solano County E-Bike Handbook Draft

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S), a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), works to support safer walking, biking, and rolling for students throughout Solano County.

This handbook was developed as a resource for students, parents, and caregivers to help them better understand e-bike safety, California riding requirements, and responsible riding practices. Its goal is to provide families with practical information that can help young riders build the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to ride safely.

This Solano SR2S handbook was adapted from an e-bike safety handbook originally provided through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and developed with support from the San Mateo County Office of Education, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), and San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

The original handbook was also informed by e-bike education and safety resources developed by Marin County Safe Routes to School. Solano SR2S appreciates these organizations and agencies for creating and sharing resources that help families better understand e-bike safety.

Additional safety resources are included at the end of this handbook.

E-BIKE BASICS AND RIDER READINESS

E-Bikes Are Changing the Way We Travel



E-bikes are becoming an increasingly popular transportation option, especially among teens. They can make hills, longer trips, backpacks, and sports equipment easier to manage while giving students and families another way to travel without relying on a car.

But an e-bike is not quite the same as a traditional bicycle.

E-bikes are generally heavier, accelerate more quickly, and can travel at much higher speeds. That can make them more difficult to control and stop, especially for inexperienced riders.

A traditional bicycle may travel around 10–12 mph, while:

- **Class 1 e-bikes** can provide motor assistance up to 20 mph.
- **Class 2 e-bikes** can provide motor assistance up to 20 mph.
- **Class 3 e-bikes** can provide motor assistance up to 28 mph.

That increase in speed gives riders less time to react to vehicles, pedestrians, intersections, road hazards, and unexpected situations.

What Parents and Caregivers Should Know

Is your child ready for an e-bike?

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's age-development guidance indicates that children ages 9–12 can generally operate motorized wheeled vehicles that do not exceed 10 mph. Faster motorized bicycles and scooters are generally not considered age-appropriate because of the added difficulty of balancing, steering, and controlling the vehicle at higher speeds.

Parents and caregivers should consider a child's riding experience, judgment, ability to follow traffic laws, and comfort handling a heavier and faster bicycle before allowing them to ride an e-bike.

Is Your Child Ready To Ride?

Before allowing a young person to ride an e-bike on a street, bike lane, or pathway, make sure they can safely demonstrate basic bicycle and traffic skills.

A rider should be comfortable:

- Coming to a complete stop at intersections
- Taking turns appropriately with vehicles

- Riding in a straight, predictable line
- Riding with the direction of traffic
- Staying out of the "door zone" beside parked vehicles
- Using hand signals before turning, stopping, or changing lanes
- Following posted speed limits
- Yielding to pedestrians
- Stopping quickly when necessary
- Avoiding obstacles without swerving into traffic
- Wearing a properly fitted helmet
- Keeping phones and other distractions put away

Practice Before Riding Independently

Riding confidently in traffic takes practice. Start in a quiet, low-traffic area where a new rider can get comfortable with how the e-bike accelerates, brakes, turns, and balances. Riders should also practice using motor assistance and throttle control, when applicable, while learning how the bike's added speed and weight affect stopping distance.

Whenever possible, have a young rider ride with an experienced adult first. Adults can model safe, predictable riding behavior and help young riders learn how to handle real-world traffic situations.

A bicycle or e-bike skills class can also help build confidence and defensive riding skills.

Class 1 E-Bike

Provides motor assistance **only when you pedal.**



Class 2 E-Bike

Provides motor assistance when you pedal **and** also has a throttle.



Class 3 E-Bike

Provides motor assistance when you pedal and is designed for higher speeds.



E-Bikes Must Follow the Rules of the Road

E-bike riders are subject to many of the same traffic laws as people riding traditional bicycles.

That includes:

- Stopping at stop signs and red lights
- Riding in the correct direction with traffic
- Following lane markings
- Yielding when required
- Using hand signals
- Following applicable speed and traffic laws

An e-bike should be treated as transportation, not as a toy.



KNOW YOUR E-BIKE

California identifies three classes of e-bikes. Understanding your e-bike's class is important because speed, rider age, helmet requirements, and equipment requirements can differ by class.

CLASS 1

- Uses pedal-assist, meaning the motor provides assistance while the rider is pedaling
- Provides motor assistance up to 20 mph
- May include a limited start-assist or "walk mode" that can propel the bike without pedaling at speeds up to 3.7 mph

CLASS 2

- May use a throttle to propel the bicycle without the rider pedaling
- Provides motor assistance up to 20 mph

CLASS 3

- A Class 3 e-bike:
- Uses pedal-assist, meaning the motor provides assistance while the rider is pedaling
- Provides motor assistance up to 28 mph
- May include a limited start-assist or "walk mode" that can propel the bike without pedaling at speeds up to 3.7 mph
- Must be equipped with a speedometer
- May only be operated by a rider who is at least 16 years old
- Requires the operator and any passenger to wear a helmet, regardless of age

Where Can Each Class Ride?

Different types of bikeways have different rules for e-bike use. Before riding, know your e-bike class and make sure it is permitted on the route you plan to take.

Under California law, all three classes of e-bikes may generally be ridden anywhere conventional bicycles are permitted. Local agencies and California State Parks may restrict e-bike use on certain trails or paths, so always check posted signs and local rules.

Is It Really An E-Bike?

Some electric vehicles look like e-bikes but may actually be classified as electric motorcycles or another type of motor vehicle.

This is especially important when shopping online, where some products may be advertised as "Class 2 e-bikes" even though their power or speed exceeds legal e-bike limits.

A Legal E-Bike Has:

1. A Motor Rated at 750 Watts or Less — E-bikes must stay within the motor power limits established under California law.

2. Speed-Limiting Safety Features — An e-bike must meet the speed requirements for its designated class.

Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes provide motor assistance up to **20 mph**, while Class 3 e-bikes provide pedal assistance up to **28 mph**.

3. Working Pedals — A legal e-bike must have functioning pedals that allow it to be operated as a bicycle.

E-Bike Or E-Motorcycle?

A vehicle that exceeds California's e-bike requirements may be considered an electric motorcycle or another type of motor vehicle, even if the manufacturer or seller calls it an "e-bike."

Vehicles that do not meet the legal definition of an e-bike may be subject to additional motor vehicle requirements, including:

- Registration
- Motorcycle-compliant lighting
- Mirrors
- A driver's license
- Other required motor vehicle equipment

Unregistered electric motorcycles are not legal to operate on roads, sidewalks, or bicycle paths as though they are e-bikes.

What About E-Scooters?

Electric scooters follow different rules than e-bikes in California.

Riders must have a *valid driver's license or instruction permit,* and scooters do not need to be registered with the DMV. **The maximum legal speed is 15 mph.**

E-scooters may be used on bike paths, trails, and bikeways unless locally restricted. On roadways, they are generally allowed on streets with speed limits of **25 mph or less**. Sidewalk riding is prohibited except when entering or leaving adjacent property, and **passengers are not allowed**.

Riders should always check local rules and posted signs before riding.

Riders under age 18 are required to wear a bicycle helmet. On roads with speed limits above 25mph, scooters generally must use a Class 2 or Class 4 bikeway.

Local Rules Matter

California establishes statewide e-bike requirements, but local jurisdictions may have additional rules about where e-bikes can be used.

Rules may differ between cities, counties, parks, trails, multi-use paths, school campuses, and other public facilities.

Before riding somewhere new, check posted signs and local regulations. A route that allows one class of e-bike may not allow another.

Learn more:
California DMV – Motorcycles, Mopeds, and Scooters
www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/new-registration/motorcycles-mopeds-and-scooters/

RIDING SAFELY

Where To Ride

E-bikes can move much faster than traditional bicycles, so riders should choose locations that are appropriate for their speed and e-bike class.

AROUND PEDESTRIANS

Avoid riding at high speeds in places with heavy pedestrian activity.

When passing someone walking or riding more slowly, reduce your speed, give plenty of room, and use your voice or bell to let them know you're approaching. Wait for a safe opportunity to pass and always ride courteously and predictably.

E-bikes can be very quiet, which means pedestrians may not hear you approaching.



SIDEWALKS

Stick to roads and appropriate bicycle facilities rather than sidewalks. E-bikes can travel too quickly for spaces with heavy foot traffic, and sidewalk riding may also be prohibited by local rules.

Check local ordinances before riding.

RIDING IN TRAFFIC & BIKE LANES

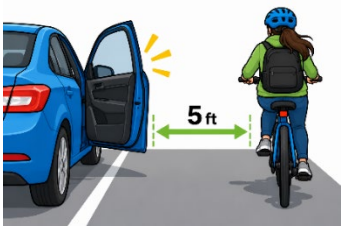
Use designated bicycle lanes whenever they are available and your class of e-bike is permitted to use them.

If you need to leave the bicycle lane to avoid a hazard, make a left turn, avoid a turning vehicle, or enter another lane, remember:

- SCAN — Look behind you and check surrounding traffic.
- SIGNAL — Clearly communicate your intention.
- CHECK & MERGE — Make sure there is enough space and then move predictably into traffic.

If there is no bicycle lane, ride in the roadway as permitted and share the road with motor vehicles.





Avoid the Door Zone

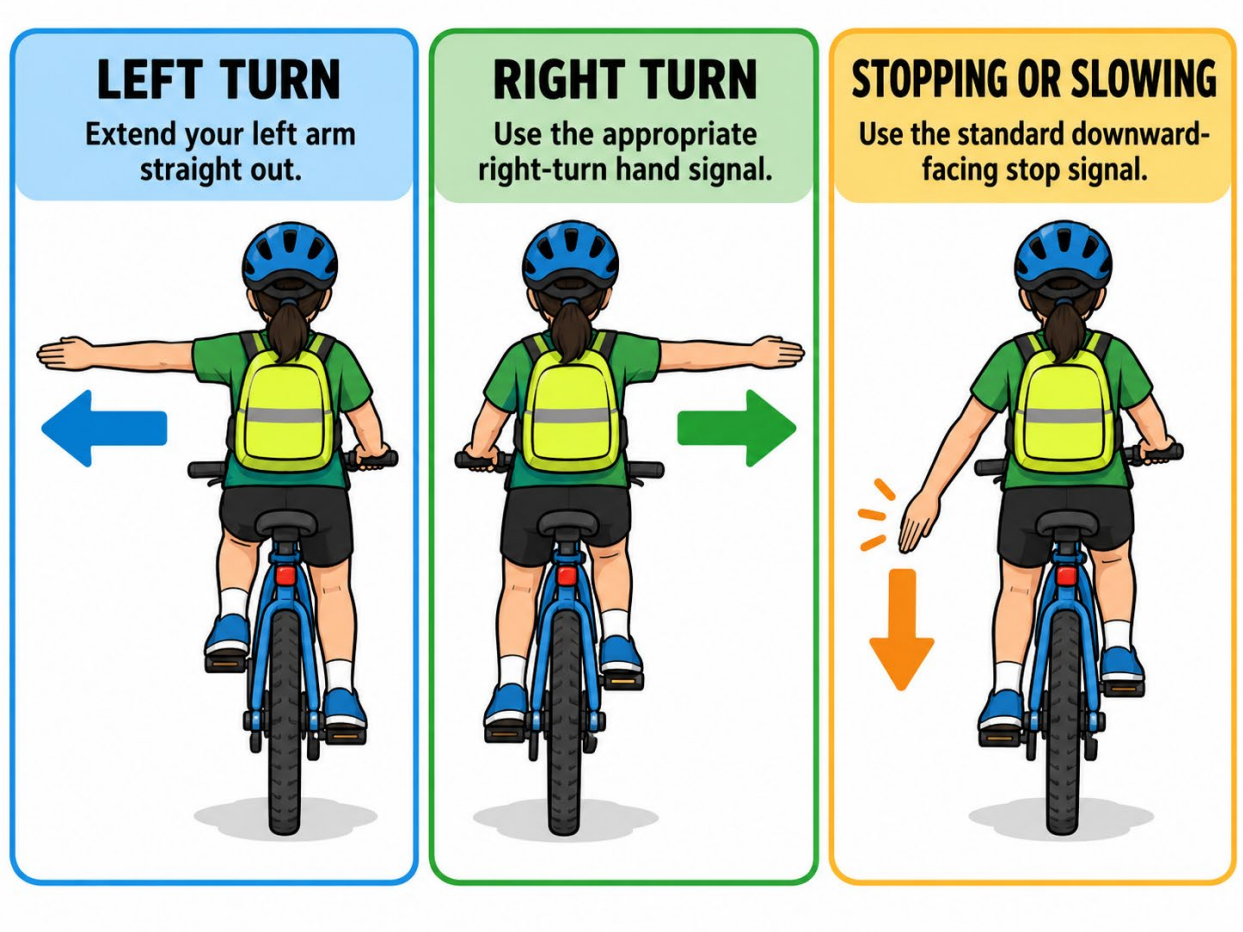
Leave approximately 5 feet of space between yourself and parked vehicles whenever possible. This helps reduce the chance of being struck by an open car door, improves your visibility, and gives you more room to react.

Using Hand Signals

Hand signals help motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians understand what you plan to do.

Signal before turning, changing lanes, slowing, or stopping.

Signal early enough for other road users to react.



Helmet Requirements

Helmets are one of the most important pieces of safety equipment a rider can use.

Riders Under 18

Riders under age 18 are required to wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

Passengers Under 18

Passengers under age 18 are also required to wear a helmet.

Class 3 Riders

Anyone operating or riding as a passenger of a Class 3 e-bike **must** wear a helmet, *regardless of age*.

Even when a helmet is not legally required, Solano Safe Routes to School encourages every e-bike rider to wear a properly fitted helmet every ride.



Riding With Passengers

Only carry a passenger if your e-bike is specifically designed to accommodate one and has a separate passenger seat securely attached to the bicycle.

Never allow someone to sit on the handlebars, stand on rear pegs not intended for passengers, ride on an unsecured rack, or share a seat designed for one person.

Extra weight can significantly affect acceleration, steering, braking, and balance.

Lighting and Visibility

Being visible is important every time you ride, especially at night or in low-light conditions.

Rear Visibility Is Required at All Times

Beginning January 1, 2026, California law requires e-bikes to have either a red rear reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector that is visible from at least 500 feet to the rear. This requirement applies during all hours of operation, not just at night.



When Riding in Darkness

California law requires bicycles and e-bikes ridden after dark to have:

- A white front light visible from at least 300 feet in front and from the sides
- A red rear reflector or qualifying red rear light visible from at least 500 feet
- A white or yellow reflector on each pedal, shoe, or ankle that is visible from at least 200 feet
- Side reflectors on the front and rear portions of the bicycle, unless the bicycle has reflectorized tires that meet state requirements
- The required white front light may also be worn by the rider, as long as it is visible from at least 300 feet in front and from the sides.

Be Seen

In addition to required lights and reflectors, wear bright or reflective clothing whenever possible and make sure all lighting equipment is working before each ride.

Lights and reflectors help others see you but never assume that a driver has noticed you.

E-BIKE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

A quick inspection before riding can help prevent mechanical problems while you're on the road.

TIRES

- Check that both tires feel firm.
- Inflate tires to the recommended pressure printed on the tire or listed by the manufacturer.

BRAKES

- Squeeze each brake lever.
- The brakes should engage properly, and the lever should not pull completely against the handlebar.
- Because e-bikes are heavier and faster than traditional bicycles, brake pads may wear out more quickly.

CHAIN & CRANK

- Make sure the chain is clean and properly lubricated, seated correctly, and that the cog teeth are not excessively worn. Pedals and crank arms should also feel secure.

BATTERY & WIRES

- Make sure the battery is properly installed and locked into place. Check that the display turns on normally and that wiring, cables, and electrical components are secure and free from visible damage.

QUICK-RELEASE PARTS

- Check wheels, the seat post, and other quick-release components to make sure they are fully secured.

FINAL CHECK

- Gently lift and set down each wheel. If you hear rattling or notice anything loose, inspect and tighten it before riding.

E-Bikes Need Extra Maintenance

Greater weight and speed can cause tires, brakes, chains, and other components to wear more quickly than they might on a traditional bicycle.

Inspect your e-bike regularly and replace worn parts when necessary.

E-Bike Battery Safety

Every e-bike relies on a rechargeable battery, and proper battery use is an important part of e-bike safety.

Beginning January 1, 2026, California law requires e-bikes, batteries, and charging systems sold or distributed in the state to meet applicable safety testing and labeling requirements. These products must be tested by an accredited laboratory to help reduce the risk of fires, electrical failures, and other battery-related hazards.

Look for UL Certification — When purchasing an e-bike, replacement battery, or charger, look for products that have been tested by an accredited laboratory and are clearly labeled for compliance. UL 2849 is one recognized safety standard for e-bike electrical systems.

Charging & Storage

To reduce the risk of fire or battery damage:

- Use only the charger intended for your e-bike and battery.
- Plug the charger directly into a wall outlet.
- Avoid using power strips or extension cords.
- Never stack batteries while charging or storing them.

- Give batteries space and proper ventilation.
- Keep batteries away from extreme heat or cold.
- Do not charge or store batteries where they block doors or emergency exits.
- Keep charging areas near working smoke alarms or fire detectors when possible.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.

For long-term storage, keep the battery partially charged and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

BUYING AND RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

Thinking About Buying An E-Bike? E-bikes can be a fun and efficient transportation option, but choosing the right bike is especially important for younger riders.

Before You Buy

Don't rely on the product name alone. Check the motor wattage, maximum motor-assisted speed, whether it has working pedals, whether it uses a throttle, and the manufacturer's designated e-bike class.

It's also important to know whether the bike can be modified to exceed legal speed or power limits.



Not every electric two-wheeler is an e-bike.

Check The Legal Requirements

A legal e-bike must meet California's requirements for motor power, speed, equipment, and e-bike classification.

- E-bike motors must meet California's 750-watt power limit
- Class 1 motor assistance stops at 20 mph
- Class 2 motor assistance stops at 20 mph
- Class 3 motor assistance stops at 28 mph
- Class 3 e-bikes must be equipped with a speedometer
- Class 3 riders must be at least 16 years old
- Class 3 e-bikes may not be sold to anyone under age 16
- All Class 3 operators and passengers must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet, regardless of age

Buy From A Reputable Source

Purchasing from an established bicycle shop can help ensure the bike comes from a reliable manufacturer, replacement parts are available, and routine maintenance and repairs can be completed when needed.

Watch For Modifications

Some e-bikes can be altered through apps, software, controllers, or aftermarket parts to increase their speed or power.

Under California Assembly Bill 1774 (AB 1774), an e-bike may only be modified if it continues to meet California's legal definition of an electric bicycle. State law also prohibits the sale of products or devices designed to increase an e-bike's speed beyond those legal limits.

If a modification causes the bike to exceed legal e-bike speed or equipment requirements, it may no longer be legally classified as an e-bike.

Families should make sure young riders understand that speed- and power-limiting equipment should not be tampered with.

Taking E-Bike Safety Seriously

E-bikes can give students greater independence, but their additional speed and weight can also increase the severity of a crash.

In 2022, more than 3,000 children and teens in the United States were treated in emergency departments for e-bike-related injuries. In California, reported e-bike collisions increased from 184 in 2018 to more than 3,400 in 2023.

Research in Marin County also found that riders ages 10–15 were five times more likely to be involved in an e-bike collision than any other age group studied.

Before allowing a young rider to travel independently, consider whether they are prepared both physically and mentally for the responsibility of riding an e-bike.

Consider whether they consistently follow traffic rules, can control the bike at higher speeds, understand right-of-way, can judge vehicle speed and distance, and can brake quickly without losing control. They should also be willing to wear a helmet every ride, keep their phone put away, make safe decisions without an adult nearby, resist pressure to ride unsafely, and understand where their class of e-bike may legally be ridden.

An e-bike can be a great transportation option when the rider has the skills, knowledge, and maturity to use it responsibly.

BEFORE YOU RIDE

Know your bike — Know its class, maximum speed, power, and equipment.

Know the Law — Understand age, helmet, passenger, lighting, and riding-location requirements.

Know your route — Make sure your class of e-bike is permitted where you plan to ride.

Check your equipment — Inspect tires, brakes, battery, lights, and other components.

Wear your helmet — Every ride. Every time.

Ride predictably — Follow traffic laws, signal your movements, and stay alert.

Ride Smart. Ride Safe. Get There Together.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go Safely California – E-Bikes, E-Scooters & E-Motorcycles

The California Office of Traffic Safety's Go Safely California website provides information about e-bike classifications, e-scooter and e-motorcycle rules, current California safety laws, safe riding practices, and resources for parents and caregivers. The site also includes safety videos, printable materials, and resources available in English and Spanish.
gosafelyca.org/e-bikes-e-scooters-and-e-motorcycles/

E-Bike Safety Training Resources

CalBike provides an overview of three online e-bike safety training resources from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), PeopleForBikes, and Pedal Ahead/CARB. The trainings cover topics such as e-bike classifications, safe riding practices, pre-ride checks, sharing roads and paths, California laws, and battery safety.
https://www.calbike.org/new-e-bike-training-resources-come-online/

California Highway Patrol E-Bike Resources

CHP provides official information about California e-bike classifications, rider requirements, helmet laws, safe riding practices, and other rules for e-bikes and similar electric vehicles. CHP also offers an online e-bike safety and training program for riders and families.

Youth riders are encouraged to complete the training with a parent or caregiver. Participants may also be able to print a certificate after completing the course.
https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/services-information/Bike-and-Ped-Safety/

Solano County Parks – FAQs

Solano County provides information about e-bike use in County parks. Class 1 e-bikes are allowed wherever conventional bicycles are permitted unless otherwise posted. Riders should always check posted signs and trail rules before riding.
www.solanocounty.gov/government/resource-management/solano-county-parks

Solano Safe Routes to School

Solano SR2S provides bicycle and pedestrian safety education, encouragement activities, community events, and resources for students and families throughout Solano County.
solanosr2s.ca.gov

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SR2S-AC)
Minutes for the Meeting of
August 19, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS/ CONFIRM QUORUM**
The meeting of the STA's SR2S-AC was called to order by Chair Ana Petero at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the STA.
(In Alphabetical Order by Last Name):
SR2S-AC Members'

Present:	Brant Beavers	City of Vacaville
	Teri Booth	Pedestrian Advisory Committee
	Benjamin Ernest	Dixon Montessori Director
	Jason Gray	Bicycle Advisory Committee
	Jennifer Leonard	Solano County Office of Education
	Ana Petero - Chair	Member at Large
	Giselle Salinas-Zavala	Solano County Public Health
	CSO Lauren Teel	Benicia PD
SR2S-AC Members Absent:	Brielle Jamros	YSAQMD
Others Present:	Amy Antunano	STA
	Annalee Bernard	STA
	CSO Alexandria Diosdado	Benicia PD
	Janelle Gregorio	STA
	Robert Guerrero	STA
	Sgt. Rashad Hollis	Vallejo PD
	Leigh Moilanen	STA
	Crystal Peacher	STA
	Jayme Ziadeh	STA

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was amended to move Agenda Item 9. E up to 9. A motioned by Benjamin Ernst and a second from Lauren Teel. The SR2S-AC approved the agenda as amended. (8 Ayes)

3. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

4. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**
None.

5. **PRESENTATION**

A. **STA's 29th Annual Awards**
Amy Antunano announced STA will be hosting its 29th Annual Awards on November 4th in Suisun City. She added that a call for nominations is now open to acknowledge projects, transportation people, and even peers in the advisory committees between the fiscal year of July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Ms. Antunano will follow up with an additional email containing nomination forms.

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6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendation:

Approve the following consent items in one motion.

A. SR2S-AC Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026

Recommendation:

Approve the SR2S-AC meeting minutes of May 20, 2026.

On a motion by Ana Petero and a second from Lauren Teel, the SR2S-AC approved the minutes of May 20, 2026. (8 Ayes)

7. ACTION ITEMS- FINANCIAL

A. None

8. ACTION ITEMS NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. None

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. SR2S Program Coordinator

Vacaville/Vallejo Unified School Districts

Jamie Ziadeh presented event updates and participation numbers in the Vacaville and Vallejo Unified School Districts, including Safety Storytime at K.I. Jones Elementary, a Trucks of the Trade event at the Vacaville Cultural Center Library, and a backpack giveaway at Markham Elementary

A. Enforcement Status Updates

1. *Benicia Police Department (BPD)*

   The Community Safety Officer (CSO) Alexandria Diosado reported that summer enforcement went smoothly with increased education efforts about e-bike classifications and safety, including new pamphlets and call signs for tracking incidents.

   CSO Lauren Teel noted that many helmets were distributed to children over the summer and that BPD successfully hosted a community outreach event called Vibe and Thrive in June.

   Summarized Discussion:

   The committee discussed enforcement and education approaches regarding e-bike safety regulations. CSO Teel explained that their department is currently taking an education-focused stance rather than issuing citations, as e-bike laws are new and enforcement is challenging. Mr. Ernest shared a successful example from Dixon Pilot where both enforcement and educational initiatives led to improved safety behavior among students. The discussion also highlighted a bike contract system implemented at one school site requiring students and parents to sign safety agreements before the school year begins.

2. *Dixon Police Department - Absent*

3. *Fairfield Police Department - Absent*

4. *Suisun City Police Department – Absent*

5. *Vallejo Police Department (VPD)*

   Sergeant Rashad Hollis discussed various summer initiatives aimed at keeping youth engaged and safe, including Late Night Basketball and school resource fairs. He described the Safe Start to School initiative, a collaborative program with Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) and the police department, which involves flooding school zones with officers to address traffic and safety concerns during rush hour. Sgt. Hollis also mentioned the success of their new mascot, Officer Justice, and the K-9 unit in engaging the community.

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B. Funding Updates

Amy Antunano provided an overview of pending funding opportunities, including a potential $1.6 million grant from the Bay Area Air District and an $850,000 request to OBAG cycle 4. She concluded that decisions are expected in October and November, respectively.

C. Community Task Force Updates

1. City of Fairfield
   Janelle Gregorio indicated that Tina Machado is no longer with the City of Fairfield. She mentioned the Fairfield Community Task Force will be reconvening once Ms. Machado's replacement has been completed.

2. City of Vacaville
   Brant Beavers reported on the City of Vacaville implementing education, enforcement, and engineering approaches, including social media campaigns and pedestrian crossing upgrades funded through HSIP grants.

Ana Petero emphasized encouraging seniors to volunteer as cross guards at schools.

D. Solano Public Health (SPH) Update

Giselle Salinas-Zavala noted outreach events, having reached 250 students and families while distributing 43 bike helmets. SPH staff are now collecting data on e-bike and e-scooter incidents from different partners throughout the county.

E. SR2S Program Coordinator Updates

1. Countywide Events
Janelle Gregorio presented the upcoming annual event of International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 7th.

2. Benicia/Rio Vista/Travis AFB Unified School Districts
Leigh Moilanen listed the summer events she attended, reaching over 300 people and servicing over 45 bikes and providing 70 helmet giveaways, across her jurisdictions. She will be attending back-to-school night for Benicia High School and Rio Vista's Airport Days.

3. Dixon/ Fairfield-Suisun Unified School Districts
Crystal Peacher acknowledged positive results from the Handlebar Helmet Program at Dixon Montessori Charter, which achieved 100% compliance after three months. She focused on summer participation events with community partners such as Solano Public Library, Fairfield PAL Teen Center, the City of Fairfield, FSUSD, and Assemblymember Lori Wilson's National Night Out. She concluded with two new schools initiating reoccurring parent teacher meeting and WOW Wednesdays.

10. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE AND FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the SR2S-AC is on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026.**

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DATE: November 18, 2026
TO: SR2S-AC
FROM: Amy Antunano, Program Manager
RE: 2027 Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

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Background:
The Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee (SR2S-AC) has two office positions, Chair and Vice Chair, to assist Solano Transportation Authority (STA) staff in developing agendas and running meetings. Under Article 5, Section 2 of the SR2S-AC Bylaws it states the SR2S-AC must select a Chair and Vice Chair at the last meeting of each calendar meeting.

The role of the Chair is to preside over SR2S-AC meetings and coordinate the meeting agendas with STA staff. The role of the Vice Chair is to assist the Chair and to preside over the meeting in the absence of the Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair serve one calendar year terms, while no officer is allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms in office. The new positions for Chair and Vice-Chair will be in effect starting February 17, 2027.

Discussion:
Following Tina Machado's departure as Chair in 2026, Ana Petero, Member-at-Large, transitioned from Vice Chair to Chair. The Vice Chair position is currently vacant, and Chair Petero is eligible for reelection.

During their time as respective SR2S-AC Chair and Vice Chairs, they have overseen the approval of the Safe Routes to School Plan and have continued to support the SR2S program.

In accordance with the SR2S-AC Bylaws, STA staff recommends electing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve during the 2027 calendar year.

Financial:
None.

Recommendation:
1. Nominate and elect a SR2S-AC Chair for 2027
2. Nominate and elect a SR2S-AC Vice Chair for 2027

DATE: November 2, 2026
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Janelle Gregorio, SR2S Program Coordinator
Amy Antunano, SR2S Program Manager
RE: SR2S Program Coordinator Update

Background:
The Solano Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program aims to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school by promoting safe, healthy and accessible travel options. Employing an inclusive strategy, the program incorporates six key elements, often referred to as the 6 E's: education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, engagement, and evaluation. The program supports schools countywide with activities and programs that educate students about safety, promote health awareness, and identify opportunities for community improvements ultimately enhancing safer travel for all.

Program Coordinator Updates:
Walk and Roll to School Day engaged 5,881 students at 43 schools across Solano County, encouraging safe, active travel to school. Participating schools included five in Benicia, six in Dixon, 15 in Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, two in Rio Vista, four in Travis Unified School District, five in Vacaville, and six in Vallejo.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Recommendation:
Informational.

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DATE: October 30, 2026
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Leigh Moilanen, Program Coordinator
Amy Antunano, Program Manager
RE: SR2S Program Update –Benicia, Rio Vista and Travis Unified School Districts

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Background:

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Program Coordinator Update:

Between August and October, the Safe Routes to School program conducted bicycle helmet audits at Joe Henderson Elementary in Benicia, D.H. White Elementary in Rio Vista and Center Elementary School in Fairfield. The program also participated in Back-to-School events at Foxboro Elementary, D.H. White Elementary, Riverview Middle School, and Benicia High School.

SR2S hosted International Walk and Roll to School Day at Joe Henderson Elementary, with Council Member Terry Scott attending to show his support for student safety in the community.

Through these outreach activities, SR2S staff distributed 36 bicycle helmets and provided students and families with information about available SR2S programs, as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Informational

DATE: November 3, 2026
TO: Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Advisory Committee
FROM: Crystal Peacher, Program Coordinator
RE: SR2S Program Coordinator Update

Background:
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The Solano SR2S Plan was first established in 2008 and later updated in 2013. Currently, the plan is undergoing another update in collaboration with various SR2S partners, the SR2S Community Task Forces, and the SR2S Countywide Advisory Committee, all of whom provide ongoing guidance to the program. Since its inception, the program has steadily grown, with more schools participating each year. It remains a vital service offered by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to each school district in the County.

Discussion:
On September 8th, Green Valley Middle School in Fairfield hosted a "Helmet Fitting & Education", where 16 students were fitted for and distributed no-cost helmets. That evening in Dixon, SR2S presented program information to the Tremont Elementary School parent volunteer group. On September 25th, SR2S participated in "Coffee with the Director" at Dixon Montessori Charter School in Dixon updating parents and staff on current program information. On September 29th, in Fairfield, Rodriguez High School's Independent Living Skills class welcomed SR2S for a "Safety Storytime", 15 students learned about pedestrian and road safety.

On October 27th, Bay Area Bike Mobile came out for David Weir's annual "Bike Mobile" event to perform no-cost bike repairs and tune ups for 27 students in Fairfield, SR2S fitted and distributed 35 helmets. On November 5th, SR2S partnered with the Solano Transportation Authority's Transit Program Coordinator to table Crystal Middle School's lunch periods offering interactive information on the "Suisun City School Tripper "in Suisun City. On November 17th, Nelda Mundy, in Fairfield, hosted a "Safety Storytime" event for all TK-Kindergarten students.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Recommendation:
Informational.

DATE: October 30, 2026
TO: Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee
FROM: Jayme Ziadeh, Program Coordinator
Amy Antunano, Program Manager
RE: SR2S Program Coordinator Update – Vacaville and Vallejo Unified School Districts

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Background:
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Program Coordinator Update:
From August to October, SR2S staff continued community and school outreach by attending school meetings and participating in community engagement events. Activities included a table at the Markham Elementary Resource Fair in Vacaville, where staff shared information about SR2S programs and bicycle and pedestrian safety resources with 250 students and families. Staff also attended a Parent Volunteer Group meeting and a Coffee With the Principal event at Public Safety Academy (PSA) in Fairfield.

During October, SR2S staff continued bicycle and pedestrian safety education through several Safety Storytime presentations. A Safety Storytime was held at the Vallejo Springstown Library, with eight participants in attendance. Staff also provided Safety Storytime at Alamo Elementary in Vacaville over three days, reaching 122 students across five classes of kindergarten and 1st graders. Additionally, a two-day visit to Kairos Elementary in Vacaville reached 72 students across one TK class and two kindergarten classes.

SR2S staff also completed six helmet audits at schools throughout Vacaville and Vallejo. In addition, staff continued building relationships with school communities by attending Parent Volunteer Group meetings in Fairfield at PSA and KI Jones Elementary.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Recommendation:
Informational.

Attachments:
None