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Safe routes to school

City joins Natomas schools and WALKSacramento to celebrate new projects to make walking to school safer for kids

Bannon Creek Elementary School students in the South Natomas community will be walking on newly constructed sidewalks and crosswalks when the school celebrates International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, Oct. 3. The infrastructure improvements constructed by the City of Sacramento were funded through a federal Safe Routes to School grant.

The improvements include new sidewalks, curb extensions, upgraded crosswalks and speed tables to reduce speed and the crossing distance between streets.

To celebrate the school's new safety improvements, students, parents, community supporters, teachers, Principal Linda Wilkinson, Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby, Councilmember Steve Cohn, and Natomas Unified School District Superintendent Chris Evans will be taking part in the walk to school with students from the South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road, the morning of Wednesday, October 3.

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Event Details

- 7:00 am: South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road, Sacramento
- 7:15 am: Walk to Bannon Creek Elementary School, 2775 Millcreek Drive, Sacramento
- 7:45 – 8:15 am: Walk to School Day rally at Bannon Creek Elementary

Confirmed Speakers

- Natomas Unified School District Superintendent Chris Evans
- Principal Linda Wilkinson
- Vice Mayor/Councilmember Angelique Ashby
- Councilmember Steve Cohn

About the Safe Routes to School program

Walk to School Day is one of many activities supported by the Safe Routes to School program. Safe Routes to School is a critically important transportation program in California, with twice the national average of students walking and bicycling to school. Safe Routes to School grants fund infrastructure such as sidewalks and bike lanes in the vicinity of schools as well as safety and educational programs at schools. Both contribute to encouraging children to walk and bicycle to school and to take in daily physical activity.

About the project

The infrastructure improvements at Bannon Creek Elementary, Natomas Park Elementary and Jefferson Elementary totaled \$1.8 million for design and construction. The City ensured that the bulk of all three projects would be completed while school was out for the summer. Work at Jefferson Elementary School is expected to be finished by the end of October.

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