



NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Crossing Guards Initiative Update

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School Crossing Guards Initiative

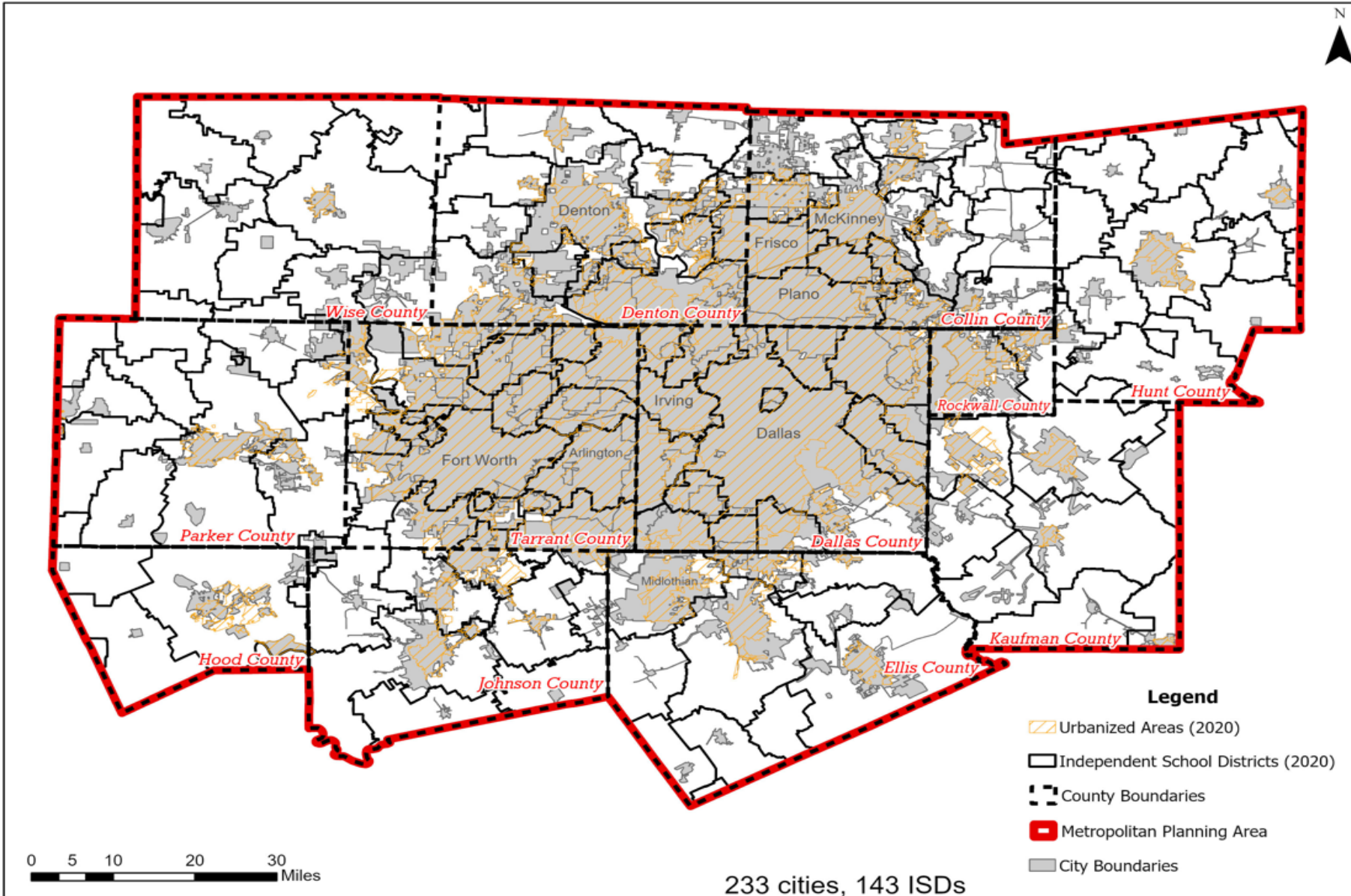
Request and Problem

- Received request for assistance with methods for determining placement of crossing guards
- Address lack of state/federal guidance on crossing guard placement
- Explore possibility of developing regionally-consistent implementation method
- Goal to improve student & guard safety

What We Have Done

- Surveyed stakeholders
- Reviewed state, federal, other guidance
- Compared examples of city crossing guard guidance in the region
- Hosted a regional coordination meeting to update and receive feedback
- Distributed and analyzed an updated survey
- Applied for an *SS4A grant

Metropolitan Planning Area, Urbanized Areas, Cities and ISDs



1,869 public schools in the MPO boundary and 569 charter/private schools

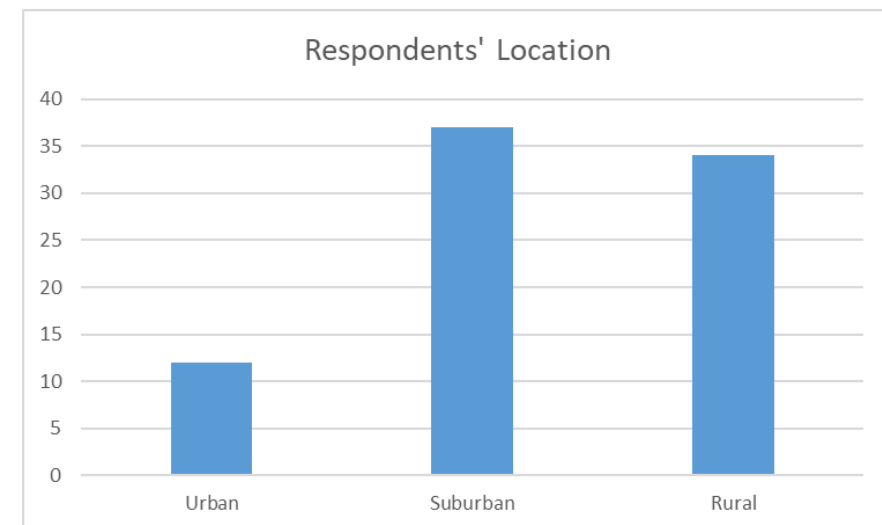
- 1,207 Elementary Schools
- 361 Middle Schools
- 301 High Schools

Updated Survey

- Purpose:
 - Explore more in-depth topics based on input from stakeholder meeting
 - Target a more diverse range and larger number of respondents
 - Gain a better picture of the challenges and current practices around crossing guards
 - Inform recommendations for crossing guard implementation process

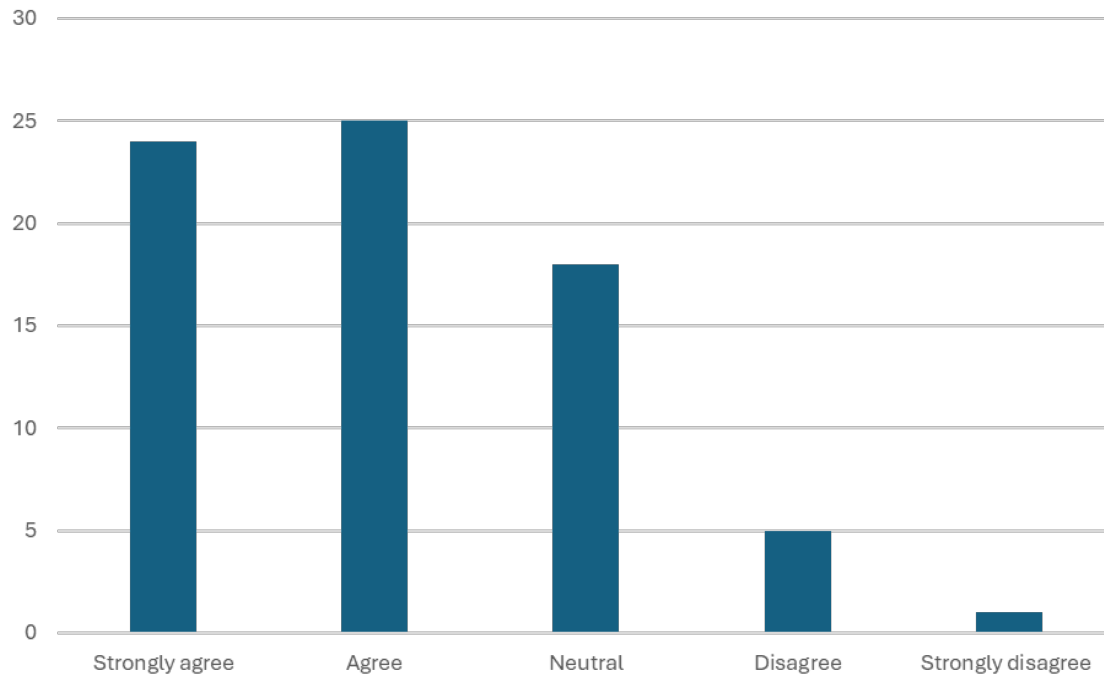
* Independent School District

- Sent to *ISD administrative assistants, NCTCOG governments/ representatives
- Received over 90 responses
- Rural, urban, and suburban respondents

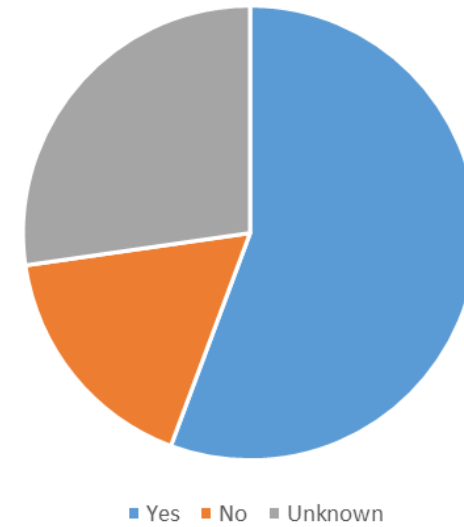


Survey Results

Staffing crossing guard positions is very difficult.



Do you have interest in using a regionally consistent process of determining crossing guard placement/management?



Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

- Created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Purpose: prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways
 - Focus on comprehensive safety action planning and implementing projects/strategies identified in safety action plans
- \$1.26B for FY24 available
- Inclusive of all types of roadway safety interventions across the Safe Systems Approach
- One application per agency allowed
- Applied with Crossing Students Safely in DFW (CroSS-DFW) project

\$5 Million SS4A Funding Award

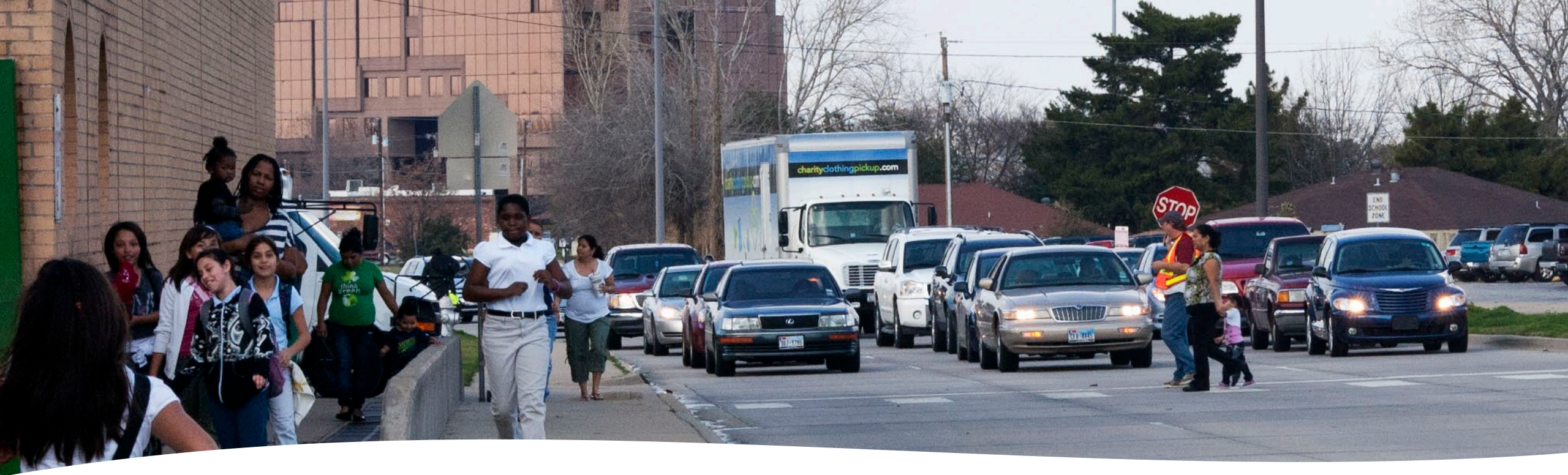
Crossing Students Safely in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region (CroSS-DFW)

- Conduct additional planning around schools in targeted corridors and beyond recommended by the ***Regional Roadway Safety Plan*** and the ***Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan***:
- Focusing on School Crossing Safety Process
 - Review current practices in Urban, Suburban, and Rural Locations
 - Assess safety concerns and interactions with crossing guards, controlled intersections, and mid-block crossings
 - Analyze school crossing flasher's compatibility with traffic signals and technology for early warnings to motorists
 - Develop a recommended regional standard and process for evaluating and determining school guard crossings and markings within the region
 - Strong coordination with local governments and regional Independent School Districts (ISDs)

NCTCOG Regional Safe Streets Planning/Demonstration Grant Application

Budget

Total Planning Budget	Federal (SS4A)	Non-Federal Match	Match Source
\$6,250,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,250,000	Regional Toll Revenue



Next Steps

- Work on grant agreement
 - Draft grant agreement due November 12
- Hire consultant for regional study

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