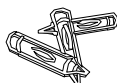


Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Why is this needed?

- Decreased walking/biking to school.
- Increased traffic congestion around schools and local roads.
- Less physical activity contributes to the obesity epidemic in children.
- Need coordinated effort to make a change.





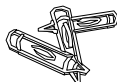
SRTS Components

A successful program must be comprehensive:

- Education
 - In-class curriculum.
- Engineering
 - Traffic calming; improved facilities.
- Enforcement
 - Greater police involvement.
- Encouragement
 - *International Walk to School* - Oct. 4, 2006

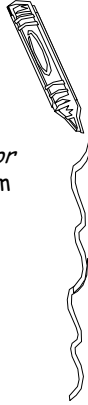
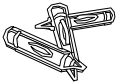
<http://www.walktoschool.org/>





SAFETEA-LU

- *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act* created a new SRTS program (Section 1404).
- Three main requirements of the law:
 - Implement SRTS program nationwide
 - Create Clearinghouse
 - Establish Task Force



Purpose of Program

- To enable and encourage children to walk & bike to school.
- Make biking & walking to school safer and more appealing.



Purpose

- Facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, air pollution, and fuel consumption in school vicinity.



Program Implementation

- State DOT responsible for program.
- State DOT must provide full-time coordinator
- Projects must be within approximately 2 miles of a primary or middle school (K - 8 grades).



Program Implementation

- Two funding categories:
 - Infrastructure Projects (70 - 90% of funds)
 - Non-Infrastructure Projects (10 - 30% funds)
- State DOTs encouraged to establish competitive application process.
- States may retain some funds to reach disadvantaged communities.
- Eligible grant recipients include:
 - State, local and regional agencies and non-profits.



Eligible Projects: Infrastructure

- Planning, design and construction:
 - Sidewalk improvements.
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction measures.
 - Ped/bike crossing improvements.



Eligible Projects: Infrastructure

- On-street bike facilities.
- Off-street ped/bike facilities.
- Bike parking facilities.
- Traffic diversion improvements.



Eligible Projects: Non-Infrastructure

- Public awareness campaigns.
- Outreach to press and community leaders.
- Traffic education and enforcement.



Eligible Projects: Non-Infrastructure

- Student sessions on ped/bike safety, health, and environment.
- Funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs.



How Much is Available?

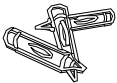
TOTAL = \$612 million:

- \$54 million (2005)
- \$100 million (2006)
- \$125 million (2007)
- \$150 million (2008)
- \$183 million (2009)



How are \$\$ Distributed?

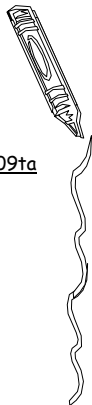
- Apportionments based on school enrollments in elementary and middle schools.
- \$1 million minimum per State per year.



State Allocations

- For the complete list:
 - <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/fy09table.pdf>.
- States:

California	\$68M
Texas	\$43M
New York	\$32M
(Colorado)	\$8.6M
(14 States)	\$5.0M



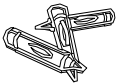
Other Potential SRTS Funding

- Increased Sec. 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grants
- FY 2003: \$156M
- FY 2005: \$163.7M
- FY 2009: \$235M
- (State allocations based on a funding formula.)
- List of State Highway Safety Offices:
 - <http://www.ghsa.org/html/links/highwaysafetywebsites.html>.



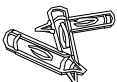
SRTS Clearinghouse

- Grant to national non-profit organization:
 - Operate clearinghouse.
 - Develop information and educational programs.
 - Provide technical assistance.



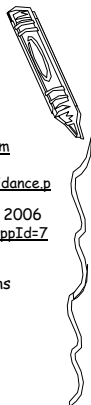
SRTS Task Force

- Shall be composed of leaders in health, transportation, and education.
- Study and develop strategy for advancing SRTS Programs nationwide.
- Report to Congress



Priorities and Target Dates

- List of State Coordinators:
 - <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/statecontacts.htm>
- SRTS Program Guidance:
 - <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/SRTSProgramGuidance.pdf>
- Clearinghouse: RFP (\$6M over 5 years) Issued Jan. 18, 2006
 - <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7644>
 - (Deadline for applying: Feb. 24, 2006)
 - Competition is restricted to non-profit organizations
- Task Force: TBD



For More Information

Federal Highway Safety Administration website:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center:

<http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/>

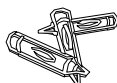
NHTSA Free Safety Materials:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

↳ Traffic Safety

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↳ Traffic Safety Materials Catalog



Watch Out for Those Slippery Pedestrians!