



SUSTAINABLE STILLWATER MINNESOTA



# **Bike to School Day**

# **Stillwater, MN**

Year #1

Lily Lake Elementary School

May 9, 2018

# Stillwater Bike to School Day

## May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- Sustainable Stillwater Minnesota work group with Healthy & Connected Lifestyles led program
- Workgroup members: John Siekmeier, Roger Tomten, Evie Zeruhn, and Rick Heidick
- Mission for Healthy & Connected Lifestyles work group: Achieve “Bicycle Friendly Community” status and certification for Stillwater
- Bike to School Day events, and advocating for greater youth bicycling in the community, is a key element to achieving a “Bicycle Friendly Community”
- The Bike to School Day program followed all of the guiding principles and planning prescribed by National (and Minnesota) Safe Routes to School programs.
- Lily Lake was the initial Stillwater school to accept and support the SSMN Bike to School Day event

# Picking up Bikes at “Bikes4Kids MN”



After learning from Nate Cox, Principle of Lily Lake Elementary school, that there may be some deserving students who do not have bikes, our Bike to School Day team was able to link up with “Bikes4Kids” in Ham Lake, MN and receive 18 bikes to distribute to the designated Lily Lake students.

(Bikes4Kids is a non-profit that receives donated bikes, fixes and repairs them, and donates them back to member organizations to give to deserving kids)

# Distribution of “Bikes for Kids”

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018



Happy kids with their principal



Lots of happy kids  
(and parents)!



Bikes and the bike distribution team

# Bike Rodeo – Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018



- Afternoon event for Lily Lake 5<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Put on by Minnesota Bicycle Alliance and PowerUp
- Loaner bikes provided by MBA
- Designed course for learning and testing basic bicycle riding skills
- Healthy snacks and treats provided by PowerUp
- Lots of fun had by all!



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## Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**SAFETY  
FIRST!**

- The main goal of Bike to School Day is SAFETY!
- All kids:
  - Get to school safely
  - Get home safely
  - HAVE FUN!
- Key, primary biking routes were planned and understood
- Road crossings were managed for safety, with many crossing helpers.
- Bike groups were set up for kids to ride together, and with adult co-riders
- The weather agreed and was good for biking!

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The riders were welcomed at the school by Chomp (from Power Up), members of the High School Mountain Bike Team, and volunteers. Estimated 60-70 students rode bikes and participated.



# Goals for Bike to School Day 2019

- National Bike to School Day 2019 is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Repeat Bike to School Day at Lily Lake- establish it as an annual event
- Add at least one more school (no more than two more) (Stonebridge, Rutherford, or Stillwater Middle School)
- Offer Bike Rodeo at second (new) school
- Continue each year until all Stillwater schools participate every year