

EL MONTE WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

Hop Aboard With Us

El Monte Walking School Bus

Our school bus was not yellow. It doesn't have four wheels. And its doors don't open.

We used our feet and travel together to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions, get a little exercise and have fun!

Our designated routes allowed students to safely walk to school and from school and get dropped off near their homes. Sharing the trip with other families provides adult supervision for groups of students, reassures parents that their children can get to school safely and on time, and builds community in the neighborhood.

About the Bus

The idea for Walk with Us El Monte started in 2014, when the El Monte City School District (EMCSD) Amigos de los Rios applied for grant funding for a WSB program through the California State Active Transportation Program. The City of El Monte came in as project partner in 2016.

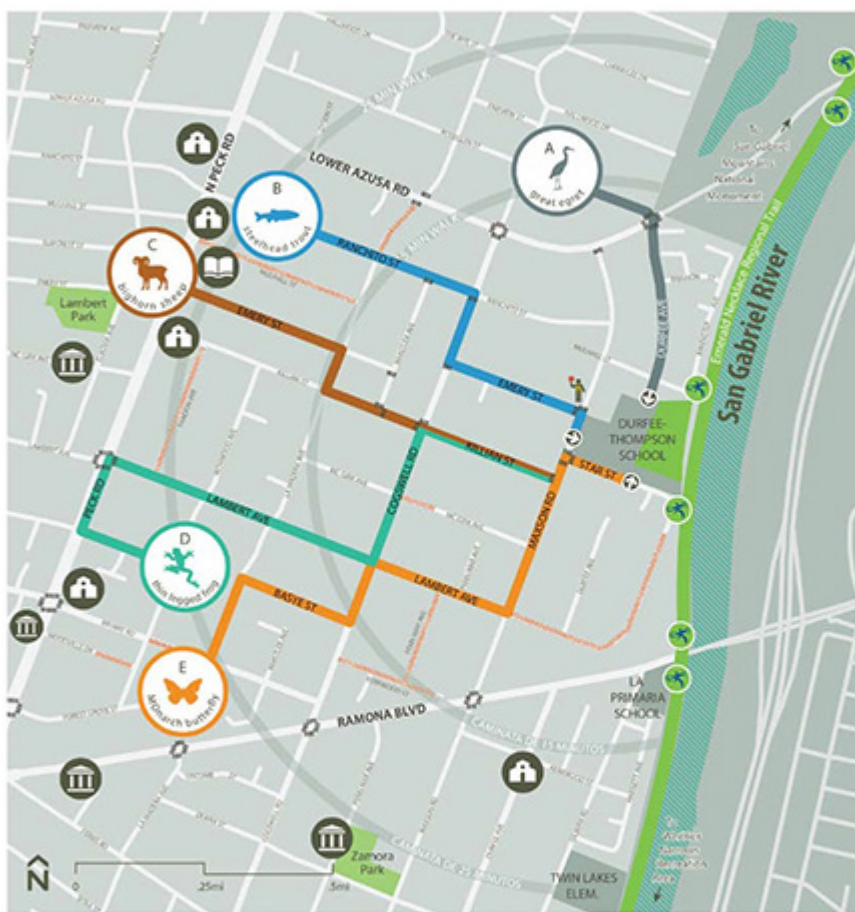
That same year, the Project Team was awarded funding to pilot the Walking School Bus program at Durfee-Thompson Elementary School to encourage more students to walk to school, improve community health and address safety concerns for people walking.

This was a pilot program implemented by Amigos de los Rios and Durfee Thompson Elementary School and was later turned over to the El Monte City School Districted.

Walking School Bus Concept Plan

Walk with Us El Monte Walking School Bus Proposed Routes

Durfee-Thompson Elementary
WALKING SCHOOL BUS



Proposed Routes / Ruta Propuesta

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A Great Egret | Crosswalk
Cruce Peatonal | Park
Parque | School Entrance
Entrada Principal |
| B Steelhead Trout | Missing Sidewalk
Falta de Acera | Municipal Service
Ayuntamiento | Connection to the Emerald
Necklace Trail
Conexión a el sendero de
Emerald Necklacc |
| C Bighorn Sheep | Crossing Guard
Guardia de Cruce Escolar | Library
Biblioteca | |
| D Thin Legged Frog | | Church
Iglesia | |
| E Monarch Butterfly | | | |

The Emerald Necklace

Walking School Bus Mural

at Durfee Thompson Elementary

This mural was created as a lasting reminder for children in the community of the importance of staying active, enjoying walking to school, observing nature and learning safe walking habits that will be helpful for taking longer hikes.

This mural was designed and painted by local artist Andrew Quinones.