

# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

A smart investment for our kids and communities

Safe Routes to School has many benefits for Minnesota, but **less than 1 percent of the state's transportation budget** is currently dedicated to it. **Demand across the state is growing:** in 2015, grant applications exceeded available funding by three to one.

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CAN:

Reduce the risk of  
**PEDESTRIAN INJURY BY**  
**44 PERCENT**



Help build desirable communities by making it **EASIER AND SAFER FOR FAMILIES** and neighbors to walk and bike to school together.



**BRING MORE RESOURCES**  
to Greater Minnesota communities.

In 2015, **THREE OUT OF FOUR** Safe Routes to School state-funded **INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS** were awarded to communities in Greater Minnesota.

**GET KIDS**  
**MORE**  
**ACTIVE**



Students who start walking or biking to school benefit from **47 MORE MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PER WEEK.**



Help reduce vehicle congestion  
& **IMPROVE AIR QUALITY**  
around schools.



Traffic-related air pollution **INCREASES**  
a child's risk of developing **ASTHMA.**

## WHAT A \$6 MILLION STATE INVESTMENT IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COULD MEAN FOR MINNESOTA



Leverage an additional  
**\$2.6 MILLION**  
in federal funds



Support implementation  
**IN 96 SCHOOLS,**  
reaching 24,400 students  
in grades K-8



**SAVE \$607,000**  
in environmental costs  
**FROM VEHICLE USE**  
over 10 years

