

Safe Trips to BART

An Action Plan for Safer Roadways

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of Safe Trips to BART: An Action Plan for Safer Roadways?

Safe Trips to BART (also referred to as BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan) empowers **partner agencies** to take actions that reduce or eliminate fatal and severe injury crashes on streets under their authority that provide access to BART.

Who are BART's partner agencies?

They are public agencies who have authority over or interest in roadways on the **High Injury Network** found in BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan. These public agencies are cities, towns, counties, countywide authorities, the San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and California's Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

What is the High Injury Network?

It shows where concentrations of fatal and severe injury roadway crashes are found. The High Injury Network identified in BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan was developed for all 48 non-airport BART Station Study Areas by collecting and analyzing five years of reported injury crashes from 2019 through 2023 on public roadways.

How was BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan funded?

Safe Trips to BART was funded by the US Department of Transportation's <u>Safe Streets and Roads for All</u> grant program, which awarded BART \$1 million to develop this plan.

How did BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan incorporate existing transportation infrastructure improvement initiatives led by other agencies?

Safe Trips to BART was developed to complement roadway safety plans and/or expected construction projects led by partner agencies. It is part of broader regional goals towards making roadways safer for all users.

Who provided input for Safe Trips to BART during its development?

A project steering committee, consisting of representatives from countywide transportation authorities, MTC, and Caltrans, was formed to guide this plan's progress. All local cities, towns, and counties with roadways within a half-mile of BART's non-airport stations were consulted about their existing roadway safety efforts. Leading up to the draft plan, almost 600 members of the public provided free-form comments, responses to surveys, and input at in-station events.

How will roadway safety measures identified in Safe Trips to BART get implemented?

Cities, counties, and Caltrans may use BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan to identify projects that could be incorporated into their capital improvement plans. Once **this plan is finalized**, they can seek funding from federal, state, regional, and local sources for design all the way through construction.



When will BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan be finalized?

It is expected to be finalized by late summer or early fall 2025.

Why did some stations get more individualized plans than others?

To demonstrate how cities, towns, counties, and Caltrans could use BART's Roadway Safety Action Plan, seven station areas were chosen for more detailed concepts: Balboa Park, Coliseum, Colma, Concord, Hayward, Milpitas, and Richmond BART station areas. They were selected to cover all five counties that BART serves using crash data and input from local agencies. The seven Focus Station Area Action Plans that were produced as a result can serve as examples for other stations with similar needs.

How can I help make sure that Safe Trips to BART is used to improve roadway safety?

Feel free to reach out to your public representatives (such as city council members or county supervisors) and let them know that getting to and from BART safely, no matter if you walk, bike, roll, or use a motorized vehicle, matters to you.

How is Safe Trips to BART different than <u>Safe Routes to BART</u>?

<u>Safe Routes to BART</u> is a grant program led by BART using <u>Measure RR</u> funds to provide funding to local agencies for constructing projects that improve walking and biking access to BART. *Safe Trips to BART* is a plan focused on improving safety for all roadway users as they get to and from BART.

How do I get involved and provide input?

Visit the Online Open House beginning Wednesday, June 25, review the public draft of *Safe Trips to BART: An Action Plan for Safer Roadways*, and submit your feedback no later than Wednesday, July 23. Visit the project's website at www.bart.gov/safetrips to participate in the Online Open House.