



School Travel Safety Assessment

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Agenda



- Project Introduction & Purpose
- School Travel Safety Overview
- Project Scope and Schedule
- How to Get Involved

What is the Project?



- Assessment of schools next to county roads and state highways
- Focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Identify recommended treatments to common issues
- Implement recommended improvements consistently

What is the Need for the Project?



- County roads and state highways have higher traffic volumes and higher speeds
- School zones are a priority for safety
 - Younger pedestrians and bicyclists
 - New drivers
- Consistent and proactive approach for all the schools on the County and State highway networks

What are the Objectives for the Project?



- Proactively identify safety issues
- Identify effective and comprehensive safety treatments
- Develop criteria for consistent application of treatments
- Create implementation plan

6 Es of Safe Routes To School (SRTS) *Dakota* COUNTY

- Equity
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation



Source: MnDOT SRTS 101

Education & Enforcement

Education

- Teaches safety skills
- Creates safety awareness
- Includes parents, neighbors, and other drivers



Enforcement

- Increases awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Improves driver behavior

Source: MnDOT SRTS 101



Engineering

- Creates safer and more accessible places for walking and bicycling



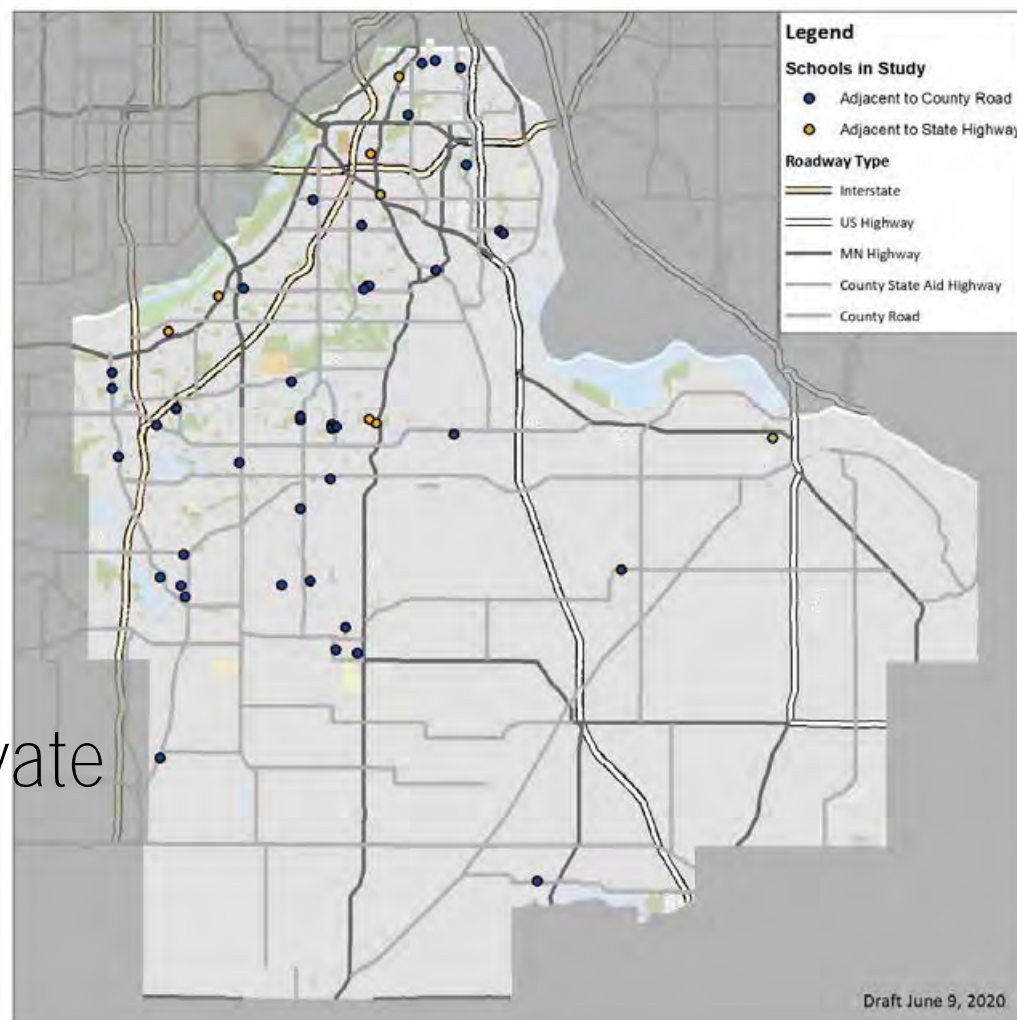
Project Elements



- Identify schools on county roads and state highways
- Data collection and initial review
- Detailed evaluations
- Develop recommendations
- Create implementation plan














Schools Next to County Roads and State Highways

- 49 schools to be evaluated
 - 18 Elementary
 - 11 Middle Schools
 - 7 High Schools
 - 7 PK/K-8
 - 5 PK/K-12
 - 1 Middle & High School
- Includes public & private schools



Project Scope and Schedule



2020 Project Schedule	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Virtual Engagement							
Advisory Committee Meetings							
Stakeholder Interviews							
Data Collection							
Identify Focus Schools							
Detailed School Evaluations							
Develop Recommendations							
Final Documentation							
Implementation							

This is a draft schedule and will be adjusted as needed due to the effects of COVID-19 and remote learning, and to allow enough time to capture community feedback.

Community Engagement

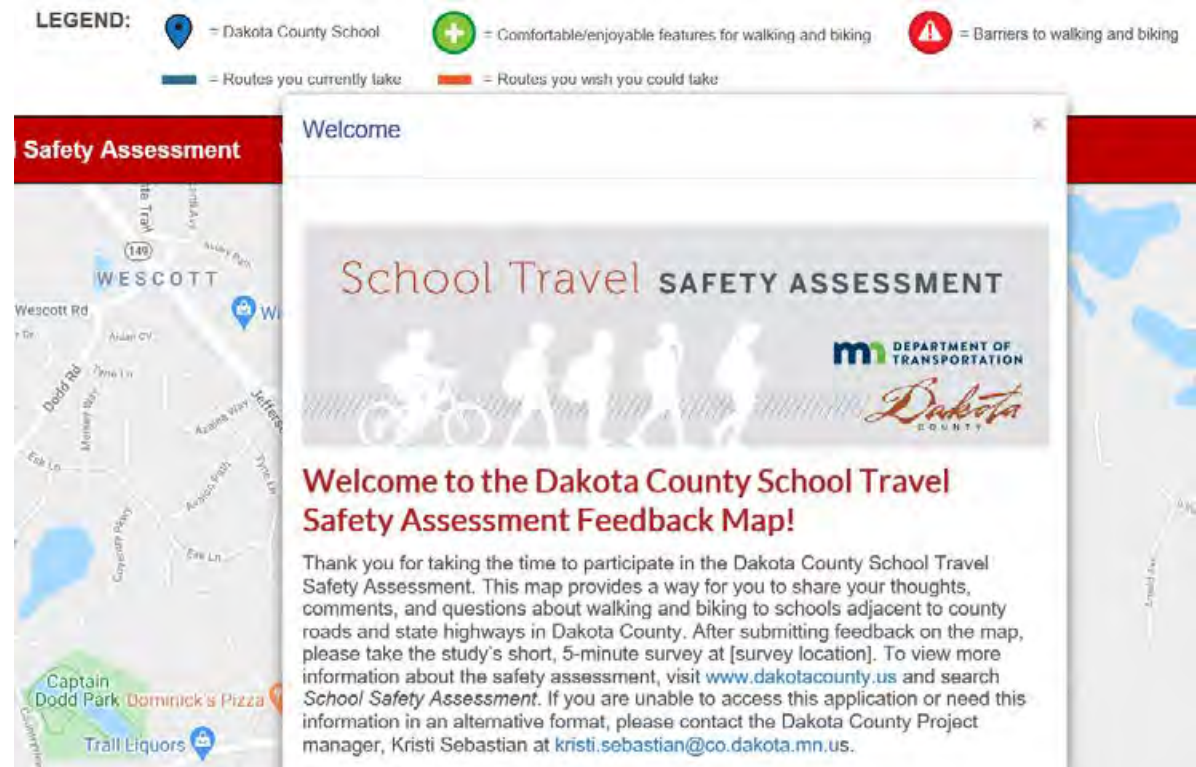


- Visit the project website:

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/TransportationStudies/Current/Pages/school-safety-assessment.aspx>

- Tell us what's working and not working

- Interactive map
- Survey



Future Engagement Opportunities



- Additional engagement planned September 2020
- Opportunity to provide input on draft recommendations



Questions?

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