Step By Step:
How to Create a Walking School Bus At Your School

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National Walking Summit
About the National Partnership

We are a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for kids and communities by promoting active, healthy lifestyles and safe infrastructure that supports bicycling and walking.

Equity is at the forefront of our work.
Organizational Expertise

- Safe Routes to School
- Complete Streets
- Community Engagement
- Land Use and School Siting
- Equity and Active Transportation
- Active Transportation Policy and Programs
What is a Walking School Bus (WSB)?

A walking school bus is a safe and fun way for kids to get physical activity as they travel to and from school with adult supervision.

An Effective Project for your Safe Routes to School Program
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Benefits: increase the number of students walking and bicycling
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Benefits: give children and adults an opportunity to socialize, get to school on time
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**Benefits:** Reduce Traffic Congestion & Transportation Costs

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Benefits: Reduce Air Pollution, Improve Air Quality
What kind of WSB do I envision?
How can I get started?
What resources are available?
Toolkit

Developed through technical assistance services provided to California Department of Public Health

http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resources/toolkit/step-step
Start Today!

Who Will Help?

Team Questions:
• What kind of program do you envision?
• How formal will your program be?
• When will it start and end?
• How often will it operate?
• When will it be available?
• How many routes?

1: Step In – Getting Started
2: Step Up – Planning Your Route

Start at least 3 months before your start date

Where do students live?

Identify Routes – assessments, mapping

Identify Stops

Who Can Help with Proximity Mapping?
- City transportation professionals
- Volunteers
- Engineers
Begin at least 2 months before your program start date

- Recruit Students
- Recruit Leaders
- Leader Training
- Liability & Volunteer Screening

3: Step Out – Recruiting and Promoting
Today's the Day!

Host a WSB or Walk to School Day event

Running Your Program Tips

Resources: downloadable, editable
Do Often!

Take These Steps to move in the right direction:

• Review comment forms
• Review surveys
Toolkit is being used in:

- Culvert County, CA: Use materials at workshop with WSB Parent Leads
- San Bernardino, CA: Using all resources and guidance to begin their program
- Solano County, CA: National Partnership developed PPT for staff training

Downloadable at: http://www.saferoutespertnership.org/resources/toolkit/step-step
Recap:

- What kind of WSB do you envision?
- Who can help?
- What are your resources?
- Thank You!

Questions?
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