

# **Best Practices: Walking School Buses & Bike Trains**

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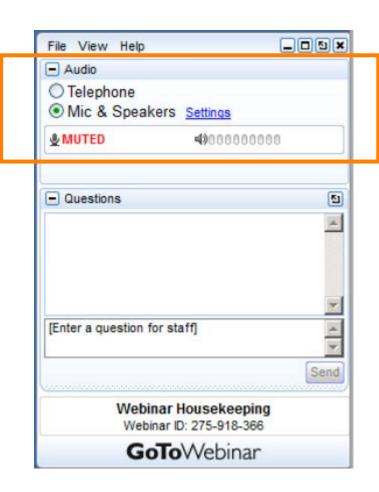






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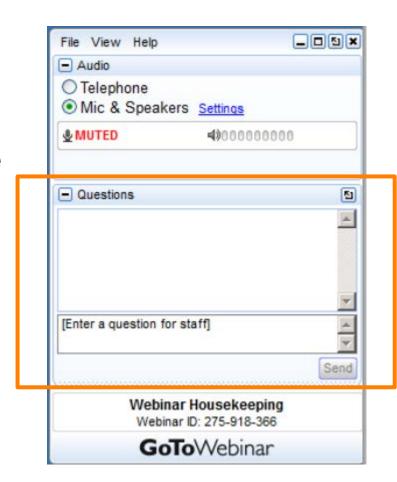




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## Webinar Agenda

- What and Why?
- Walking School Buses
- Bike Trains
- Roundtable
- Q & A



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## What are Walking School Buses and Bike Trains?

- Adult supervised walk or bike to school.
- Pre-determined route and meet up points or "stops."
- Rotating schedule of adult leaders.
- Can be schoolsponsored or "organic."



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## Why Walking School Buses & Bike Trains?

- Adult supervision
- Safety
- Convenience
- Community engagement
- Fun
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety education
- Healthy activity



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# **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**







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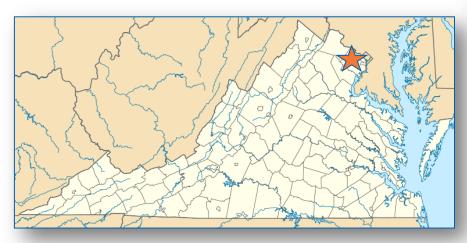








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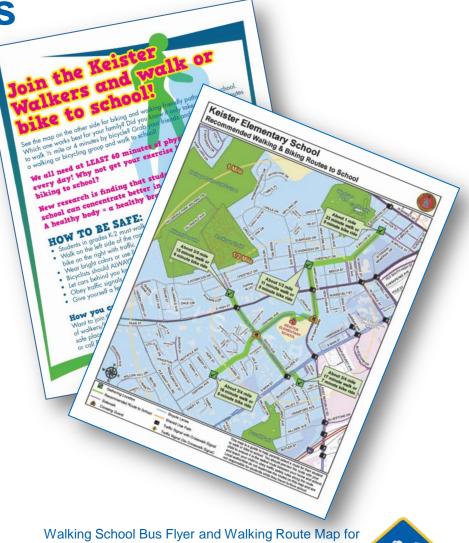
Walking School Buses

 What was the impetus for starting a walking school bus?

How did you get it off the ground?

 What were some of the challenges you faced?





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# **Walking School Buses**

- How has the program evolved over time?
- What are your plans for the future?



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# **BIKE TRAINS**







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## **Bike Trains**

- What was the impetus for starting a bike train?
- How did you get it off the ground?
- What were some of the challenges you faced?



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#### **Bike Trains**

- How has the bike train evolved over time?
- What are your plans for the future?



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#### **Bike Trains**

- Video
- http://www.nick.com/videos/clip/worldwide-day-ofplay-2012-bike-train-clip.html







# ROUNDTABLE







#### Roundtable

- What advice do you have for other communities?
- How do you cultivate support and interest?



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#### Roundtable

- How do you recruit volunteers?
- What are the benefits of walking school buses and bike trains?
- Resources

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## **Question and Answer**



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