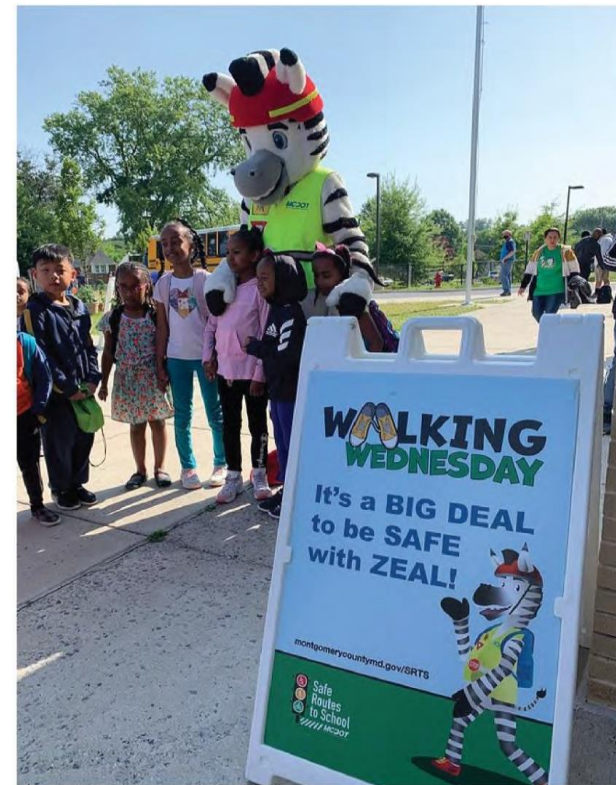


Safe Routes to School





Meet the SRTS Team

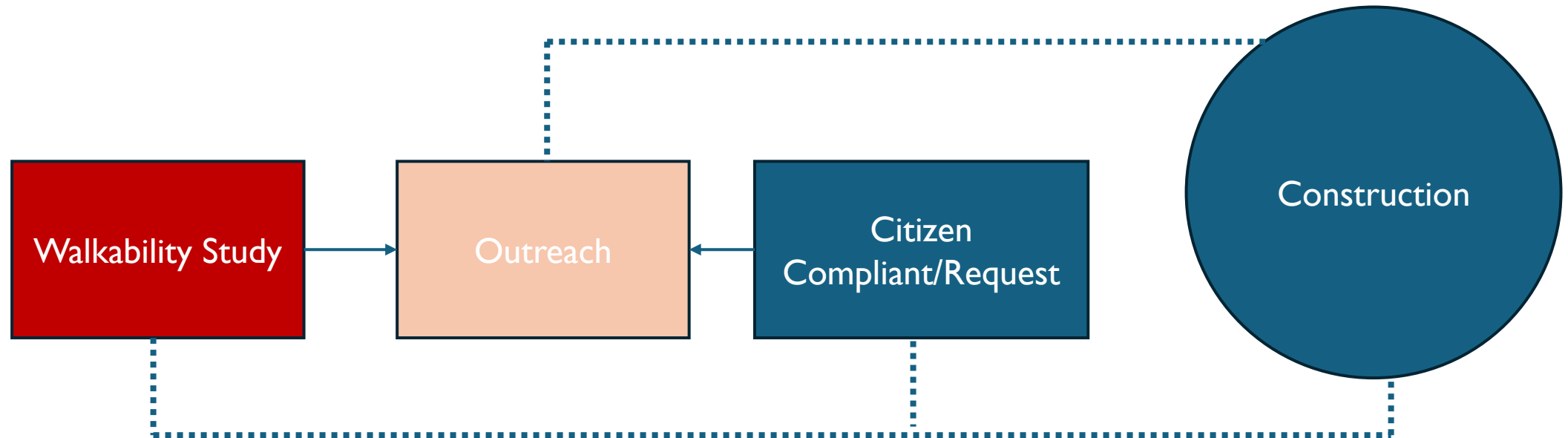
- Nima Upadhyay, Capital Projects Manager
- Charles Freeman, Senior Planning Specialist
- Zabiullah (Z) Hakimi, Project Engineer
- Duwan Morris, Planning Specialist III, Outreach Lead
- Taran Johnson, Senior Engineering Technician



Safe Routes to School



- Funded Under Pedestrian Safety CIP –[Link](#)
- Projects and program are under three categories:



Walkability Studies – Planned

Outreach- Both Planned and Request Driven

Construction- Walkability Study and Citizen Request Driven



Walkability Studies

Purpose / Background



Purpose

Evaluate the infrastructure safety needs near MCPS schools and recommend projects to improve access and encourage students to walk and bike to school.



Description

Planning level study that will need updating as conditions change

Phase I

- Began 2005, limited in scope along school frontage

Phase II

- Began 2018, expanded in scope throughout walkshed



Vision Zero Initiative

FY 25 Work Plan

- Fifteen Schools Studies funded and managed by MCDOT



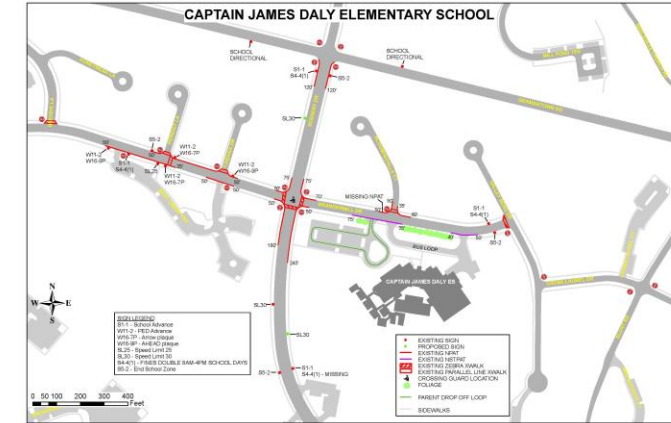
School Selection Process

Equity Emphasis Areas

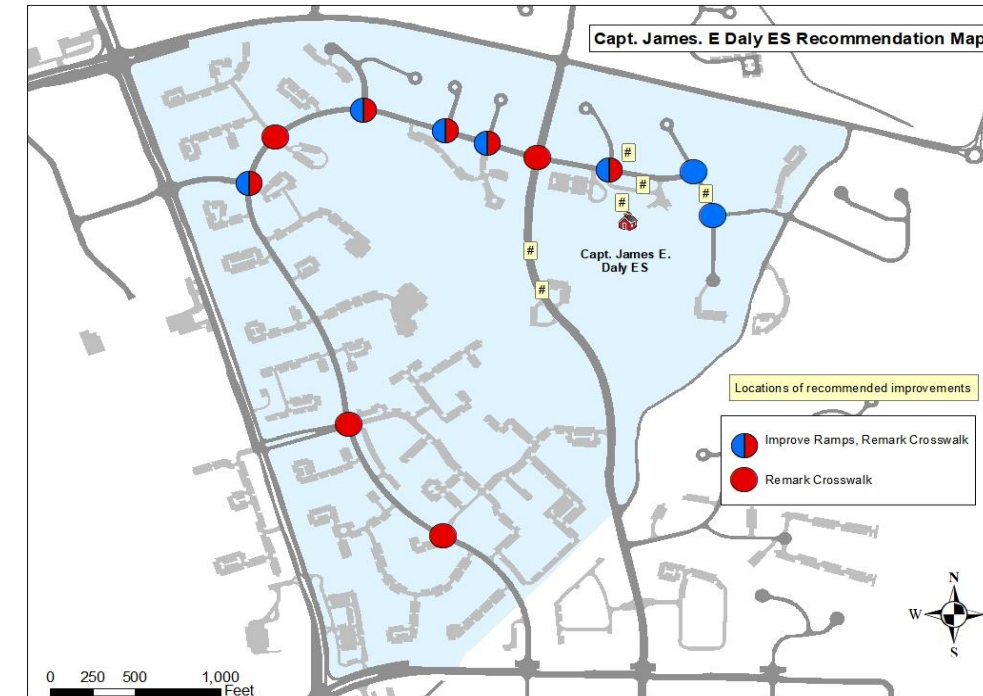
Potential Walker Enrollment

Date of Phase I Assessment

Citizen Requests



Phase I



Evaluation Components: Part I



Walkshed / Study Area

Defined by MCPS, generally one to two mile walk distance to school, without school bus service



Coordination with School Staff / Community



Local Adopted Plans / Guidelines

Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans
Complete Streets Design Guide



Evaluation Components: Part 2



Infrastructure Inventory

Sidewalk
Ramps
Signs and Markings



Arrival / Dismissal Observations

Priority Routes
Crossing Guards
Driveway Operations: Buses / Private Vehicles



Walk Audit of Priority Routes



Study Recommendations

- Short Term
 - Maintenance / Minor Construction within Public ROW
 - Signing
 - Pavement Markings (crosswalks, etc)
 - ADA Ramps
 - Speed Control
 - Pedestrian Refuge Islands
 - Curb Extensions
 - Pedestrian Flashing Beacons
- Long Term
 - Construction projects with potential impacts, possibly requiring ROW acquisition
 - New Sidewalk Construction
 - Intersection Improvements
 - Curb Extensions
 - Traffic Circles
 - Public Involvement

Website / More Information



- MCDOT SRTS Walkability Studies Website
 - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/srts/resources.html>
 - Contents
 - Map of Study Schools and Walksheds
 - Complete (links to reports)
 - In Progress
 - Planned
 - Upcoming Public Meetings
 - Concept and Design Plans
 - Website updates are planned



Safety Improvements Citizen Requests and Construction



Majority of SRTS construction stems from Walkability studies and MC Resident's Requests

Studies:

Resident's
Logs

Improvements

SRTS - Type Of Safety Improvements

- Traffic Signing and Markings
- Intersection improvements
- New Sidewalk
- ADA Improvements



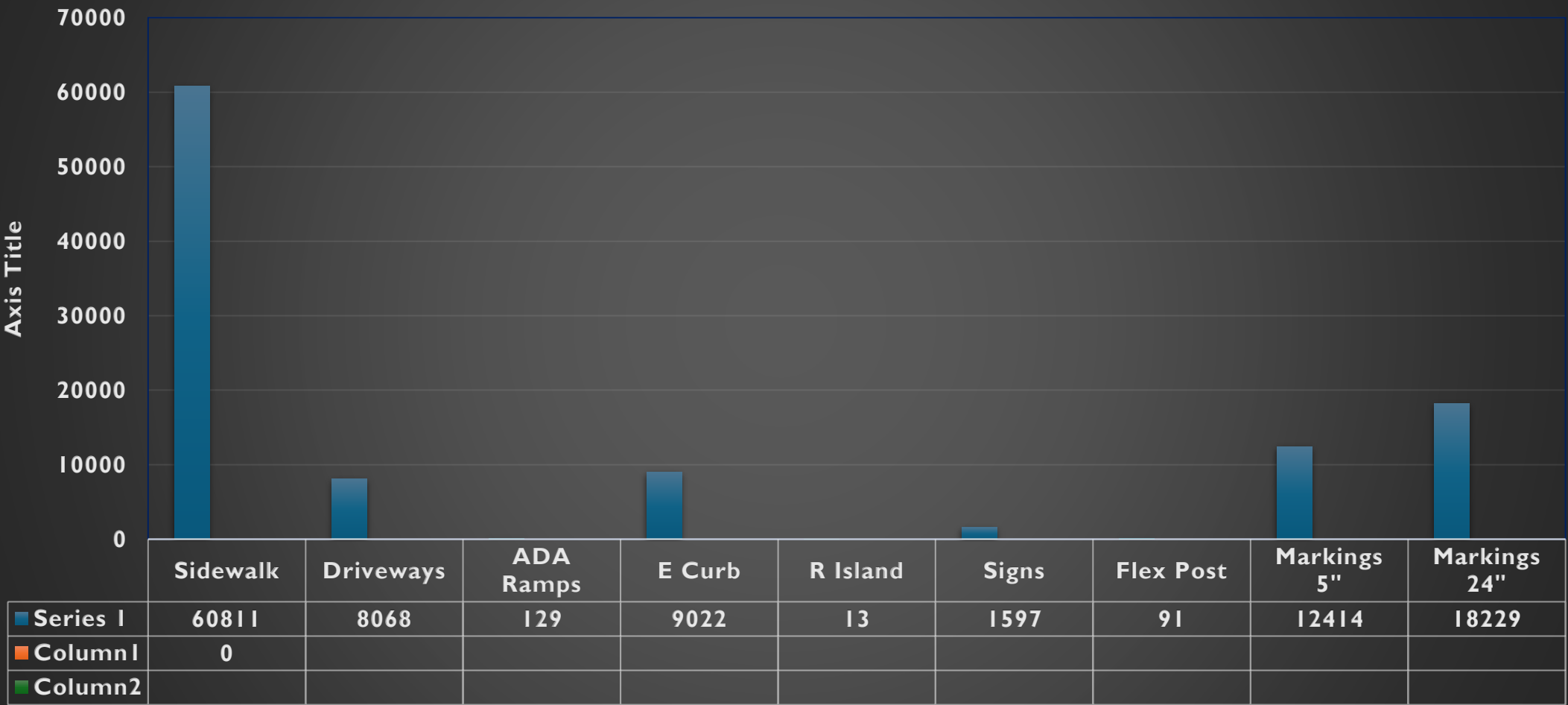
FY 25 Inventory For 18 Schools

1. 129 ADA Ramps
2. 60811 SF Sidewalk
3. 13 Refuge Island
4. 1597 SF Traffic Signs
5. 21528 LF Markings

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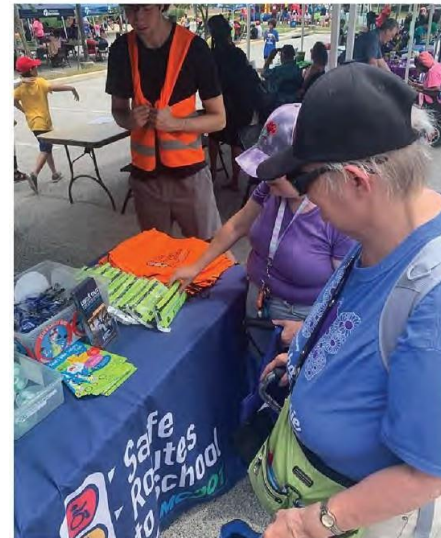
Quantity Chart



OUTREACH OVERVIEW

The Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Team conducts outreach throughout the county.

This fiscal year - **we have held or participated in 259 events!**



Annual Art Contest

Our 3rd Annual Art Contest recently wrapped up. Elementary school students were encouraged to create art with a pedestrian safety message.

We had the opportunity to visit **6 schools** and named a contest winner from each school.

Schools visited:

K-3

- Beverly Farms Elementary School
- Wayside Elementary School
- William B Gibbs Jr Elementary School

4-5

- Burning Tree Elementary School
- Fox Chapel Elementary School
- Candlewood Elementary School



Bike Month

13 bike rodeo tours

400+ helmets distributed

Rock Creek Valley ES

75 students biked to school

20 helmets distributed



Photos from Georgian Forest ES bike Rodeo May 2023

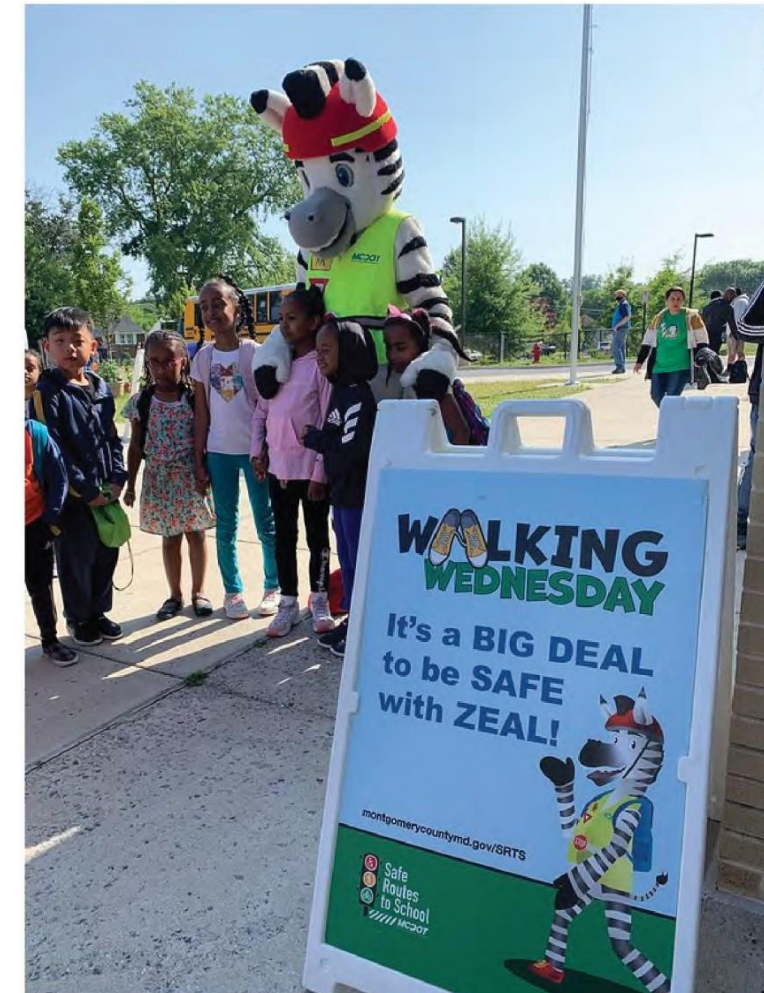


Walking Wednesday

We held **30 Walking Wednesday** events at County elementary and middle schools this school year. These events are held before school to encourage students to walk safely to and from school while having a little fun!



30,000+ students reached



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



School Outreach

In addition to Walking Wednesday events, we attend **back to school fairs, picnics, health and wellness events, and scout meetings.**



Walktober

October is focused on safe walking with events like Walk to School Day and Halloween-related events.



Be Seen on
Halloween



Safety Day 2024

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Safety Day is a one-day event to bring the community together to learn more about traffic safety in a fun, festival environment.
- The event is appropriate for all ages but targeted to younger children and their families.
- This event was planned with the help of Montgomery County's **Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors (VZYA)**.
- Safety Day was first planned in 2020 as a community event to convene resources and partners to share information and demonstrations that promote pedestrian, bike, and traffic safety.
 - Piloted in 2023
 - Launched in 2024 as full-scale event





Safety Day Site Map

Safety Day 2024



Partners



- 3000+ attendees
- Over 70 vendors
- Pop-Up Traffic Garden
- Free bike Raffles





Questions?

