# Spruce Elementary School Safe Routes to School Success Story

Strong partnerships can make a big difference in advancing safety for children walking and biking to school! These equitably and collaboratively planned, designed, and implemented Safe Routes to School efforts are likely to increase the number of students walking or biking to school, supporting their physical and mental well-being, and reducing traffic congestion.

#### Sep 2021: Walk Audit

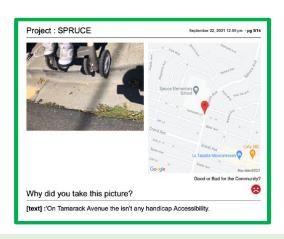
was conducted to assess neighborhood safety from community's perspective. Community members shared photos and anonymous feedback via Stanford's Discovery Tool. Community met virtually to prioritize list of short- and long-term **Project, Program, Policy recommendations** for school community and city to implement.

Oct-Dec 2021: Compiled and reviewed recommendations to draft Walk Audit Reports.

Jan 2022: Walk Audit
Reports disseminated to city and school partners.

Mar 2022: Multiple ADA curb ramps, and high visibility crosswalks installed by City of South San Francisco at three intersections. 'Keep Clear' markings and limit lines near school were refreshed. See pictures on page 2.

May-Jun 2022: City of South San Francisco launched Every Kid Deserves a Bike Pilot Program—150 bikes were distributed to 4th and 5th graders at both Spruce and Martin Elementary School; helmets, training, and registrations were provided.



#### **Inclusive Process:**

- extensive outreach
- bilingual app and communication materials
- virtual sessions with live Spanish interpretation and flexible timings
- iPads made available for use
- on-call assistance where needed



## Walk Audit Participation:

23 school, city, and community members

### Recommendations **Prioritized**:

3 Programs, 4 Projects, and 3 Policies







Serving 109 Students from K-5th with >60% of students eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals. Most live within walking/biking distance.

School Principal reported in August: "The kids are looking leaner, fitter, and confident since they have been riding their bikes all summer!" This big impact on children's health was made in such a short period of time.

Oct 2022: City is prioritizing active transportation in their budget.











## Spruce Elementary School Safe Routes to School Traffic Safety Implementation



Multiple high visibility crosswalks and ADA curb ramps were installed on Spruce Ave. and Lux Ave.



'Keep Clear' marking and limit lines near the school were refreshed.



Multiple ADA curb ramps were installed on Spruce Ave. and Tamarack Ln.



ADA curb ramp and highvisibility crosswalks were installed on all sides of the intersection of Spruce Ave and Park Way.







