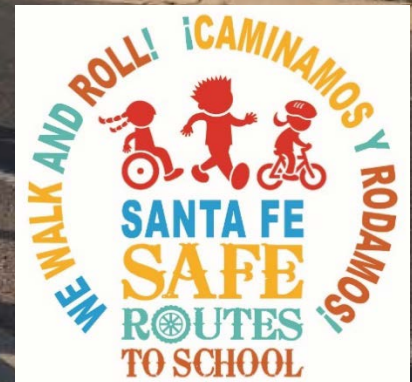


Santa Fe Safe Routes to School Action Plan

for 2023-2027
and a sustainable SRTS program beyond that

Condensed Draft, Feb. 1, 2023

See expanded SRTS Action Plan at
sfct.org/safe-routes-to-school/action-plan



Santa Fe Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coalition

- City of Santa Fe Parks Department
- City of Santa Fe Public Works Department, including Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Santa Fe Public Schools Facilities and Operations
- Santa Fe Conservation Trust - Tim Rogers, SRTS Coordinator
- Chuck Malagodi, formerly City of Albuquerque, Education Consultant
- Ashleigh Curry, Las Cruces Public Schools, Program Consultant
- Parents, Staff, and Students at 18 SFPS Schools
- Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization
- New Mexico Dept. of Transportation
- Bike Santa Fe
- Railyard Park Conservancy
- Allpoints Geographic Information Systems



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Personal Statement



"Chaparral Walk and Roll has been a huge success! We have many families participating each week. I most appreciate the quality time that I see families spending together as they walk from Ragle Park each Friday. Kids are chatting with their parents and grandparents and families have the opportunity to get to know each other. This quality time is priceless and helps our kiddos start the day on the right (or left!) foot! The impact on drop-off is clear and breathtaking. Monday-Thursday we often have a back-up of cars that stretches beyond our campus. On Fridays, thanks to Santa Fe Safe Routes to School, we never have a line of cars!"

- Erica Martinez-Maestas, Principal, Chaparral Elementary School



Vision

- More Students, Families, and Staff Safely Walking or Bicycling to and from School



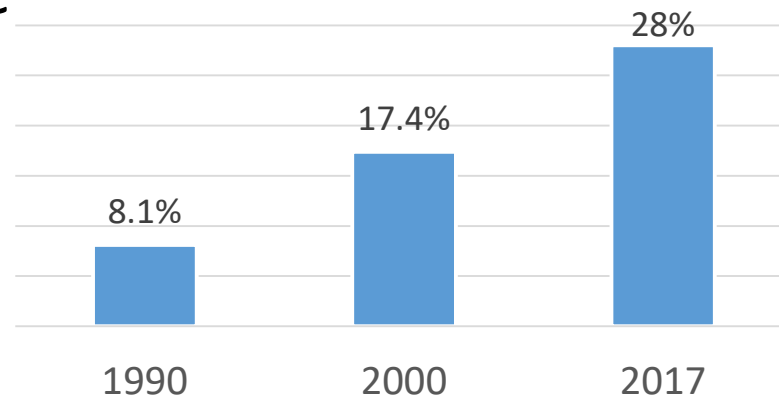
Benefits

- Health
- Environment
- Economy
- Community
- Academic Performance & Self-Reliance



*Obesity Rates in
New Mexico,
1990 - 2017*

Source: NMDOH,
Obesity 2017 Update



Objectives

- **Education** of students and families on safe walking and bicycling
- **Encouragement** of walking and bicycling: Promotional Activities – Annual, Monthly, Weekly, Daily Walk- and Roll-to-School
- **Route Assessment**, Identification of barriers to walking and bicycling, and Development of engineering, enforcement, and other solutions
- **Equity** in the process and benefits of promoting walking and bicycling to school
- **Evaluation** of SRTS Program to improve outcomes and ensure further support



Timeline

- 2006-12: Local participation in Natl. Walk & Roll to School Days rises from 1 to 12 Schools
- 2008-12: NMDOT's NMSRTS program distributes federal SRTS funds to NM communities
- 2012: SRTS in Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan
- 2012: MPO Pilot Activity at Cesar Chavez ES; NMDOT awards federal SRTS Funds to City for improvements serving Cesar Chavez ES and Gonzales CS
- 2015: SRTS in Santa Fe Metropolitan Pedestrian Master Plan
- 2018: SFPS Sustainability Program engages in SRTS support, helps City Parks apply for TAP
- 2019: NMDOT Awards TAP Funds to City Parks for SRTS Action Plan & Pilot Activities
- May 2021: SFCT begins TAP-Funded Activities for 2021-23 under contract with City Parks
- Fall 2021: Creation of Santa Fe SRTS Coalition; SRTS Education & Tallies at 6 SFPS schools; City Public Works starts planning & design for Cottonwood-ECRA Connector Trail
- Spring 2022: 1st Draft of Santa Fe SRTS Action Plan; SRTS Education & Tallies at 10 schools
- Fall 2022: Weekly Walk & Roll-to-School events at Five SFPS schools
- Spring 2023: Santa Fe SRTS Action Plan under public review on way to approval by MPO Transportation Policy Board and SFPS School Board
- Spring 2023: SFPS Applies for FFY2024 TAP Funds to continue SRTS Program in 2024-25
- Anticipated Fall 2023: City Builds Trail Connection between Cottonwood Village and ECRA
- Jan 2024 – Dec 2025: TAP-funded SFSRTS program under SFPS
- Mid-2024: Anticipated next call for TAP Projects to fund activities in 2026-27





Santa Fe Public Schools

Safe Routes to School activities focus on students in Grades K-8, particularly those who live within walking distance from their school - within one mile for elementary school students or within 1.5 miles for middle schoolers.

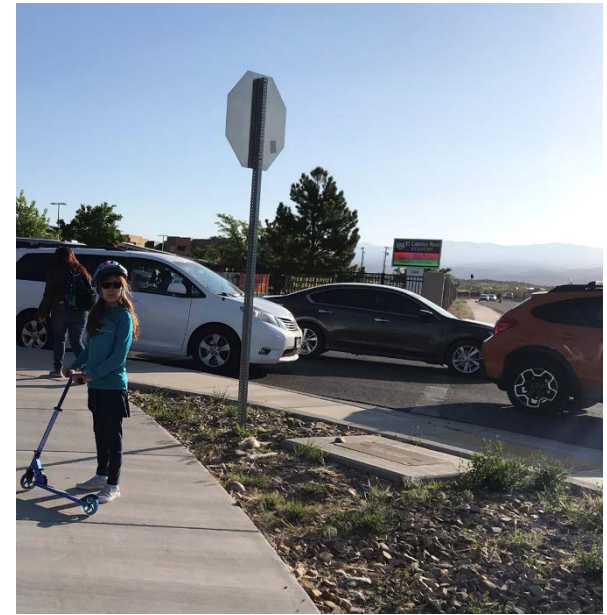
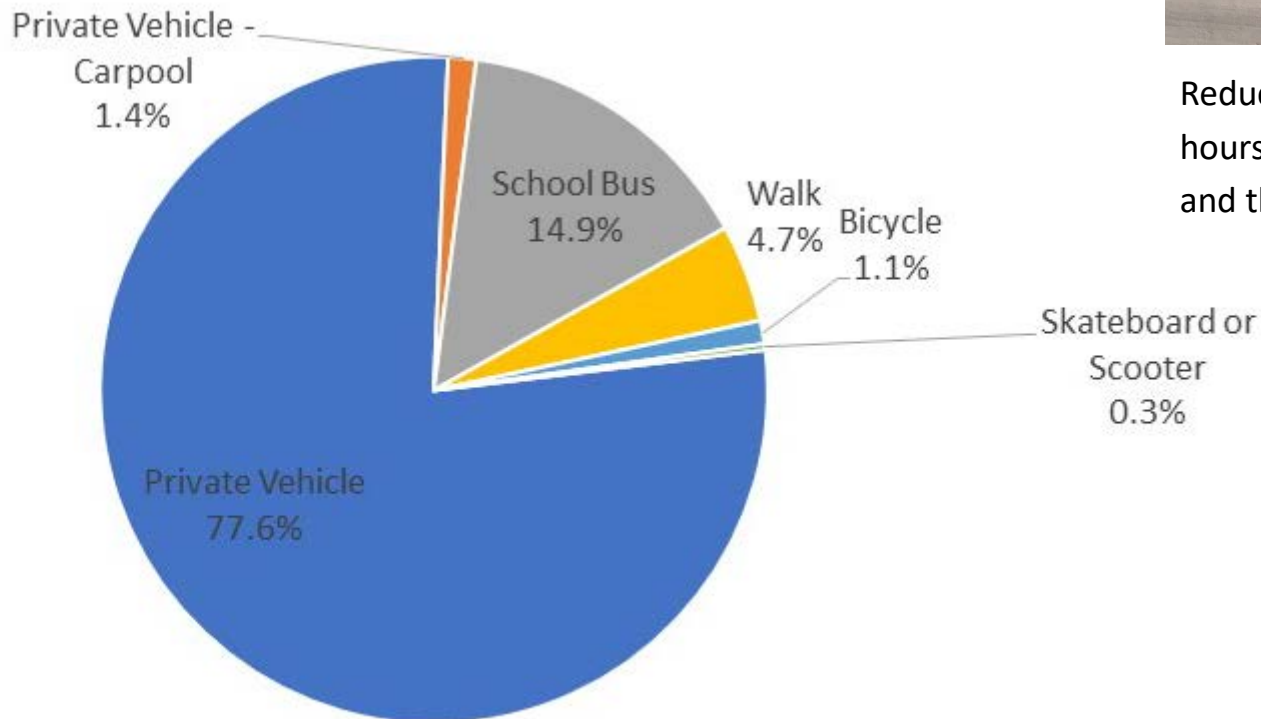
Santa Fe Public Schools includes 15 elementary schools, five “community schools” with grades K-8, and two middle schools that serve geographic assignment areas.

As of Oct. 2021, among 7,660 students at these 22 schools, 2,173 lived within walking distance of their school, but 681 of these qualified for “hazard bussing” based on hazardous walking conditions as defined by NM state law.

Elementary & Community Schools	Grades	Enrollment	"Safe Walk"	"Hazard"
Acequia Madre Elementary	K-6	150	59	-
Amy Biehl Community School	K-6	341	34	4
Aspen Community School	K-8	347	57	16
Atalaya Elementary	K-6	290	22	-
Carlos Gilbert Elementary	K-6	311	62	-
Chaparral Elementary	K-6	212	52	31
Cesar Chavez Elementary	K-5	360	114	-
El Camino Real Academy	K-6	755	-	141
Eldorado Community School	K-8	420	34	-
Gonzales Elementary	K-8	337	98	24
Kearny Elementary	K-8	337	114	-
E. J. Martinez Elementary School	K-6	202	16	13
Francis X. Nava Elementary	K-6	178	83	-
Nina Otero Community School	K-8	671	28	-
Pinon Elementary	K-6	519	53	-
Ramirez Thomas Elementary	K-5	441	327	-
Salazar Elementary	K-6	206	33	72
R.M. Sweeney Elementary	K-5	310	44	195
Tesuque Elementary	K-6	70	-	1
Wood Gormley Elementary	K-6	289	75	-
Middle Schools				
Edward Ortiz Middle School	7-8	489	129	138
Milagro Middle School	6-8	425	58	46
TOTAL	K-8	7660	1492	681

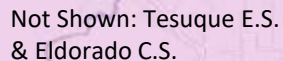
The Trip to School

Classroom tallies by the SRTS program at a dozen k-8 schools in 2021/22 found that only six percent of nearly 1,800 students tallied reported arriving by foot, bike, or other non-motorized means. Well over three-quarters arrived by private vehicle and about 15% by school bus, patterns that hold true even at schools located in densely-populated areas.

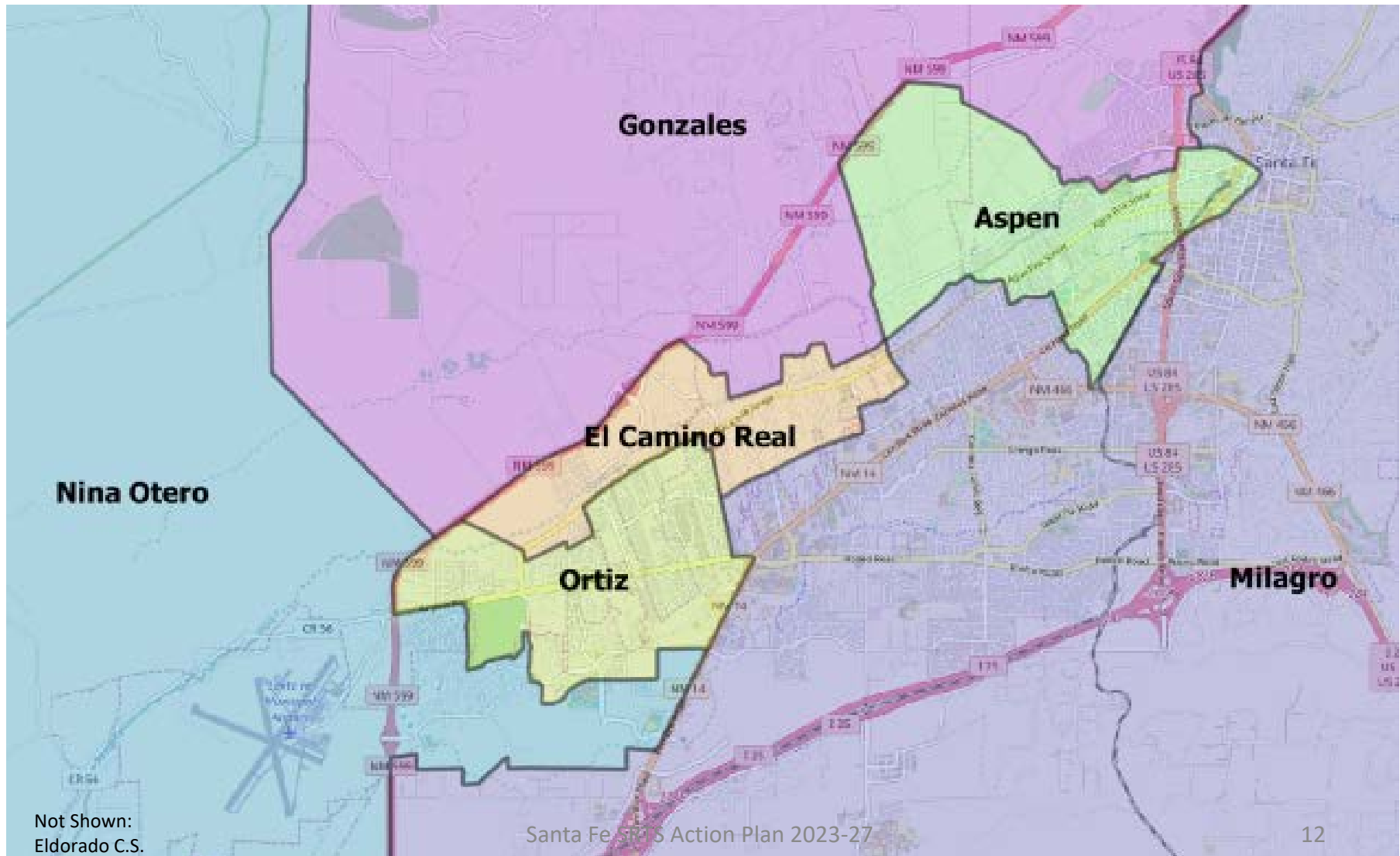


Reducing traffic congestion at peak hours benefits students, families, and the entire community!





School Assignment Zones – Middle School (Grades 6-8)



Not Shown:
Eldorado C.S.



SRTS Pilot Activities, 2021-23

School	Grades	Education	Walking School Bus	Bike Train	Walk/Bike from School	Route Assessment	100% Free Lunch Eligibility
Major Focus Schools (4)							
Aspen CS	k-8	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chaparral ES	k-6	X	X	X			X
El Camino Real Academy	k-8	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nina Otero CS	k-8	X	X	X	X	X	X
Minor Focus Schools (6)							
Amy Biehl CS	k-6		X	X			
Cesar Chavez ES	k-5	X					X
Ortiz MS	6-8	X		X			X
Piñon ES	k-6	X			X	X	
Ramirez-Thomas ES	k-5	X				X	X
Sweeney ES	k-5	X	X				X
Non-Focus Schools (6)							
Acequia Madre ES	k-6					X	
Carlos Gilbert ES	k-6	X					
E.J. Martinez ES	k-6	X					X
Gonzales CS	k-8			X			X
Milagro MS	7-8	X					X
Wood-Gormley ES	k-6	X					

Education

- “Walk this Way” for 1st-2nd Grade
- “Bike this Way” for 3rd-4th Grade
- “Pump It Up” for 5th-8th Grade
- Additional Programming for Schools with Fleets of Striders & Bicycles

2021-22 Pilot Activities

- 70 classes at 11 schools
- Over 100 hours of instruction
- Nearly 1,700 students reached
- Three “Fix-It Fiestas” / 62 bikes fixed



Encouragement

- Walk n' Roll to School
 - Walking School Busses
 - Bike Trains
- 5 Schools w/Weekly Events
- More Schools on Special Days
 - Oct. – Natl Walk n' Roll to School Day
 - May – Natl. Bike to School Day
- Walk / Bike from School



	events	# of students	# of adults	total # of participants
Summer 2021	7	136	16	152
Fall 2021	21	136	95	231
Spring 2021	39	384	211	596
Fall 2022	71	1250	517	1767
Total 2021-22	138	1906	839	2746



Route Assessment & Improvement



SRTS program staff and consultants have worked with school staff, walk- and bike-to-school participants, and coalition partners to identify barriers to walking and bicycling to school, make recommendations, and pursue solutions, particularly in the areas of engineering and enforcement.

Priorities identified for future infrastructure improvements are brought to the attention of SFPS, the City and County of Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe MPO for inclusion in transportation planning and eventual implementation to facilitate more, safer walking and bicycling to school.



An ADA-accessible trail from Cottonwood Village to El Camino Real Academy, to be built by the City in 2023, will serve hundreds of ECRA students and family members. It is the direct result of collaboration for Safe Routes to School by SFPS, Santa Fe MPO, the City, and the County.

By eliminating the need for four daily busses, this trail may provide SFPS **over \$100,000 annual savings**, and significantly help reduce the districtwide bus driver shortage, according to a study by the SFPS Transportation Dept.

Partnerships

- SFPS Parents and Families
- New Mexico Brain Injury Prevention Council
- Bike Santa Fe
- Santa Fe High School National Honor Society Students
- Capital High School HOSA - Future Health Professionals
- Community Educators Network
- Free Bikes for Kids
- Chainbreaker Collective
- City of Santa Fe Police Department
- City of Santa Fe Recreation Division
- Community Volunteers
- Bike Shops – BTI, REI, Rob and Charlie's
- Other Private Businesses
- Local Developers



Implementation Plan

Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding / funding opportunities for Santa Fe SRTS:

Existing SRTS Activity under City (2021-23)

- SRTS Coordinator: SFCT, by contract
- Pilot Program
- SFSRTS Action Plan

Application for new TAP funding for 2024-25

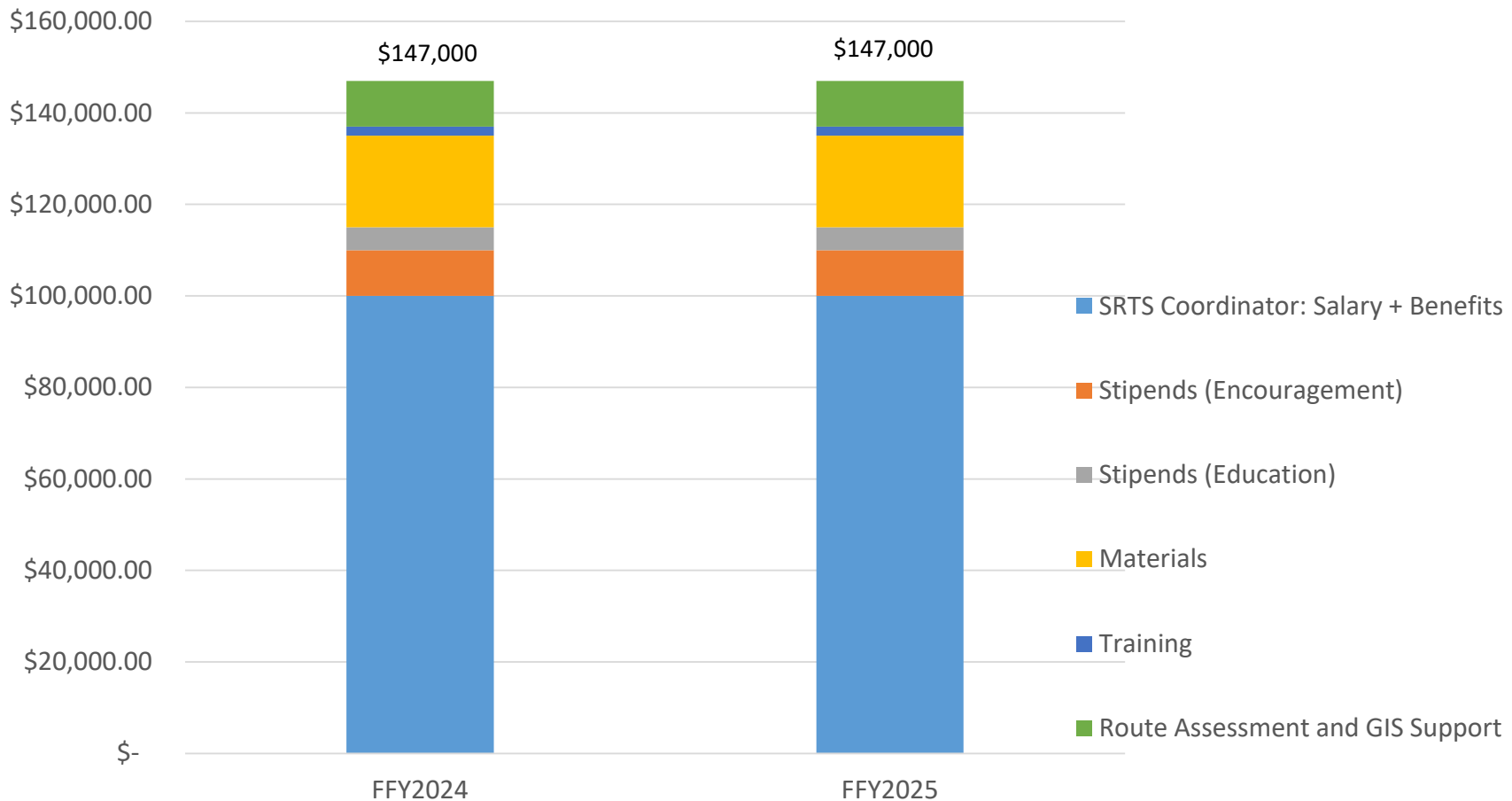
- SRTS Coordinator - Santa Fe Public Schools
- Two-Year Program Budget
 - Encouragement: Stipends & Incentives
 - Educational Programming
 - Route Assessment & Planning Activities



For expanded / full format of the SFSRTS Action Plan, see sfct.org/safe-routes-to-school/action-plan

Proposed TAP Request for 2025-26

(total budget, includes 14.56% local match)





Santa Fe Safe Routes to School Action Plan 2023-27

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