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Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

## Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Topics

- History
- Program Outline
- District-Wide Progress
- Program Goals



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## International History

- 1970's - Denmark
  - Spread internationally
- 1998 - US DOT funds 2 pilot projects
  - Marin County, CA
  - Arlington, MA
- 2005 Transportation Bill



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## Beginnings

- 2005 MPO Transportation Plan
  - Create regional SRTS Program
- SRTS Steering Committee Meeting
  - September 2005
  - City, County, and NMDOT Traffic Engineering, NM Department of Health, Las Cruces and Gadsden SD, LCPD, Principals, Citizens
- Selected Hillrise Elementary for pilot project
  - Full report at [http://lcmpoweb.las-cruces.org/SRTS/Documents/SRTS%20analysis\\_final.pdf](http://lcmpoweb.las-cruces.org/SRTS/Documents/SRTS%20analysis_final.pdf)

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## The “5 E’s”

- Education
- Encouragement
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Evaluation



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## Who needs to be involved?

- Students and Parents
- Schools - principals, teachers, school nurses, PE teachers, Wellness Coordinator, etc.
- School districts - Board, Transportation, Safety, Facilities
- Local government - engineers, planners, law enforcement, elected officials, etc.
- Other - health officials, PTC, RPO/MPO, bike/ped advocacy groups, businesses, etc.



## Hillrise: Engineering

2006-Present

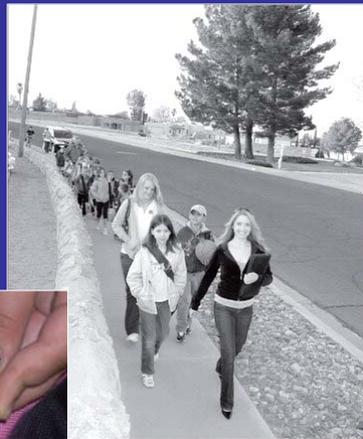
- Restriping of Missouri Ave
- Trimming trees along Claude Dove
- Intersection on Hillrise and Curnutt.



## Hillrise: Education & Encouragement

Suzanne McQueen, Coordinator (2008-2010)

- In-Class Mini-Lessons
- Walking School Bus
- Tokens

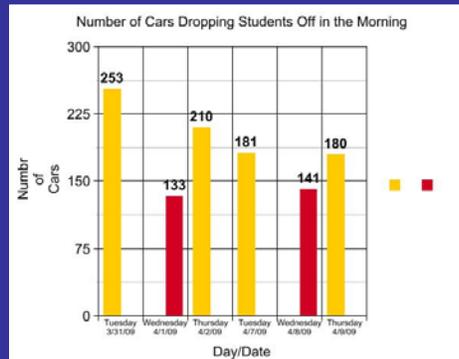


# Hillrise - Evaluation

- Student Involvement



- Increased Documentation



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# District-Wide Progress

- International Walk and Roll to School Day (2006 - 2009)
  - Proclamation from City Council (2008, 2009)
- SRTS Updates to the LCPS Board
- District Coordinator, May 2009
- Assessments completed @ each school
  - Analyzing data and patterns
- Parent survey, Fall 2009

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## District-Wide Next Steps

K. Naoma Staley, Coordinator (2009-Present)

- District-Wide Action plan by Summer 2010
  - To include:
    - Area background information
    - School information
    - Input from parents, school staff and community members
    - Summary of issues
    - Strategies pertaining to the 5 E's
  - Currently developing the plan, and seeking input from schools and communities.

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## Desired Outcomes

- Increased bike, pedestrian and traffic safety
- More children walking to/from school
- Improved childhood health
- Reduced childhood obesity
- Encouragement of healthy and active lifestyles
- Well planned and located school sites
- Decreased traffic congestion
- Improved air quality and community safety
- Reduced fuel consumption

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Thank you

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