



Edina Active Routes to School Comprehensive Plan

Executive Summary

The purpose of an Active Routes to School Plan (ARTS) is to identify opportunities and priorities to increase walking and biking to schools, and develop an implementation plan for making improvements in these areas. A comprehensive process involving Edina School District, City of Edina, parents, and residents was begun in 2012 to develop a plan for the nine public schools in Edina. Through site visits, principal interviews, data gathering, and stakeholder input, a set of short-, mid-, and long-term improvements have been developed to address the needs of students walking and biking to school. These improvements involve actions by multiple stakeholders and include both infrastructure and policy changes. The following is a summary of the recommendations categorized by the lead implementation agency.

City of Edina Improvements

- Provide enforcement in school zones
- Establish city policy for crosswalk markings
- Modify ordinance language to allow bicycling on sidewalks
- Evaluate effectiveness of school speed zone signing and establish city policy for use of school speed zones
- Construct sidewalk on School Road
- Construct pedestrian ramps at W 72nd Street/ Oaklawn Avenue
- Construct sidewalk on 58th Street east of Wooddale Avenue
- Construct sidewalk or trail on Interlachen Boulevard
- Obtain easement and construct sidewalk connection from Oaklawn Avenue to Parklawn Avenue
- Construct a shared use path through Lake Edina Park to connect Parklawn Avenue to Kellogg Avenue
- Construct sidewalk connection from Ayrshire Boulevard to Highlands Elementary
- Construct sidewalk on Valley View Road, Tracy Avenue, and Gleason Road
- Construct sidewalk on Sun Road, Arbour Avenue, and Olinger Boulevard
- Construct sidewalk on Benton Avenue
- Construct sidewalk on Claremore Drive, Kellogg Avenue, and Wooddale Avenue
- Construct sidewalk on Cornelia Drive from 70th Street to 66th Street

Edina Public Schools Improvements

- Improve bicycle parking at Edina High School and Valley View Middle School
- Improve bicycle parking at Highlands Elementary
- Continue or initiate site-level walking and biking activities
- Develop a walking and biking section of the school district website
- Create a program to improve bicycle parking at all schools
- Designate a district Active Routes to School coordinator
- Incorporate language regarding walking and biking to school into the district wellness policy
- Incorporate walking and biking safety education into the physical education curriculum
- Reconstruct and narrow the driveways at Cornelia Elementary School



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Joint City-District Improvements

- Create a pedestrian and bicycle safety public education campaign
- Continue student travel tallies on at least a yearly basis
- Establish a permanent Active Routes to School working group or task force
- Address safety and traffic issues on Valley View Road at Edina High School/ Valley View Middle School

Based on its past planning and active efforts to improve its bicycle and pedestrian facilities, Edina is well-positioned to implement infrastructure improvements and effect the cultural and policy changes necessary to see long-term shifts in travel behavior.