



# Safe Routes to School Project Newsletter

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# SafeRoutes



## Infrastructure Inventory & Draft Recommendations Ready for Comment

The City of Soldotna has been hard at work examining walking and biking infrastructure near area schools this fall and winter (Cook Inlet Academy, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori, Soldotna Middle School).

The project team conducted site visits and parent surveys, analyzed geospatial data, and held a public meeting to gather information about current walking and biking accessibility for students at these schools. Here are a few highlights of the recommendations:

- Prioritize and increase coordination of sidewalk and parking lot snow removal to avoid conflicts with parent drop-offs and to provide pedestrian access.

- Redesign and construct safer drop-off areas at schools.
- Design and construct multi-use paths and sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to schools.
- Install simple, effective speed limit and traffic signs, as well as traffic signals.
- Ensure crosswalks are well-marked, raised, and properly monitored.

The full report provides details on these recommendations, as well as specific recommendations for each of the schools. View the full report and provide comments here: [http://ci.soldotna.ak.us/pdf/SRTS\\_draft\\_140217.pdf](http://ci.soldotna.ak.us/pdf/SRTS_draft_140217.pdf)

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## Work Session and Public Meeting

**March 19, 2014**

Roll up your sleeves with City staff and the project team to review project recommendations and develop ideas for implementing them.

No registration needed. Please drop by between 4:30 and 5:30 at City Hall.

### We want to hear from you!

If you can't make it to the meeting, please email or call John, stop by the City, or reach out on Facebook.

## Survey Results

Here's what parents said influence their decisions about how their kids get to school:

- Presence of sidewalks and pathways
- Amount and speed of traffic.
- Climate and weather
- Distance from home to school

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