

# Safe Routes to Schools Update

City of Tacoma | Public Works Department

**Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee**  
**November 14, 2018**

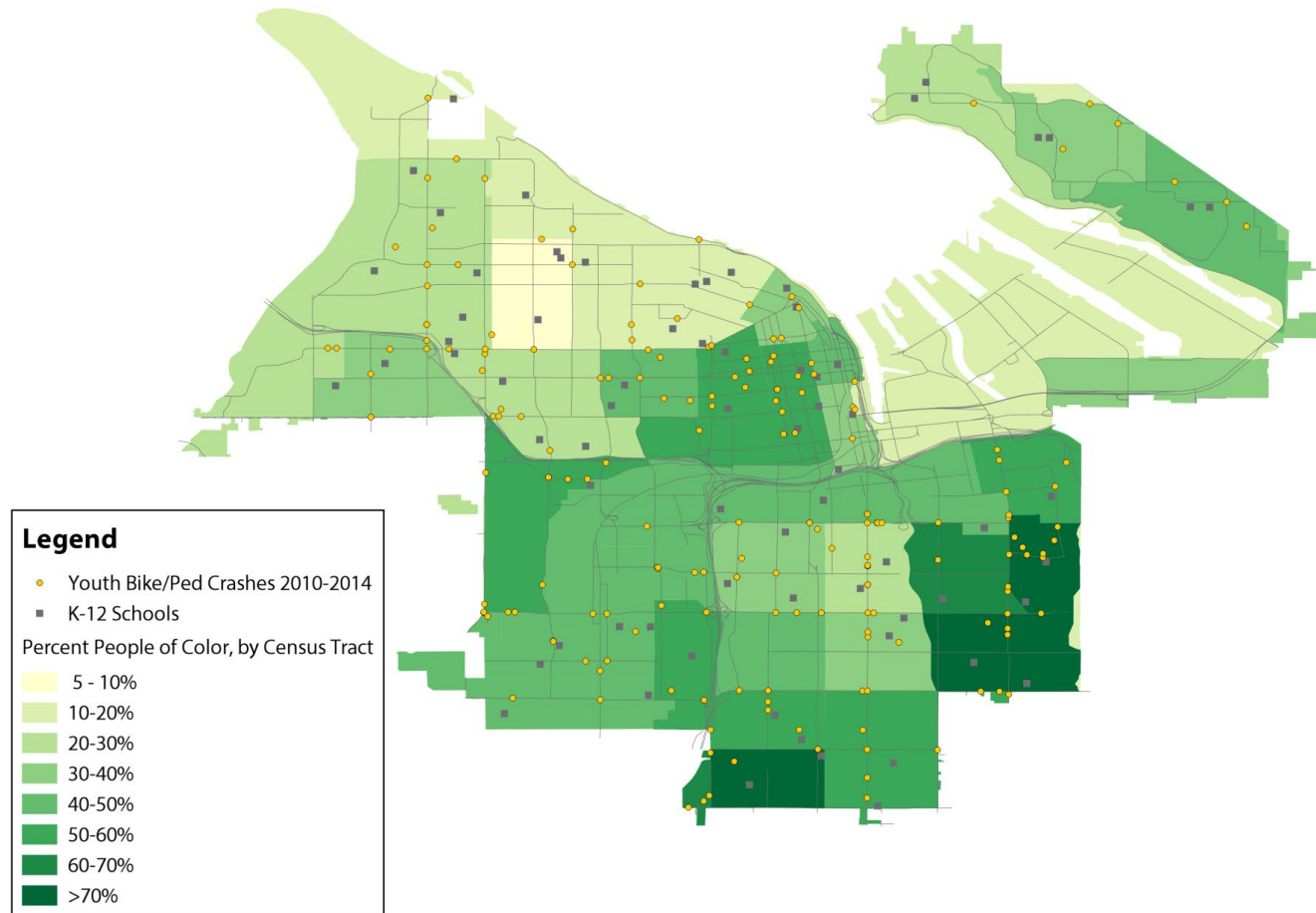
# OVERVIEW



- Background
- Safe Routes to School  
Program Update
- Next Steps



# BACKGROUND



These crashes are happening in every corner of our city – but some neighborhoods are more affected than others.

# ENGINEERING



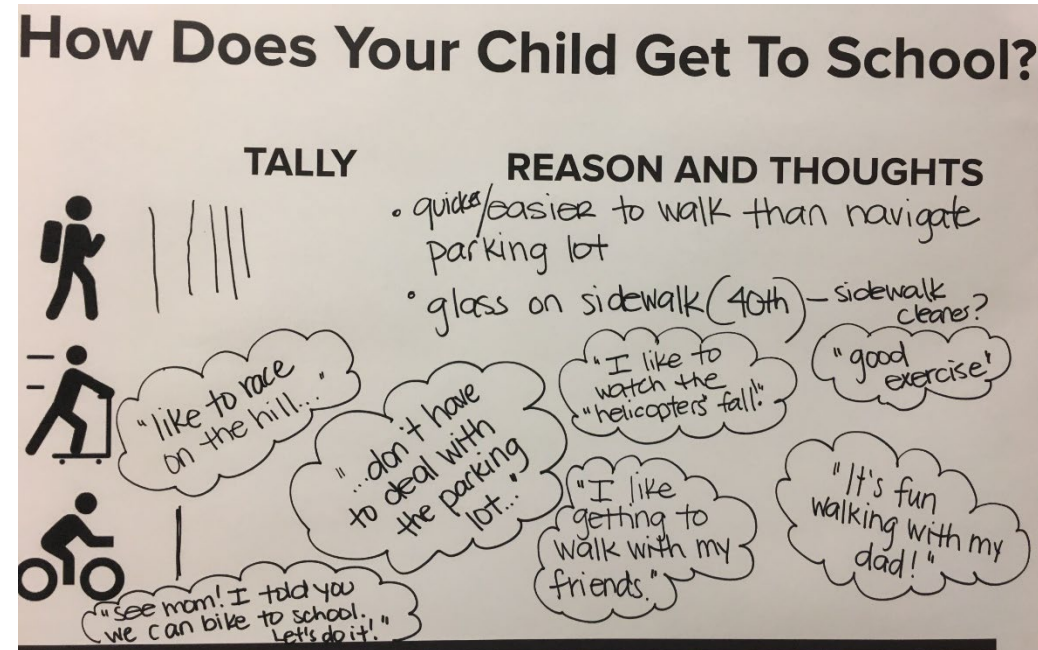
- Lister Elementary (\$450,115 WA SRTS grant)
- First Creek Middle School (\$318,885 WA SRTS grant)
- Blix and Stanley Elementary (2017-2018 Council Budget)
- School Beacons at 14 schools (2017-2018 Council Budget)
- Infrastructure improvements at 2 schools (2019-2020 Council Budget)
- Walking & biking audits (2019-2020 Council Budget)
- School Beacons at 9 schools (2019-2020 Council Budget)
- Collaboration on new schools – Birney, Browns Pt, Boze Elementary



# ● ● ● EQUITY



- Hired a full-time SRTS Coordinator
- Provided additional support to under-resourced schools that may have limited volunteer capacity
- Engaged traditionally underrepresented groups



# ● ● ● EDUCATION



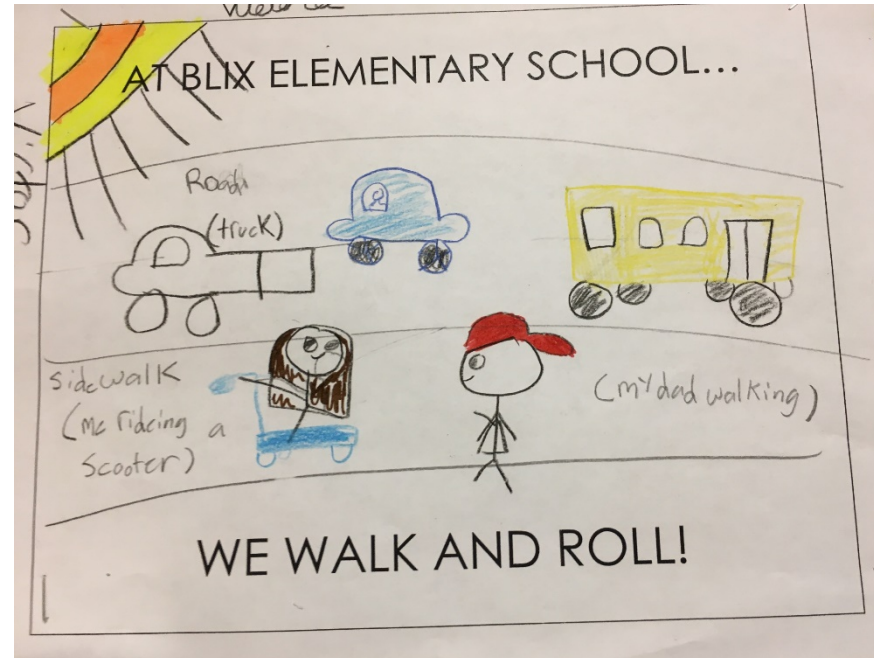
- Received \$60,000 WTSC grant to develop pedestrian curriculum for all elementary school students
- Training middle school PE teachers to implement bicycle safety curriculum
- Promoting bike clubs in middle and high school
- Holding bike rodeos in the spring
- Providing safety information for inclusion into school newsletters



# ENCOURAGEMENT



- City Council proclaimed October as Walk and Roll to School Month
- Thirteen schools participated using resource kits provided by the City and TPCHD
- Promoted SRTS at school and community events
- Holding school assemblies, bike rodeos, and meeting with parent groups
- Working with schools to develop walking school buses



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# ●●● NEXT STEPS



## **City of Tacoma**

- Fund future improvements 2019-2020
- Implement SRTS projects at Blix, First Creek, Lister and Stanley
- Complete SRTS Annual Report

## **Tacoma Public Schools**

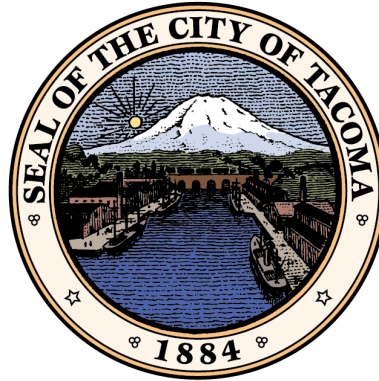
- Create inter-departmental SRTS working group to meet monthly
- Lead partnership on bike/ped safety curriculum development to meet new health standards

## **Metro Parks Tacoma**

- Partner to address safe access to co-located sites; e.g., First Creek
- Continue working with partners to expand Safe Routes to Parks

## **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.**

- Partner on injury prevention efforts
- Evaluate health grants for SRTS funding



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