

Safe Routes to School

With the aid of a 2009 Safe Routes to School grant from the Maryland State Highway Administration, FCPS is working to:

- ★ improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- ★ launch walk-to-school encouragement activities
- ★ improve transportation infrastructure at schools with a large number of walkers

FCPS Partners

The Frederick County Division of Planning, the Frederick Peddlers bicycling club and the Frederick County Health Department are partnering with FCPS in this project to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Safe-Walking Maps

FCPS will create Safe-Walking Maps for elementary and middle schools. The maps will provide school officials, parents and students with a tool to help plan the best walking and bicycling routes to and from schools. They will identify traffic lights, crossing guard locations, sidewalks and pathways to illustrate the safest crossing locations.

Elementary Activities

FCPS will also conduct walk-to-school encouragement activities at five elementary schools with a high number of walkers: Centerville, Hillcrest, Monocacy, Spring Ridge and Whittier. Activities will include bike rodeos and implementation of “walking school bus” programs, in which a group of children walks to school with one or more adults.

Middle School Safety

Improvements in pedestrian safety at Brunswick Middle and Crestwood Middle will eliminate key sidewalk gaps, realign old and install new crosswalks. To slow speeds, funds are also targeted for installation of speed indicator signs.

Additional Resources

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org>

<http://www.walkingschoolbus.org>

<http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/kidswalk/>