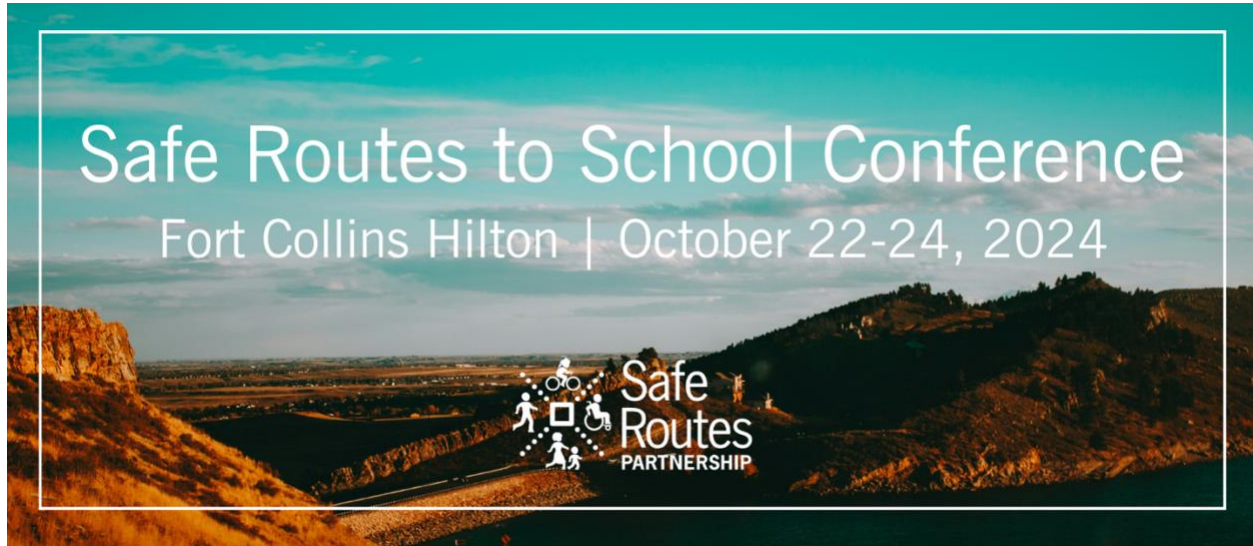




2024 Safe Routes to School National Conference Application for Session Proposal



*Please note: This PDF application is for reference only.
We will only accept requests through the [online form](#).*

The Safe Routes Partnership is thrilled to announce the 8th Safe Routes to School National Conference, set to take place in beautiful Fort Collins, Colorado from October 22-24, 2024. Immerse yourself in a spectacular experience within a Platinum-level Bicycle Friendly Community, renowned for its commitment to active transportation and vibrant outdoor culture. Centrally located in Fort Collins, the conference venue offers easy access to the city's charming Old Town, scenic bike paths, and efficient public transportation. The conference will bring together hundreds of Safe Routes to School and active transportation professionals to exchange ideas and share knowledge about the most creative and innovative approaches to creating walkable, bikeable, and equitable communities where people can lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

A hallmark of the Safe Routes to School community and movement is that we learn from one another. We innovate, we evaluate, and we share best practices all in service of expanding the reach and impact of Safe Routes to School and active transportation. To that end, we are thrilled to solicit applications for speakers, workshop presenters, and mobile workshop leaders for the 2024 Safe Routes to School National Conference. *Note: you do not need to assemble a fun panel to submit an idea as a speaker. You can submit a standalone submission, and we will assemble sessions of similar topics.*



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The Conference and the wider Safe Routes to School movement benefit from the innovative contributions, creative solutions, practical know-how, and community insights from people of different backgrounds. Diversity of experience, ideas, and viewpoints is a priority, and applicants with varied education levels, skills, and backgrounds are encouraged to submit applications. In 2024, you will find equity integrated through the conference's agenda. We strongly encourage all applicants to highlight how your program submission centers equitable approaches to creating healthy, active communities.

Program Themes

Explore our range of program themes, each designed to enhance and evolve the practice of Safe Routes to School, with a special emphasis on equity, sustainability, technology, and creative solutions.

Implementing Safe Routes to School with Equity at the Forefront

Tailored for both Safe Routes to School newcomers and experienced practitioners, this theme highlights the core principles of Safe Routes to School in action, emphasizing the implementation of the 6 E's with a strong focus on equity. It invites presentations on getting started with Safe Routes programs, incorporating equity in each of the 6 E's, the nuts and bolts of implementation, and sharing success stories and challenges from rural, suburban and urban communities.

Sustaining the Journey: Equitable Funding, Policy, and Planning

This theme explores the successes and challenges of how to keep longstanding programs funded and fresh, how to make the pivot from one-time funding to recurring investments, and how emerging programs can build sustainability in from the start. Presentations in this theme will discuss how to integrate equity in funding, policy formation, planning documents and program implementation to ensure the long-term viability of Safe Routes to School initiatives.

Pathways to the Future: Technology, Data, and Innovation

Technology has advanced in leaps and bounds since Safe Routes to School formally emerged in 2005, and at current rates of innovation, change is a constant companion. This theme encourages discussion on how technology, data, and innovation are shaping Safe Routes programs with an emphasis on equitable outcomes. Presenters can explore how technological innovations and data-driven approaches can improve safety and accessibility for all communities, especially those that have been left out of investments in walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School.



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Safe Routes Everywhere

This theme explores the exciting expansion of Safe Routes beyond the journey to school, venturing into parks, grocery stores, libraries, and more. It's a conversation about how the concept of Safe Routes is evolving and intertwining with broader community needs like environmental justice and housing. Presenters are invited to share how their Safe Routes programs have become a catalyst for wider community engagement and action. This theme encourages sharing experiences in forming alliances with movements that have overlapping goals and visions, showcasing the power of Safe Routes as a tool for community building and social change.

Uncharted Routes: Creative Solutions

A “choose your own adventure” theme, this open-ended category is designed for innovative and creative ideas in the realm of Safe Routes to School and active transportation that is an opportunity to showcase unique initiatives, novel partnerships, and imaginative solutions that prioritize inclusivity and address diverse community needs.

Session Formats

Session formats are designed to cater to a variety of interactive and engaging experiences, including panels, individual presentations, workshops, roundtable discussion and other creative formats to suit your unique presentation style.

Panel (75 minutes): Feature up to four presenters covering a specific topic with a joint question and answer session at the end. Bonus points for additional methods of audience engagement!

Presentation (15-20 minutes): Submit for a standalone presentation. We will group speakers with related content.

Training or Hands-on Workshop (90-120 minutes): Sessions can include multiple speakers, time for small groups, and breakouts. We encourage opportunities for hands-on learning.

Round Table Discussion (75 minutes): Propose a topic for a roundtable discussion; we will group several related discussions. Each speaker will speak for 3-5 minutes on their topic and prepare discussion questions for participants to discuss together.



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Other: please submit your creative session format with a description. Examples can include but are not limited to: [Pecha Kucha](#), [Campfire](#), [Fishbowl](#).

Submissions are due by Monday, March 25, 2024 – 11:59pm PT. Applicants will be notified on the status of their submission via email. Selected speakers receive a reduced conference registration rate of \$495.

Please review our [conference code of conduct](#).

Applicant Information

First Name	Last Name	Job Title
Organization Name	City	State
Email	Phone	

Proposal

Proposal Title

Theme

Please pick the theme that best matches your session. See full descriptions above.

- Implementing Safe Routes to School with Equity at the Forefront
- Sustaining the Journey: Equitable Funding, Policy, and Planning
- Pathways to the Future: Technology, Data, and Innovation
- Safe Routes Everywhere
- Uncharted Routes: Creative Solutions



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Format

- Panel (75 minutes): A group of speakers presenting and/or discussing a topic. (bonus points for creative audience engagement!)
- Presentation (15-20 minutes): Proposal submission for a standalone presentation. We will group speakers with related content together.
- Training or Hands-on Workshop (90-120 minutes): Sessions can include multiple speakers, time for small groups and breakouts. We encourage opportunities for hands-on learning.
- Round Table Discussion (75 minutes): Propose a topic for a roundtable discussion, you will speak for 3-5 minutes and prepare questions for a facilitated discussion. We will group related topics together.
- Other: Please submit your creative session format with a description. Examples can include but are not limited to: [Pecha Kucha](#), [Campfire](#), [Fishbowl](#).

Proposal Details

Abstract (250 words)

Who is the ideal audience for your presentation and how does it cater to their needs and interests?
(50 words or less)

Engaging your audience. What interactive components will be included in your session to engage the audience? (e.g. Q&A, live polls, hands on activities)



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Outline three learning objectives for attendees (50 words each)

What will attendees walk away from your session with? You are not limited to these, but some examples include: attendees will: learn how to conduct a walk audit, feel more confident talking about equity and transportation, learn strategies to fund programs through local transportation policies.

We will prioritize sessions that highlight equity, diversity, and inclusion. Please describe how your proposed topic and/or proposed presenter(s) incorporates equity, diversity, and inclusion in active transportation. (200 words or less)

Your response will help the conference planning committee to develop a program that brings together people with a variety of backgrounds and lived experiences, and centers equity as a core component of creating healthy, active communities.



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Please describe how your panel reflects a diverse range of perspectives and experiences, including but not limited to race, gender, age, abilities, socio-economic background, language, disciplines, and geographic context. We value a variety of perspectives as it enriches discussions and can lead to enhanced and more effective outcomes. If presenting solo, share your own diverse experiences. Your insight helps us uphold our commitment to equity and inclusive representation in advancing safe, healthy, and equitable walking and biking initiatives. (50 words per speaker is sufficient)

If your session proposal is not selected, would you be interested in presenting a poster instead? This alternative offers a valuable opportunity to share your insights and engage with conference attendees in a different, yet impactful format.

Yes

No

Is there anything else you would like the reviewers to know about your proposal?

Contact info for other people working on the proposal:

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