



The City of San Angelo and SAISD received a Safe Routes to School Grant on October 1, 2007 in the amount of \$749,999. This grant is for improvements to infrastructure needs around the following five schools: Alta Loma, Austin, Fannin, and McGill Elementary Schools along with Lee Middle School. The grant provides funds for the following infrastructure needs: construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, signs, curb ramps, flashing beacons, pavement markings and bicycle racks at the above-mentioned schools. Work on the project began June 1st and is scheduled for completion in October.

Upcoming Events

Safe Kids will be offering a Bike & Pedestrian Workshop from 6-8 p.m. on the following dates:
 October 12 - Mc Gill Elementary
 October 13 - Alta Loma Elementary
 October 14 - Fannin Elementary
 October 15 - Austin Elementary
 October 18 - Lee Middle School (6-7 p.m.)

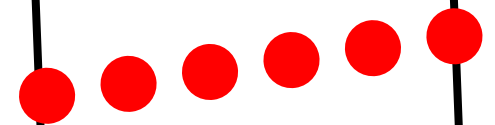
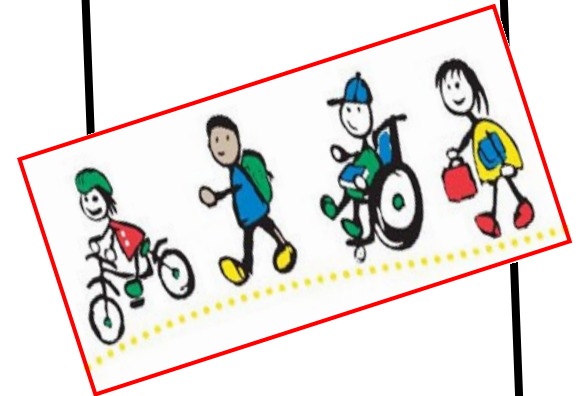
For more information/questions feel free to contact Safe Kids at (325) 947-6130.

~Event Day~

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010 many citizens from law enforcement, City Personnel, fire fighters, medical professionals, MPO staff, parents and other volunteers from our community will be on-site assisting children arrive to school safely at the following locations: McGill, Alta Loma, Fannin, and Austin Elementary Schools-along with Lee Middle School.

A special event will take place at McGill Elementary School (201 Millspaugh Street) beginning at 7:00 a.m. Speakers will include Mayor Alvin New, Mr. Brad Holland, Mr. Lauren Garduño, and Dr. Carol Ann Bonds.

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Bike Safety

Helmets

The single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes is a **helmet**.

Make it a rule— every time you or your child ride a bike, you must wear a bicycle helmet that meets or exceeds the safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. **No helmet, no bike!**

Helmet fit is important. The helmet should be comfortable and snug, but not too tight. It should sit centered on top of your head in a level position., and it should not rock forward and backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled snugly against your chin.

If children are reluctant to wear helmets, try letting them choose their own.



Bike Safety

Fit & Maintenance

Ensure proper bike fit by bringing the child along when shopping for a bike. Buy a bike that is the right size for the child, not one he will grown into. When sitting on the seat, the child's feet should touch the ground.

Make sure the reflectors are secure, the brakes work properly, gears shift smoothly and tires are tightly secured and properly inflated.



Rules of the Road

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against. Stay as far to the right as possible.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic signals, stopping at all signs and stop lights.
- Stop and look left, right and left again before entering a street or crossing an intersection.
- Look back and yield to traffic coming from behind before turning left.
- Cycling should be restricted to sidewalks and paths until a child is age 10.
- If riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening is unavoidable, use a light on the bike and make sure it has reflectors as well.
- Wear clothes and accessories that incorporate retroreflective materials to improve your visibility to motorists.

Pedestrian Safety

- Cross streets safely. Cross at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing, and keep looking as you cross.
- Walk, don't run across the street.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Be a safe pedestrian around cars. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Parents and kids should hold hands in parking lots.
- Never run out in the street for a ball, a pet or any other reason.
- Walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Wear clothing or accessories that incorporate retroreflective material when walking at dawn or dusk, in the evening and during other low-light situations, such as rainy or foggy weather.

