



Safe Routes to School

BLEND
BETTER LIVING: EXERCISE & NUTRITION DAILY

What Is It?

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded program, which provides States the opportunity to award communities with funding to improve conditions so children are able to walk and bike to school. **Safe Routes to School** focuses on making bicycling and walking to school safer and facilitates projects to improve health and safety.

Why BLEND Supports This?

The primary goals of **Safe Routes to School** encourage healthy and active lifestyles of all ages and abilities, as well as heightening safety and well-being of our youngest community members. Physical activity and community engagement are two (of our four) main goals of the BLEND coalition. By our dedicated activism and support of **Safe Routes to School**, BLEND moves closer to our goal of making a significant impact on childhood obesity.

How It Impacts You?

As we encourage healthy, active lifestyles we must work to ensure children have safe, easy access in and around our communities. Communities around Minnesota are already using the \$800 million allocated towards the Safe Routes to School program. Together with your help, we will continue to advocate for **Safe Routes to School** allocation of funding, activities, and projects in Central Minnesota. You will feel the direct impact of the increased bike lanes, pathways and sidewalks available for your family. We're pleased to tell you that thanks to **Safe Routes to School**, bicycle and pedestrian collision rates for children have decreased by 49 percent!

How Can You Help?

Sign up for our newsletter and we'll include you on breaking news and action items where and when your help is needed most!

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