

Ann Arbor Public Schools Student & School Safety Update

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Safe Routes to School Update

- Mini grant applications have been submitted to Michigan Fitness for (up to \$5000 for each school):
 - ✓ Dicken Elementary Implementation of SRTS program including more frequent walk/bike to school days, new bike rack, bike/backpack lights for all students and a new orange flag program at a neighborhood crossing. Kick off with a bike/walk rodeo on a school day.
 - ✓ Burns Park Elementary Implementation of SRTS program including more frequent walk/bike to school days, t-shirts for all students supporting different modes of travel to and from schools, bike helmets for students without helmets, 3rd, 4th, 5th grader bike/backpack light program. Kick off with a bike/walk rodeo on a school day.
- Problematic areas that we are addressing:
 - Slauson Middle School Drop off and pick up times with congestion on W. Washington and driver behavior. AAPD has been helping with enforcement and communications to families. More families are dropping off further from the school and this needs to be expanded.
 - Huron High School Parents are entering off Huron Parkway creating safety hazards in the designated bus loop. Education all year including some enforcement has not deterred this behavior. AAPS is looking at some other options.

• New SRTS Teams Ann Arbor Open, Angell Elementary

Parent and student surveys are underway or will be shortly to help form next steps.

• Traffic Safety Assessments

OHM is performing two new assessments at Angell Elementary and Scarlett Middle:

- ✓ Angell Elementary We are looking at ways to improve the traffic flow especially during pick-up when traffic backs up onto Washtenaw.
- ✓ Scarlett Middle We are looking to reconfigure the parking lot layout to accommodate a safer traffic flow. This also impacts Mitchell Elementary.

• A2 STEAM (K-8) SRTS Grant Update

City council postponed the public hearing on the SRTS improvements specific to the sidewalk gaps on both sides of Traver near Barton intersection.