

# Cupertino Safe Routes to School







# FALL BIKE FEST



## Bike to Wherever Days / Fall Bike Fest

For the entire month of September, join us in celebrating biking! Cupertino's 7th annual Fall Bike Fest is happening this year in conjunction with Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days. Participate for a chance to win prizes such as a \$500 package at Sports Basement, a Timbuk2 bag, or an "I Bike Cupertino" t-shirt!

To minimize the spread of the Coronavirus, a physical community gathering will not be part of Cupertino's Bike Fest this year. Instead, we encourage you to select your own route on your own time. See Cupertino bicycle routes and learn how to participate in these two events by visiting: www.Cupertino.org/BikeFest

With so many people working from home, and fewer cars on the road, it's a great time to bike everywhere you go. Whether you bike to parks, shops, libraries, or Wherever, biking is good for you and our environment. Please review the below guidelines on social distancing while cycling. Happy biking!

www.calbike.org/covid-19-bicycling/faqs-bicycling-safely-during-covid-19/

#### Left, Right, and Left

Before crossing any street, make sure you look left, right, and then left again.

#### Wear Your Helmet!

When riding your bike, make sure your helmet fits correctly and is always buckled.

#### **Lock Your Bike**

Regardless of where you are, if you leave your bike unattended, lock it up!

#### **Working Group Meetings**

We plan to resume our Safe Routes to School Working Group meetings virtually starting Wednesday, September 9 at 4pm. View the link below for more information and a complete list of this school year's working group meeting dates.

**Meeting Dates** 



#### Join Us!

Safe Routes to School is a partnership program between CUSD and FUHSD schools, parents, city staff, and the Sheriff's Office.

For more information or for ways to get involved, visit: www.cupertino.org/ saferoutes or email saferoutes@cupertino.org

## Infrastructure Update

Construction on the McClellan Road separated bike lanes, Phase 2, is in full swing and is expected to last two to three moths.

On Tuesday, August 18, Cupertino City Council approved the Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV Phase 1 construction contract.

The Mary Avenue Protected Bike Lanes project is undergoing Final Design. City engineers are finalizing the project's striping plans. The City plans to bid/award a construction contract in the fall and anticipates completing the project before the end of the calendar year.

The City of Cupertino has adopted a community-based Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) to address local neighborhood traffic safety issues. Review the program <a href="here">here</a>.



### **Newsletter Changes**

Cupertino Safe Routes to School program is revising the way we communicate with our supporters. In the next month, we will be moving to a new email subscription service that will allow you to manage your subscription and customize what types of messages you receive from the City. With the new service, you will receive emails from cupertino@public.govdelivery.com. If you stop receiving emails from us, check your junk folder and if you find email from cupertino@public.govdelivery.com there, mark it as "not junk." We also encourage you to save the email address to your contacts to ensure emails are sent to your inbox.

Finally, we are also switching to a new electronic format for our newsletter. As such, this will be the last pdf newsletter we create. We hope you enjoy the new subscription service and newsletter format once they begin.

## A Student Leader!

#### Gavin Wong Receives an Eagle Scout Badge

On July 23, Cupertino resident Gavin Wong became an Eagle Scout. As part of his Eagle Scout project, he hosted a bike rodeo at Lincoln Elementary in January. A bike rodeo is a bicycle skills event which provides an opportunity for bicyclists to practice and develop skills that will help them become better bicyclists. With help from fellow troop members, parent volunteers, and Cupertino Safe Routes to School Coordinator Cherie Walkowiak, Gavin facilitated a successful event that taught kids proper bike handling skills. Thank you, Gavin, and everyone who helped make this one-of-a-kind bike rodeo a success. Gavin proudly presented his experience at our March Working Group meeting. View his presentation here. Over the summer, Cherie submitted a letter to his Eagle Scout Review Board recommending Gavin be advanced to Eagle Scout. Congrats on your achievement, Gavin, and thank you for your contributions to Cupertino Safe Routes to School!

## National Partnership Releases SR2S Reopening Guidelines

The Safe Routes Partnership has released the first set of comprehensive guidance for implementing Safe Routes to School programs during the 2020-21 school year, offering crucial guidance for Safe Routes to School and active transportation professionals, educators, and caregivers across the nation as schools prepare to resume learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can review this document here.

