

## **Creating Safe Walking and Bicycling Communities: Safe Routes to School Decision- Maker's Toolkit**

State and federal Safe Routes to School funding is well known and used but unfortunately limited in size and scope. Recent changes in federal law have created additional uncertainty regarding the availability of funding to support stand-alone SRTS projects. By understanding the greater transportation planning and resource allocation processes, and learning some of the important questions to ask, local leaders can understand their community's unique situation and complement Safe Routes to School funding requests with other state, regional and local transportation investments.

The Safe Routes to School Decision-Makers Toolkit is an online guide that explains active transportation and the conditions in a community that support safe walking and bicycling to schools and other neighborhood destinations. It offers tools for local governments to support active transportation. Because decisions about transportation investments in California occur across an array of agencies, the guide explains the regional and state context within which local city, county and school leaders will collaborate to create safer walking and bicycling environments.

To get a preview of this toolkit before it is released for public viewing, please create a login by following this link: <http://www.ca-ilg.org/user/register>. Once you have created an account, email Jennifer Armer at [jarmer@ca-ilg.org](mailto:jarmer@ca-ilg.org) for access to this unique tool!

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