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The Four Fun Ways, Part 2: Taking Transit & Walking

One of Safe Routes to School's most important goals is to help youth and families use the **"Four Fun Ways"** to get to class. These active and shared modes of transportation include walking, taking transit, carpooling and biking. Our job is to make them fun, safe and accessible for communities across the city.

Today, we'll share tips to help you try walking and taking transit to school. For tips on carpooling and biking, you can check out our [Safe Routes to School's July newsletter](#).

Taking Transit



Mission High School students board the J Church after school

San Francisco boasts some of the best public transit service in the country and SFUSD students already take advantage of it! Our latest Travel Tally shows:

- Over 10,000 students take Muni and over 3,000 students take the yellow school bus to and from school.
- About 8,000 high schoolers take Muni regularly.

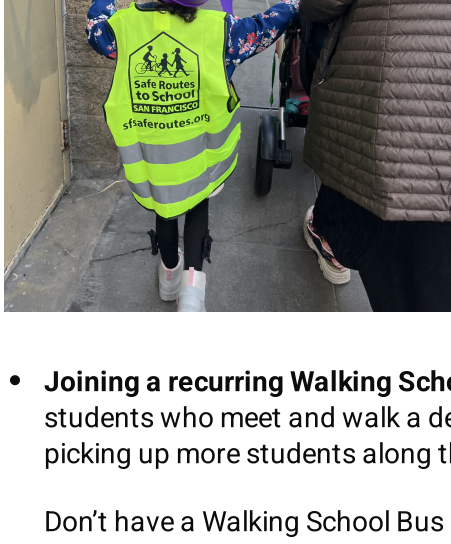
We also offer several programs to support and encourage students to take transit to school. They include:

- **Ride Muni to School Week.** This annual event encourages students to take transit to school through ride challenges, incentive giveaways and special programming. In 2025, students logged over 900 trips taken on transit, totaling over 1,700 miles in just one week!
- **Muni Field Trips** take students around the city on public transit. They help young people build skills and confidence to ride trains and buses independently. Schools can add this training to a field trip or make riding Muni the main event!

All students can continue to hop onto Muni whenever they want thanks to SFMTA's **Free Muni for All Youth program** – no application, special card or pass needed! Just board and go!

Ready to hop on? Plan your trip ahead of time with the MuniMobile app or [Muni's online trip planner](#), or check out which routes go directly to your school on [SFMTA's Muni Routes to City Schools webpage](#).

Walking



Last year, students walked to school to celebrate Ruby Bridges Day, in honor of the courageous actions of Ruby Bridges, who led the integration of her Louisiana elementary school with her historic steps in 1960.

Walking to school isn't just about getting from point A to point B. It's a chance to connect with your kids and let them hang out with friends. Walking to school regularly can also build healthy exercise habits while young and improve students' focus once they reach school.

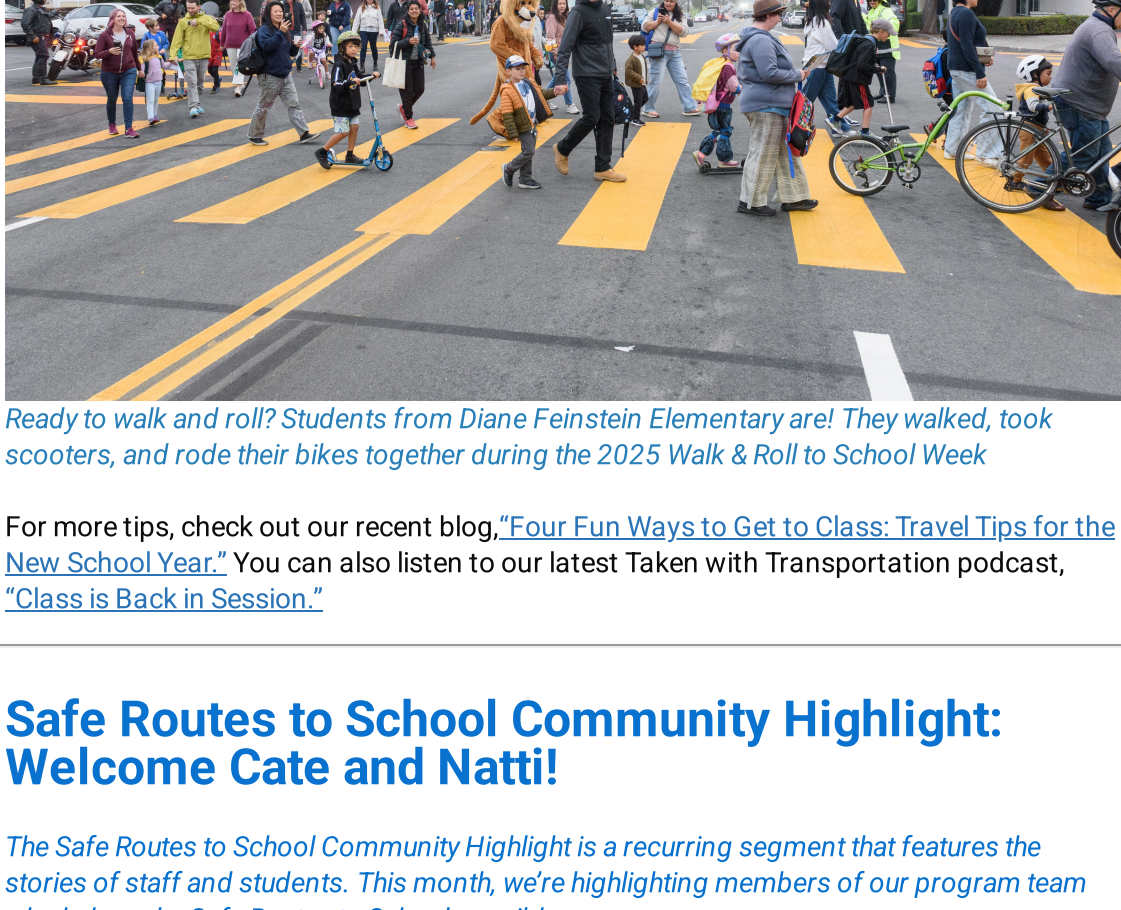
If you want more opportunities to walk to school with other families, consider:

- **Joining a recurring Walking School Bus!** These are organized walks with groups of students who meet and walk a designated route to school together with an adult, picking up more students along the way.

Don't have a Walking School Bus at your school? Reach out to SafeRoutes@sfmta.com for more tips or to request a walking school bus toolkit with all the supplies you need to start your own.

- **Taking part in Walk & Roll to School Week.**

Join us **Oct. 6-10, 2025** for this annual event (celebrated around the country!). Every fall in San Francisco, students, families and other school community members organize group walks to school. The goal: learn about and practice safe walking habits. Stay tuned for more details on this year's event and how you can participate at your school!



Ready to walk and roll? Students from Diane Feinstein Elementary are! They walked, took scooters, and rode their bikes together during the 2025 Walk & Roll to School Week

For more tips, check out our recent blog, ["Four Fun Ways to Get to Class: Travel Tips for the New School Year."](#) You can also listen to our latest Taken with Transportation podcast, ["Class is Back in Session."](#)

Safe Routes to School Community Highlight: Welcome Cate and Natti!

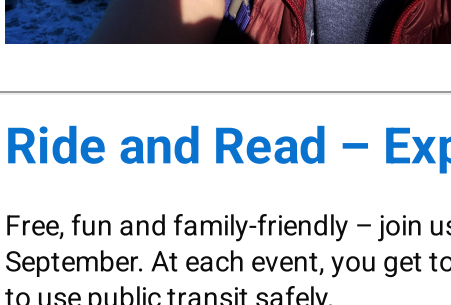
The Safe Routes to School Community Highlight is a recurring segment that features the stories of staff and students. This month, we're highlighting members of our program team who help make Safe Routes to School possible.



Natti Tilahun is excited to join San Francisco Safe Routes to School as a Deputy Program Manager. Originally from Southern California, Natti is committed to making San Francisco's streets safer and more welcoming for families and young people.

At Sutro Stewards, they gained experience in environmental advocacy and community engagement. Natti is also a musician and the founder of an independent radio station, passionate about building inclusive spaces and bringing people together.

Outside of work, you'll often find them biking through the Panhandle, exploring new spots in the city's food scene, or catching a film at the Balboa Theatre.



Cate Gregory is a Deputy Program Manager for the Safe Routes team. Since starting in April, she's been busy leading youth and family group rides. Cate has also been helping beginner cyclists grow in skills and confidence. She is very excited to keep creating more welcoming spaces in cycling, especially for women, girls and gender-diverse people.

Originally from New England, Cate has lived and ridden in San Francisco since 2000. She has biked, bike packed, backpacked and hiked all over the Bay Area - including riding SF to LA with the AIDS Lifecycle. Other than being a parent, her biggest adventure so far has been biking cross-country self-supported.

Ride and Read – Explore Our City with Muni

Free, fun and family-friendly – join us for Ride and Read events happening every Saturday in September. At each event, you get to ride Muni between two SFPL libraries and learn how to use public transit safely.

Meet SFMTA operators and staff and learn:

- What it takes to keep Muni running
- How the SFMTA helps kids and their families get where they want
- About our free services available to all young riders

These events are open to children ages 6–18. *Note: youth under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Muni rides are always free for youth 18 years and younger. Adults traveling with youth for this special program also will get to ride for free between the libraries.

Join us:

- **Saturday, Sept. 13, 2-4pm: Ingleside Library ➡ Park Library**
 - See the [Ingleside Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 1-2pm.
 - See the [Park Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 3-4pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 20, 1-4:30pm: North Beach Library ➡ Marina Library**
 - See the [North Beach Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 1-2pm.
 - See the [Marina Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 3-4:30pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 27, 1-4pm: Portola Library ➡ Visitacion Valley Library**
 - See the [Portola Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 1-2pm.
 - See the [Visitacion Valley Library Ride and Read webpage](#) for details about programming from 3-4pm.

RIDE & READ

Explore Our City with Muni



Get travel tips.
Meet Muni lovers.
Make a souvenir.

Take Muni between two library locations and learn how to use public transit safely. Meet San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) operators and staff. Make your own souvenir at the ending branch library!



sfpl.org/ride-read

Starting Branch Library	Destination Branch Library
Saturday, September 6, 2 – 3 p.m. Richmond Branch	4 – 5 p.m. Glen Park Branch
Saturday, September 13, 1 – 2 p.m. Ingleside Branch	3 – 4 p.m. Park Branch
Saturday, September 20, 1 – 2 p.m. North Beach Branch	3 - 4 p.m. Marina Branch
Saturday, September 27, 1 – 2 p.m. Portola Branch	3 – 4 p.m. Visitacion Valley Branch

For children ages 6–18 and their families, Muni rides are free for youth 18 years and younger. Adults traveling with youth also get to ride for free between the libraries for this special experience.

Update on the SFMTA Crossing Guard Program

As students across the city head back to class, our teams have been working hard to make sure their trips are safe and reliable.

Our [Crossing Guard Program](#) is a service we provide to schools and an important part of our work to help students get to and from school safely. Crossing guards are beloved by students, parents, caregivers and neighbors – and right now, we are facing a shortage.

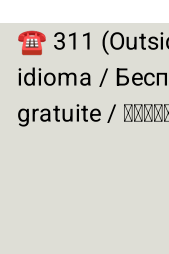
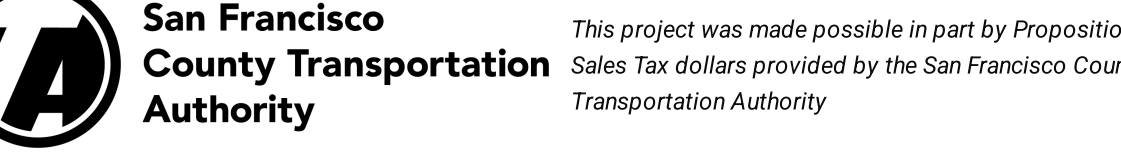
See [SFMTA's latest blog](#) for more information and the steps we are taking right now to:

- Immediately prioritize areas with the greatest need
- Maximize existing coverage citywide as we work to meet last year's staffing level

As we work to restore crossing guard staffing levels, we will partner closely with local schools and continue to do everything we can to maximize across San Francisco.



Want to request an activity at your school or invite us to an event?
Email us at SafeRoutes@sfmta.com

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