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# The Central Valley Transportation Challenge

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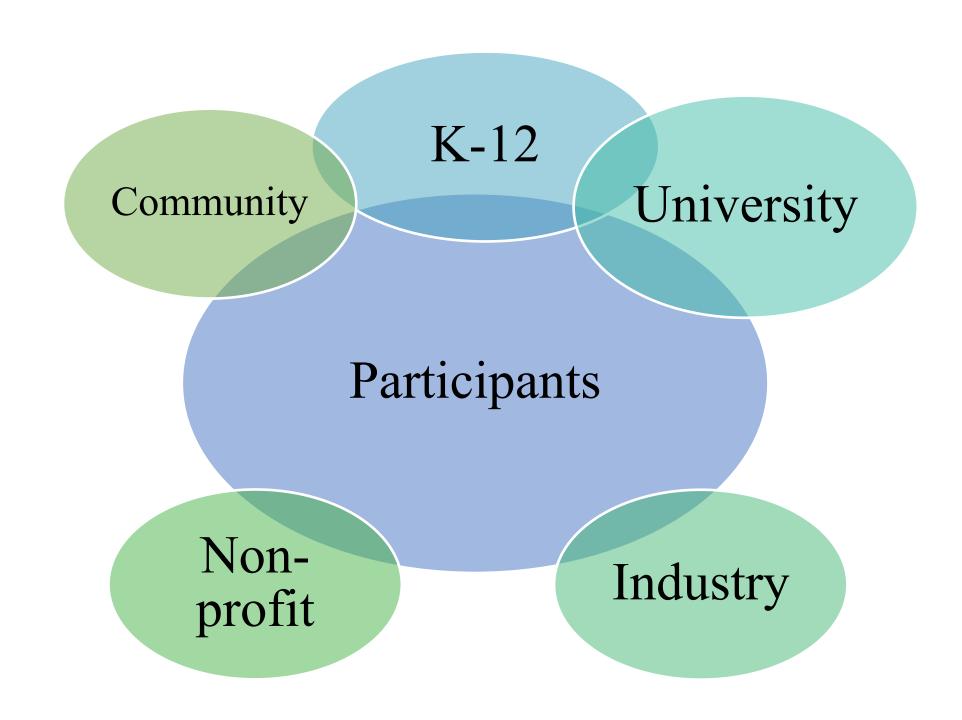
# Youth Transportation Challenge

The Central Valley Transportation Challenge (CVTC) aimed to provide underserved minority students

primarily from rural areas

with high quality transportation related educational experiences,

so that they learned about transportation related topics and become more aware of transportation related careers opportunities.

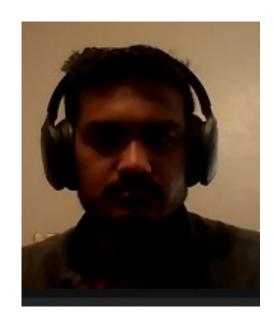


# **Engineering Students**









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# Youth Transportation Challenge

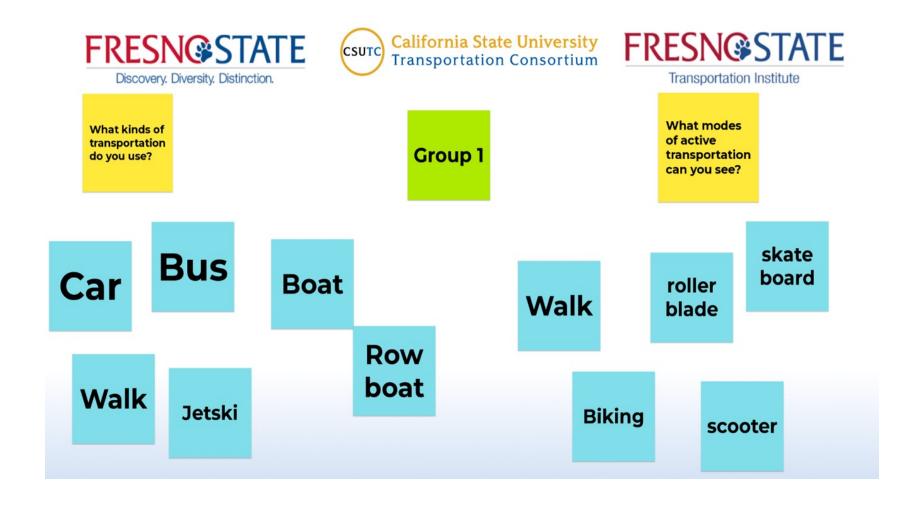
Challenge: How can we make biking to school safer?

# Sample Schedule for the Challenge

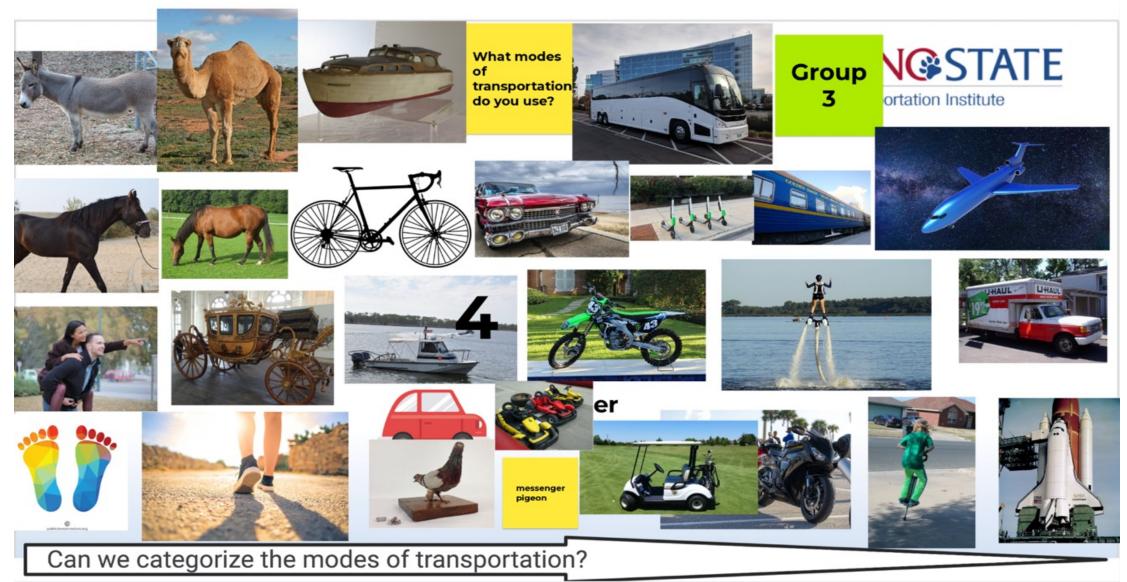
Table 6. Gloria sample schedule

Session	Activity	
Session 1	Engineers present overview of various modes of transportation	
Session 2	Students identify their school on google maps and their house, identify different modes of transportation for getting to school	
Session 3	Students focus on their on ways of getting to school	
Session 4	Engineers explore with students what safe and unsafe bike lanes look like	
Session 5	Students do a bike safety audit of their way to school	
Session 6	Students do a bike safety audit of the surroundings of their school	
Session 7	Students design a model to improve the surroundings of their school in regards to bike safety	
Session 8	Students prepare showcase of their school and present record video	

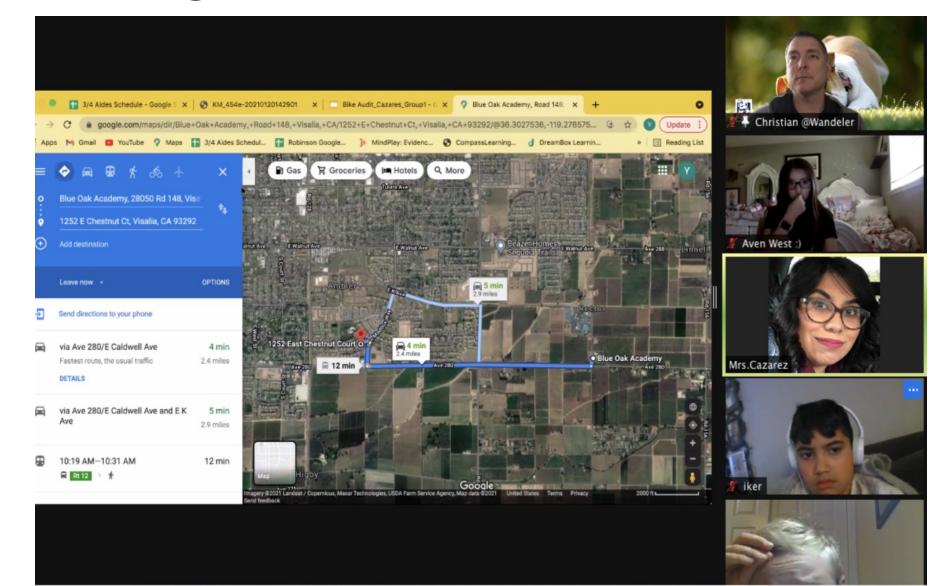
### Session 1



### Session 2



# Session 3 Biking from Home to School



# Session 4:Advantages and disadvantages of biking to school

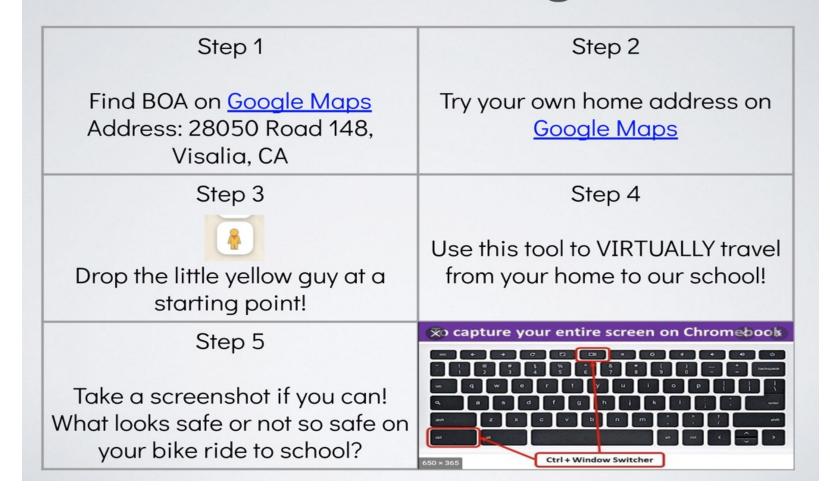


# Session 5: Learning to see safe or unsafe biking environments.

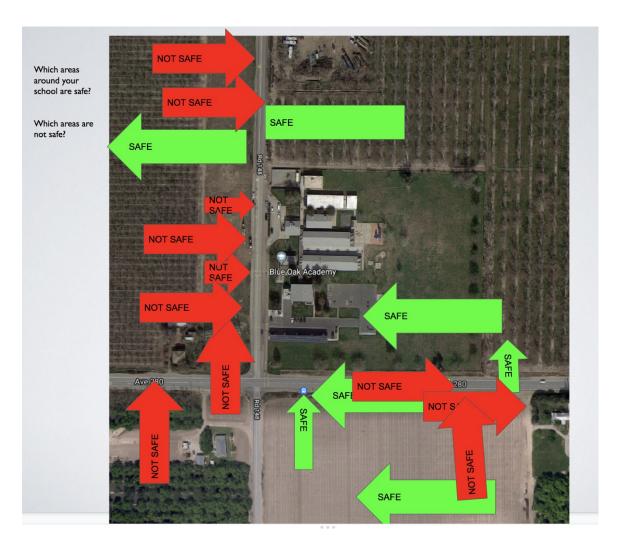


Session 6: Conducting a virtual bike to school safety audit.

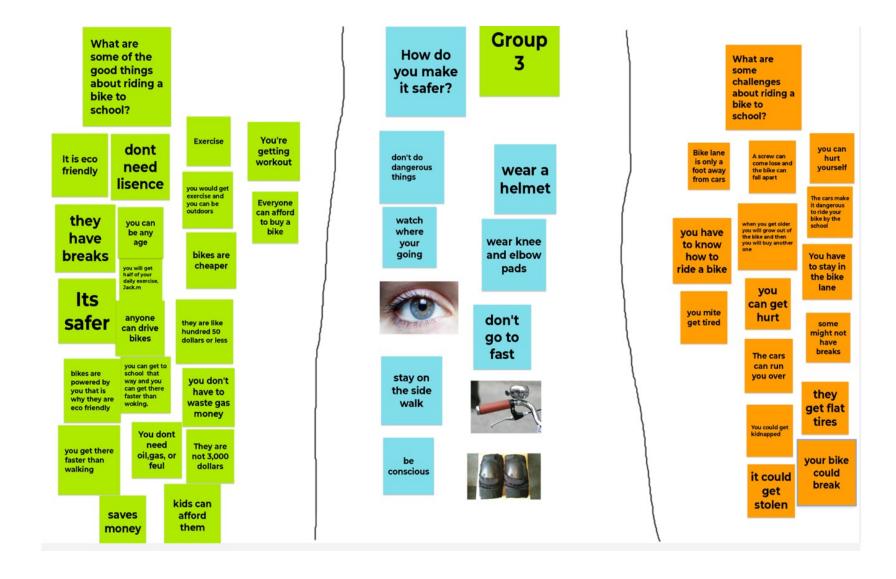
## Bike Audit Investigation!



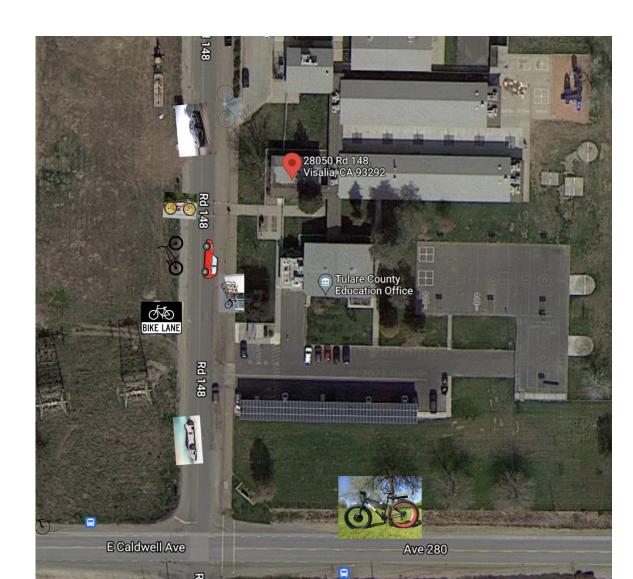
# Session 7: Learning to see safe or unsafe biking environments around the school.



### Session 8: Ideation

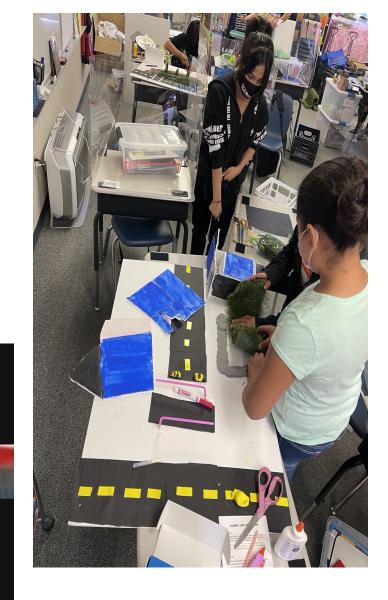


## Session 9: Proposed Changes for the School

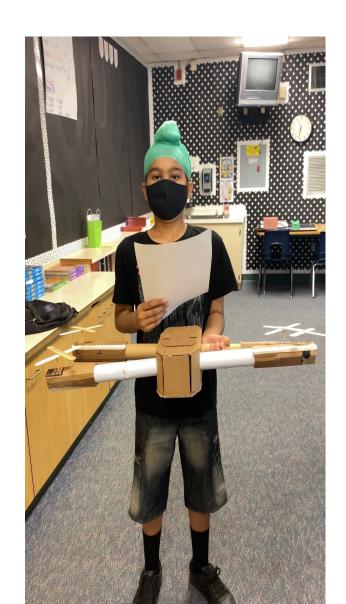


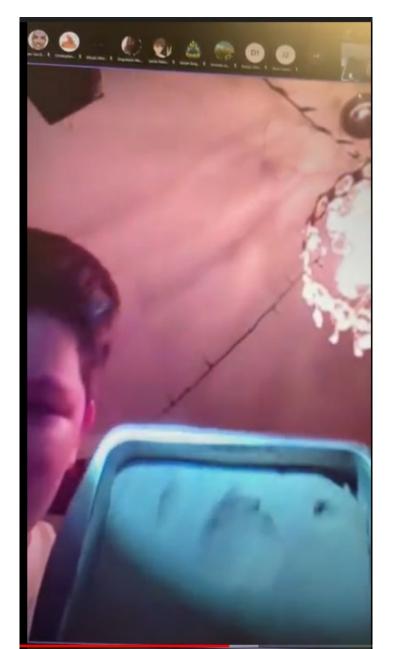
Students designing safety improvements (e.g., a green island as a buffer to protect the student pick-up zone).





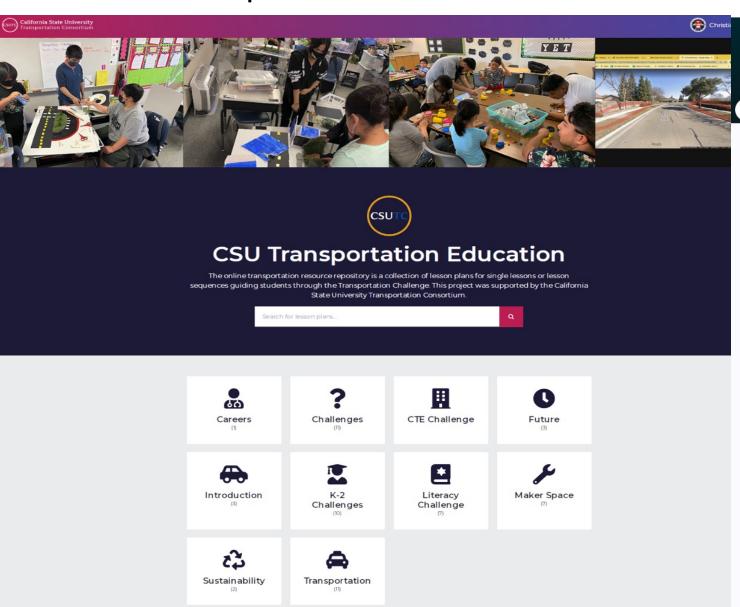
### Students in school and from home demonstrating their prototypes.







#### **CSU Transportation education Hub**



# CHALLENGES

#### Walking to School Challenge

■Category: Challenges ♥ 0 Lesson Set

- U Duration: 45 Minute(s)
- Grade(s): K 12th
- Number of Students: 20
- Enrichment Components: STEAM, Transportation

#### Description

The walking to school safely challenge is asking: How might we make walking to school safer? This challenge takes 4-6 lessons and guides students through a problem-based learning experience.



#### Objective

The objectives are: - students become more aware of walking safety - students become more aware of different modes of transportation - students become more aware of transportation-related careers - students develop a sense of agency - students develop a sense of civic engagement

#### Quality Standard

#### LESSON PLAN CREATED BY:



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#### Related Activities





#### Transportation Challenge-Lesson 1

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#### Transportation Challenge Lesson 2

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#### Transportation Challenge Lesson 4 BONUS Extension

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#### Transportation Challenge Lesson 7

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### Conclusion

There were 8 key research findings that can be summarized with the following three professional practice recommendations.

- 1. create an agile program that has a solid structural foundation with enough flexibility to be responsive to the needs of the students.
- 2. provide flexible asset-based support, that allows for the experience and expertise of the participating teachers to come through and leverages the existing technology resources.
- 3. Align the transportation outreach with academic standards that the teachers and educational leaders
  are focused on, so that they value the transportation related content as high-quality educational
  experiences that support and align with their other efforts.
- Teacher A: "I feel much better about the project. I handle the steps and the university brings the process and content expertise. I learn together with my elementary students."

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