



Coalition for Safe, Active and Healthy Streets and Safe Routes to School Action Team

The Coalition for Safe, Active and Healthy Streets (CASHS) helps increase awareness of problematic intersections and street crossings in New Ulm while providing evidence-based solutions. It works to improve the safety of New Ulm’s streets by incorporating traffic calming measures (slowing traffic) so that more people will feel safe using walking and bicycling as a form of transportation.

The Safe Routes to School Action Team works to make it safer for children to walk and bicycling to school by addressing the six Es – education, encouragement, equity, evaluation, engagement and engineering.

Priorities and Recent Accomplishments — 2023

New Active Transportation Plan

- In the spring of 2023, New Ulm’s new Active Transportation Plan was finalized with consulting assistance from MnDOT’s Active Transportation Program. More than 100 community members provided input via a survey. The final plan, which the City of New Ulm is considering adopting in early November, will help the city and stakeholders take steps toward expanding the active transportation system for walking, bicycling and other types of human-powered mobility, implementing the priorities identified, and facilitating intergovernmental coordination.

Walk and Roll to School Days

- To encourage walking or bicycling to school, the SRTS team conducted two Walk and Roll to School Days, with 84 students participating in May and 125 in October from four different schools, along with numerous adult volunteers.



A photo taken in New Ulm (at right) was chosen as the winner of the Minnesota Safe Routes to School initiative’s 2023 photo contest.

Walk! Bike! Fun! Curriculum Training

- The SRTS team hosted a training in May for the Walk! Bike! Fun! curriculum, developed by the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, and trained four area educators, a SHIP coordinator and a SRTS coordinator.

1st North and Garden St. Demonstration Project

- Starting in May, the CASHS team, in partnership with the City of New Ulm, conducted a summer-long demonstration project at the intersection of 1st North St. and Garden St., where volunteers installed temporary curb extensions, or “bump outs.” The demonstration project helped residents in the neighborhood and throughout the community experience how curb extensions help slow traffic and make it safer for all who use Harman Park and walk or bike in the area.



A total of 19 community members completed a survey about the intersection and all shared positive feedback.

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Priorities and Recent Accomplishments — 2023

School Patrol Program Reboot

- The SRTS team rebooted the School Patrol for Jefferson and the Middle School campuses and the program became active with 11 student patrols (after having none over the last two years).

The team also worked on revamping the school arrival/dismissal procedure and a pilot for a weekly Walking School Bus from Lincoln Park for students to walk to the St. Paul, Jefferson and Middle School campuses.

Bike Maintenance Class

- In October, the SRTS team partnered with BikeMN to offer a bike maintenance class for high school students and adults. BikeMN staff provided instruction and hands-on application for diagnosing and performing common adjustments and repairs.



Bike Fleet Expansion

- To further promote bicycling skills and safety education for younger children, 12 smaller bikes and striders were added to the Community Education



Bike Fleet. The original fleet of 30 bicycles and an enclosed trailer has been in use since 2016 by schools and is available for rent by community groups such as Scouts, childcare and summer programs and faith groups.