

# FISCAL YEAR 2019



#### **WFRC Funding Programs**

- Wasatch Front Economic Development District
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Transportation & Land Use Connection Program
- Surface Transportation Program
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
- Transportation Alternatives Program

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Maximize the value of investment in public infrastructure

Enhance access to opportunity

Increase travel options to optimize mobility

Create **communities** with opportunities to **live**, **work**, **and play** 

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE CONNECTION

### **TLC PROJECTS**

#### Ordinances

Transportation/Active Transportation

Master Plans

**Complete Streets & Street Connectivity** 

First/Last Mile Implementation

Station & Small Area Plans

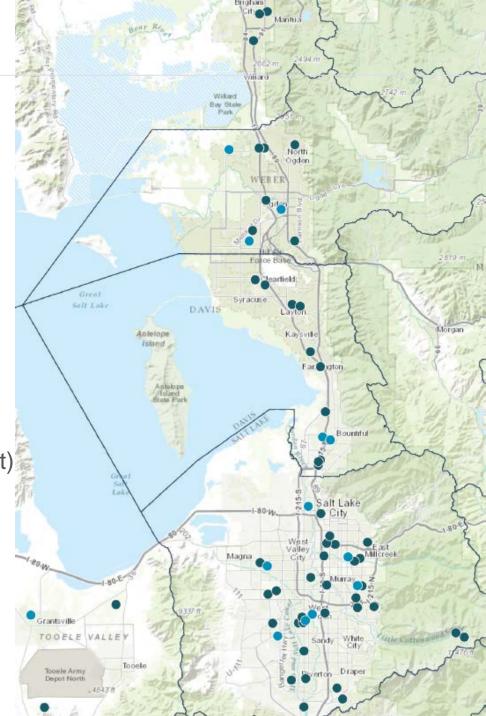
**Corridor Plans** 

Studies (such as market, redevelopment)

Visioning

Parking Reform

#### WWW.WFRC.ORG/TLC



#### TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

# FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)

CONGESTION MITIGATION/ AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)





# SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)



#### **Eligible STP Project Types**

- Street widening or new construction
- Improve or reconstruct existing streets
- Bridge replacement
- Projects that reduce traffic demand
- Intersection improvements

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# **CONGESTION MITIGATION/ AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)**



#### **Eligible CMAQ Project Types**

- Projects that improve Air Quality
- Construct or purchase public transportation facilities and equipment
- Commuter bicycle & pedestrian facilities
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Projects that reduce traffic demand
- Intersection improvements



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### Facilities and Equipment







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# TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)



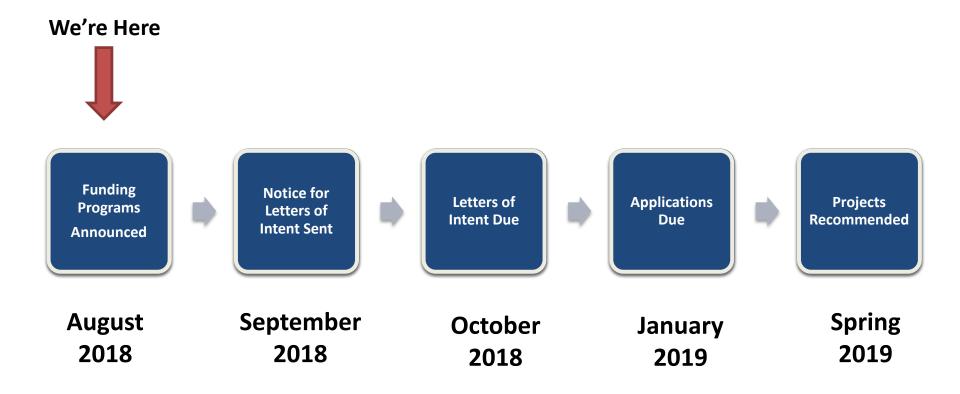
#### **Eligible TAP Project Types**

- Construction, planning, and design
- Pedestrian, bicyclists, & other non-motorized forms of transportation
- Improvements could include:
  - Sidewalks
  - Bicycle infrastructure
  - Traffic calming techniques
  - Lighting and safety-related infrastructure for non-drivers
  - Safe Routes to School projects



#### **D&RGW Rail/ Trail**

#### **WFRC Funding Program Deadlines**



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### What is Strava?

**Strava** is a website and mobile app used to track athletic activity via GPS

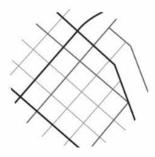
The most popular activities tracked using the software are cycling and running.

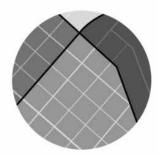
#### What is Strava Metro?

# STRAVA | METRO

Millions of people upload their rides and runs to **Strava** every week via their smartphone or GPS device.

Strava Metro is a product that anonymizes and aggregates this data for analysis within GIS environments. Strava Metro then partners with departments of transportation and city planning groups to provide this information to assist in improving infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians.







#### Streets

Minute-by-minute activity counts across your entire network

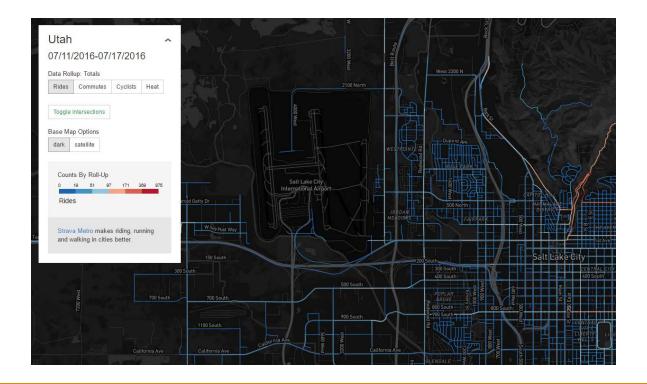
#### Origin / Destination

Understand activity starting and ending points, by region

#### Intersections

Activity counts and wait times at every intersection

#### **Elements of Analysis**



#### Heat Map - Web Product

http://metro-static.strava.com/dataView/UTAH/201701\_201709/RIDE\_dv/#5.5/39.398/-111.917

#### Strava Benefits

•UDOT and partners can understand AT user behavior

- Know AT maintenance demands
  - shoulder sweeping
  - snow removal
- •Demographic user insight
  - Age cohorts/Gender
- •Overlay with safety data
- •Tied to state centerline network
- •Sub-license agreements available

#### Strava Limitations

Not everyone uses StravaSocial Equity?

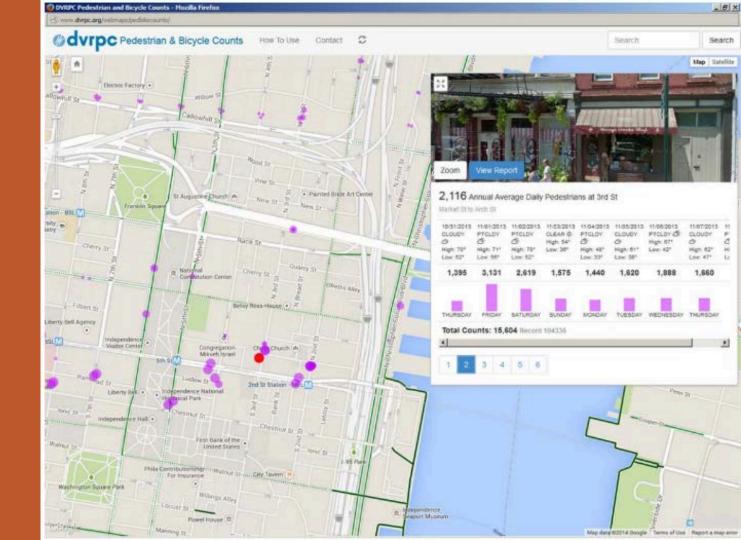
- Athletic user-base
  - Only 6.4% of activities are "Commutes"
- Requires GIS/Technical Expertise
- Need for further data collection

### Statewide Active Transportation Data Management Plan

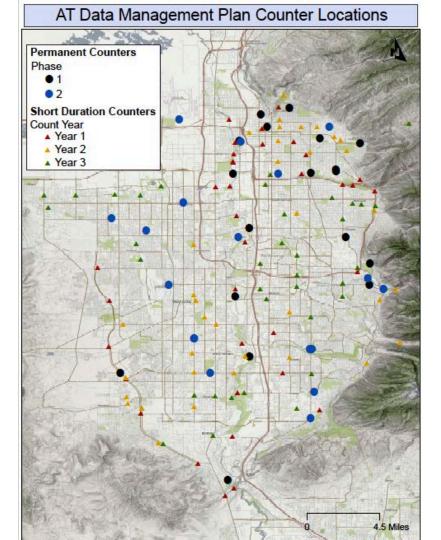
**Project Vision:** Develop a system for collecting and publishing data that can be used by the public and by public agencies. (e.g. UDOT's Traffic Map System)

#### **Key Outcomes Include:**

- Map of suggested count locations with stakeholder buy-in and based off of established AT plans
  - -Permanent count locations
  - -Short duration count locations
- Development of adjustment factors for short-duration counts
- Support AT forecasting for Wasatch Front Travel Demand Model,
- Development of adjustment factors by facility type, weather conditions, day of week, season, user type(s), AT traffic patterns, etc.



#### Permanent and Short-duration Counters





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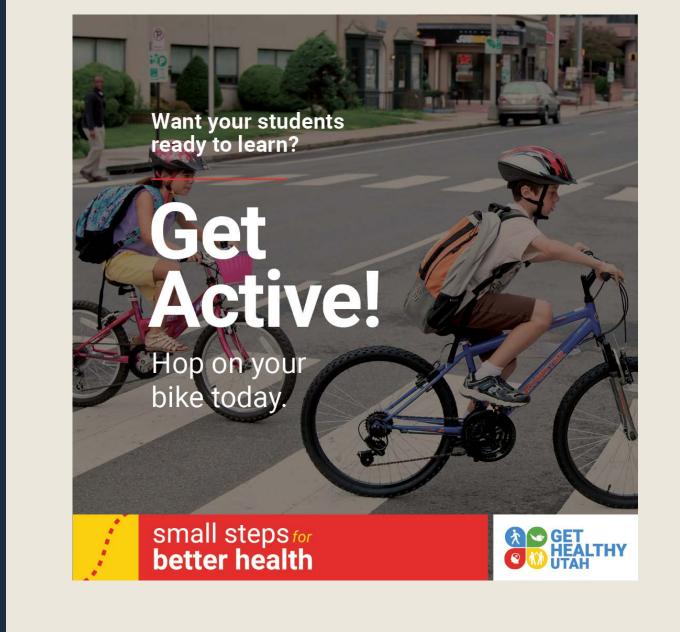


# HEALTH IMPACT OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Get Healthy Utah Sarah Hodson

# Transportation and Health

Safety
Air Quality
Physical Activity
Equitable Access
Noise

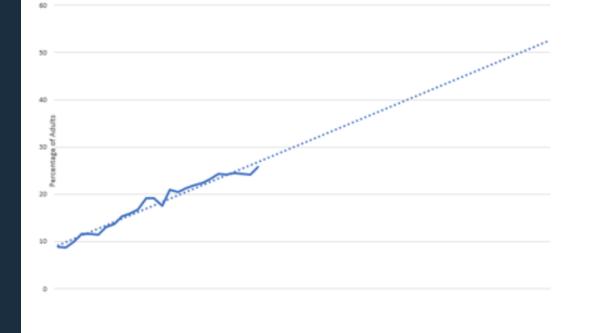


#### 2017 YRBS:

Only 19.1% of students met the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity in 2017.

22.8% of students overweight, 9.6% obese in Utah schools

#### Utah Adult Obesity Straight-line Projection to 2050



If the trend continues:

\*Adult obesity rates could rise from 26% in 2014 to 46% in 2050.

\*The number of obese adults could triple to over 1.7 million Utahns.



Bassett, D.R. et aL (2013). Estimated Energy Expenditures for School-Based Policies and Active Living. American Journal of Preventive Medicine. 42(2), 108-113. Link to paper http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0749379712008057

Robert Wood Johnson Fe

Active Living Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation www.activelivingresearch.org

The CDC recommends that children get at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Encouraging walking to school is a cost-effective way to help meet that recommendation.

#### active kids learn better



physical activity at school is a win-win for students and teachers



STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES:



JUST ONE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE LESSON CREATES:

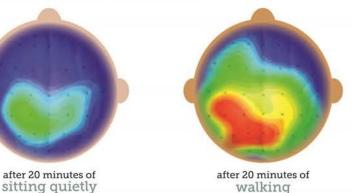


21% decrease in teachers' time managing behavior

#### physically active kids have more active brains

Red areas are very active; blue areas are least active.

BRAIN SCANS OF STUDENTS TAKING A TEST:



#### MORE RESULTS:

after 20 minutes of physical activity:

students tested better in reading, spelling & math and were more likely to read above their grade level

after being in a physically active afterschool program for 9 months:

memory tasks improved 16%

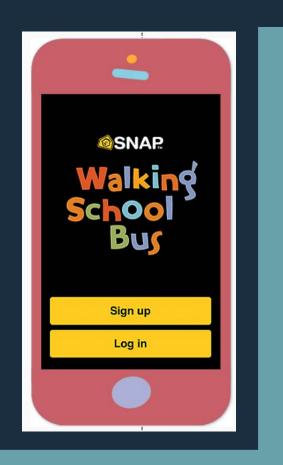
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Learn more about why active kids learn better and how schools can help at activelivingresearch.org/activeeducationbrief.



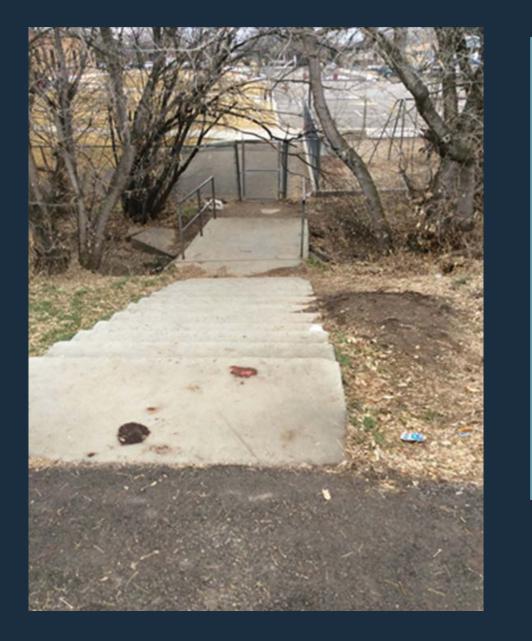
#### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPACT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

- Parents drive less, reducing traffic, congestion on the road, and reducing carbon emissions, which improves the air quality around schools
- Sidewalks and bike lanes increase the overall walkability and safety of neighborhoods
- Low-cost accessible way to be physically active, which reduces risk for chronic diseases like heart disease



# COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND SOLUTIONS

American Heart Association Marc Watterson



"AS A FATHER OF FOUR, I WOULD LOVE FOR MY KIDS TO USE THESE STAIRS AND THIS ROUTE WHILE WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL INSTEAD OF WALKING FIFTEEN MINUTES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO GET THERE. HOWEVER THERE ARE A FEW PROBLEMS. THERE ARE NO HANDRAILS ON THESE STAIRS. I HAVE SEEN MANY CHILDREN FALL AS THEY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ASCEND AND DESCEND THIS STAIRCASE DURING THE WINTER. HANDRAILS WOULD HELP CHILDREN MORE SAFELY NAVIGATE THESE STAIRS AND WOULD HELP AVOID ACCIDENTS. ALSO, THE GATE IS ALWAYS LOCKED. I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE MY KIDS WALK ALL THE WAY AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, CROSSING ROADS WITHOUT CROSSWALKS. I WOULD REALLY RATHER THEY USE THIS. IT JUST NEEDS HANDRAILS AND TO BE OPENED BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL."



"As a mother with four children attending this elementary, I always walk my children to school. I become very nervous when crossing this road due to the fact that there is no marked crosswalk. Cars often drive through this intersection even as we are crossing. More precautions are needed to keep them safe." "As a mother, I do not like my children to walk to school. There are many places with discontinuous or no sidewalks at all. There are also intersections that lack crosswalks. A lot of cars drive on these roads and I want my children to be safe."



# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs work



#### today, few kids actively travel to school

TRAFFIC SPEED AND VOLUME, AND LACK OF SIDEWALKS, ARE THE MAIN BARRIERS

compared to 48% in 1969 13% walk or bike now

among those living within ¼ mile of school just 56% walk or bike

#### kids are more active when walking and biking are safe

AFTER IMPLEMENTING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS:





OF THE RECOMMENDED 60 MINUTES OF DAILY ACTIVITY:

- **16 Min** (average) can be achieved by walking or biking to school

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Learn more about why Safe Routes to School programs work at activelivingresearch.org/SRTSreview.

# FEEDBACK WE'VE RECEIVED:

- More funds are needed
- Priority on high needs communities
- Coordination between Cities and LEA's
- Codification of the SRTS Program

# A & Q



Student Neighborhood Access Program

- New consultant Penna Powers
- Being rebranded as Safe Routes Utah
- Making some great changes and will present on Safe Routes Utah once the new program is established



# State SRTS Grant Funding



## Safe Routes to School

- Advertising for FY 2022 in early 2019
- \$1.36 Million
- State reimbursement program



# Statistics from the FY19, FY20 and FY21 Round

- 59 Applications
- 28 Were funded
- Average funded amount \$124,614
- 25 communities served
- No match requirement but it did help

