

## **A partial history of Safe Routes to School efforts in Monterey County**

May 2019 update: Refer to "[Volunteers needed for bike safety trainings at local elementary schools](#)" and [Bike Month 2019](#) activities.

January 2018 update: See [Safe Routes to School — Monterey County 2018 update](#).

As of May 2017, Transportation Agency for Monterey County was at the very beginning stages of developing a countywide Safe Routes to School program. A first "stakeholders" meeting was held May 8, 2017, and TAMC was developing a survey that they intended to make public to get input from the community. The survey would include asking about what current SRTS efforts there are in the county (e.g., see a variety of bicycling support for local elementary, middle, and high schools, [click here for Bicycling Monterey's Bike to School compilation](#), then scroll to Schools in Monterey County: Support for Kids Who Bike), any sources of funding for those efforts, and what improvements people would like to see. To receive notification when the survey is available, or if you have related questions, contact the [Transportation Agency for Monterey County's](#) Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

- As of August 2017, Stefania Castillo, a transportation planner, was a contact for SRTS activity for the City of Monterey: <http://www.monterey.org/Services/Engineering/Traffic-Engineering/Transportation-Planning>. (Stefanie later moved to employment with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.)
- As of July 2015, Jessica Perez was the contact for the [Monterey County Health Department's](#) Safe Routes to School Program under the Active Transportation Project (ATP); refer to [Salinas Valley: Pathway to Health](#). Contact Jessica with questions: PerezJ7 [AT] co.monterey.ca.us (831)755-8975
- Also Monterey County Health Department: 21-month grant ran 3/31/13 until 6/30/15 under the direction of Jairo Hernandez (now reassigned to tobacco prevention program). The primary focus was [pedestrian safety](#). Previous SRTS contact at the Health Department Susan Kent has retired (archived notes under "[Kids biking to school](#)").