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Safe Routes to School

FY 2024 Annual Report &
FY 2025 Work Plan



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About Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is the City's program to make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable for students to walk and bike to school.

Alexandria provides an ideal environment for walking and bicycling since so many families live close to their neighborhood elementary schools. The City has been promoting walking and biking to school through infrastructure improvements, education, and encouragement since 2003.

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By starting with children and the trip to school, communities become safe places for everyone to walk and bike.



Safe Routes to School Program Budget

FY 2025 Approved Capital Improvement Program: *Non-Motorized Transportation*

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
City Funding	\$419,200	\$431,800	\$500,000	\$515,000	\$630,000
State/ Federal Grants	\$1,000,000	\$870,935	-	-	-
Total CIP	\$1,419,200	\$1,302,735	\$500,000	\$515,000	\$630,000

Note: Budget is not inclusive of standalone CIP projects.

FY 2024 At-A-Glance



6

speed cameras installed in school zones



22

new, upgraded, or enhanced crossings within walking distance of schools



84

new Walk Audit recommendations for 5 schools



40+

improvements installed near schools

FY 2024 Project Highlights



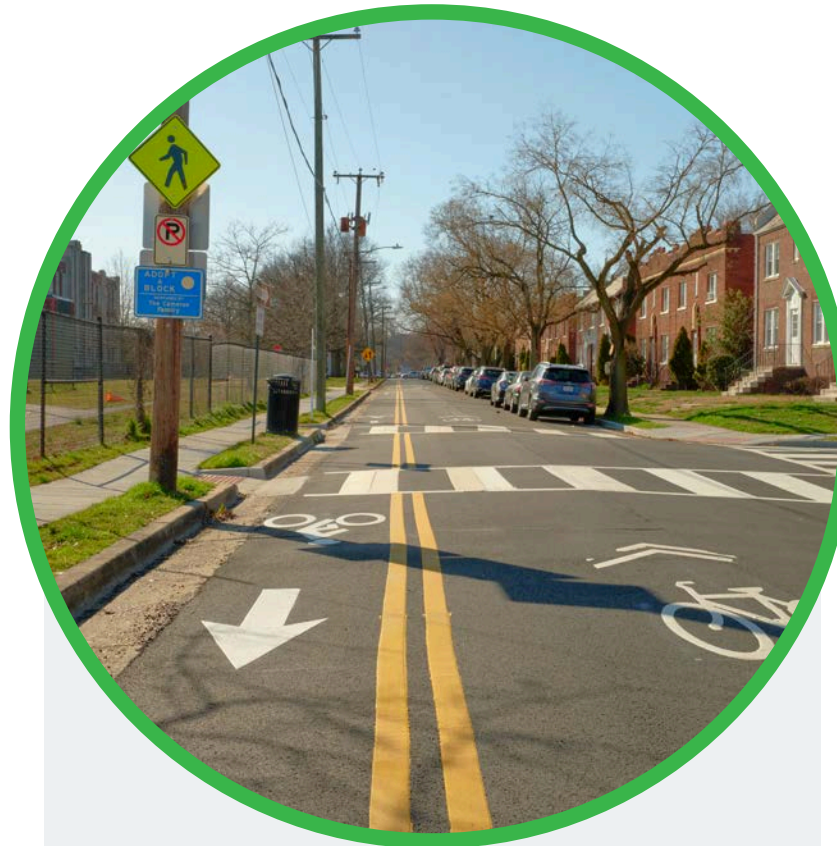
School Zone Updates

Completed audit and removal of outdated 25 mph school zone signs. Project to install new signs for new and updated school zones is underway.

William Ramsay SRTS Project

Designed sidewalk and crossing improvements, like raised and diagonal crosswalks.

Implementation is expected to be complete by September 2024.

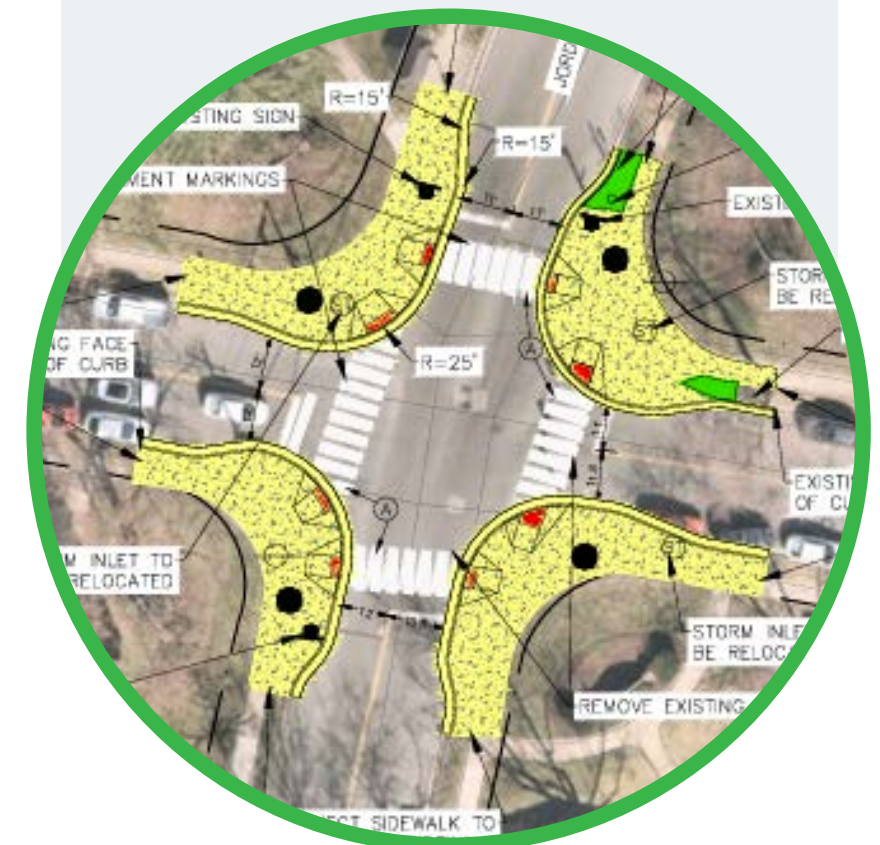


Spot Improvements

Installed spot improvements near George Washington Middle School, Commonwealth Academy, and Mount Vernon Community School.

Crossing Improvements Near Schools

Awarded \$1.8 million grant to design and construct crossing improvements at 6 intersections near 4 ACPS schools.



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School Speed Cameras: Expand speed cameras program in school zones with five new cameras; continue to evaluate program impact

Crossing Improvements Near Schools: Start design of crossing improvements and continued outreach with community

Sanger Avenue Corridor Improvements: Pursue corridor safety improvements on Sanger Avenue between North Van Dorn Street and North Beauregard Street

William Ramsay Elementary SRTS Project: Complete construction of walk audit recommendations to improve safety.

Spot Improvements: Install spot improvements near schools as funding is available to improve safety.

Related Programs

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Complete Streets

Safe Routes to School is a key program within the Complete Streets umbrella. The SRTS program uses Complete Streets principles to ensure streets are designed and operated for all ages and abilities.

Vision Zero

Both Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School are programs to improve safety. While Vision Zero's focus is eliminating fatal and severe crashes, SRTS aims to enhance safety near schools for the purpose of safety in and of itself, but also to encourage students to walk and bike to school.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming

The City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program installs speed cushions and other traffic calming treatments on residential streets. Some of these projects provide safety benefits near schools.

Resources



[Safe Routes to School Walk Audits](#)



[Complete Streets Design Guidelines](#)



[Complete Streets Policy](#)



[Complete Streets Five Year Plan](#)



[Alexandria Mobility Plan](#)



[Vision Zero Action Plan](#)



[Vision Zero Policy](#)



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To learn more about what the City of Alexandria is doing to make it easier and safer for students and families to walk and bike to and from school, visit:

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