

Foreword

The Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) Committee is made up of community partners from several organizations throughout the Counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, and the cities of London and St. Thomas (ELMO) who work together to develop, promote and sustain ASRTS programs.

The School Travel Planning (STP) program helps to create a safe environment and school culture that encourages and supports families to use active transportation to and from school, the bus stop, or if driving, park away from the school and walk the rest of the way. This is achieved through a STP Team, made up of members of the school community and community partners, working together on an Action Plan. The Action Plan is made by the STP Team and targets the removal of barriers identified through the collection of school and community-specific information through the STP process.

The information is intended for anyone involved in School Travel Planning (STP), with any level of experience in STP.

At the beginning and throughout the implementation of a School Travel Plan it is important to connect with an ASRTS committee member, the Public Health Nurse assigned to the school, and/or Student Transportation Services. These contacts can support the development of a STP as needed.

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