

# Six Great Low Cost Ideas for Safe Routes to School Mini-Grants

Applications due to the Seattle Department of Transportation April 1-30 & October 1-31

PTSA's or School Principals can apply for SRTS Mini-Grants that provide up to \$1000

[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped\\_srts\\_grant.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm)

**We can help you apply! Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

[www.SeattleGreenways.org](http://www.SeattleGreenways.org) we advocate for safe healthy streets for all people

## 1. Crossing Flags

- **What does it cost?** Enough flags and buckets to hold them cost about \$250 per corner per year.
- **Who needs to help?** Parents need to help decide where to place the flags.



## 2. Start a School Patrol

- **What does it cost?** School Patrols need crossing flags, safety cones and safety clothing for students who help other students cross streets safely. Outfitting a safety patrol costs about \$400.
- **Who needs to help?** Parent volunteers or school staff are needed to train and supervise student safety patrol members.



## 3. Put up Slow for Kids and 20 is Plenty signs

- **What does it cost?** The signs are free and available from Seattle Department of Transportation or Seattle Neighborhood Greenways.
- **Who needs to help?** Parents or school staff can put signs up on their own property.



**4. Do a Walking Audit to find out the streets that need the most help from the City**

- **What does it cost?** A community organizer can help to lead audits. Mini-grants can fund organizing costs like printing and food to help gather community together.
- **Who needs to help?** A community organizer walks with parents, school staff and local community members and records comments & information.



**5. Start a Walking School Bus in your neighborhood.**

- **What does it cost?** You can purchase reflective clothing and signs. Community organizers can help to start Walking School Buses. Sometimes kids get a small incentive to walk to school like hot chocolate or fruit.
- **Who needs to help?** Walking School Buses are great, but they do take some work to organize where children are coming from. Help kids get to school in time for breakfast. School attendance matters.



**6. Do a survey and find out how children get to your school. Walking is healthy!**

- **What does it cost?** Just the cost of the paper.
- **Who needs to help?** School staff need to give permission to give surveys, so that you can talk to caregivers as they enter or leave the school. Consider using the National Safe Routes Parent Survey available in English <http://bit.ly/2aH7GXd>, Spanish <http://bit.ly/2avgSg9>, and many other languages <http://bit.ly/2aWr1is>.

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6. On most days, how does your child arrive and leave for school? (Select one choice per column, mark box with X)

Arrive at school	Leave from school
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk
<input type="checkbox"/> Bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike
<input type="checkbox"/> School Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> School Bus
<input type="checkbox"/> Family vehicle (only children in your family)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family vehicle (only children in your family)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpool (Children from other families)	<input type="checkbox"/> Carpool (Children from other families)
<input type="checkbox"/> Transit (city bus, subway, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Transit (city bus, subway, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc.)

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7. How long does it normally take your child to get to/from school? (Select one choice per column, mark box with X)

Travel time to school	Travel time from school
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / Not sure

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