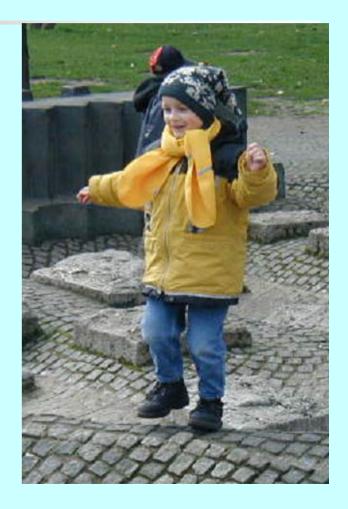


New York's Safe Routes to School Program

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Safe Routes to Schools Program Background

- Created August 10, 2005
- Section 1404 of SAFETEA-LU
- \$612 M for a nationwide Safe Routes to School program

 Target infrastructure and noninfrastructure projects that benefit children K-8

Safe Routes to Schools Program Background

NYS SRTS Funding Levels

- 2005 \$1,000,000 (actual)
- 2006 \$5,144,558 (actual)
- 2007 \$6,866,802 (projected)
- 2008 \$8,498,183 (projected)
- 2009 \$10,628,836 (projected)

Safe Routes to Schools The Purpose

- Promoting non-motorized travel trips to and from school
 - Walking
 - Bicycling
 - Including individuals with disabilities
- Normalizing physical activity as a regular daily routine
 - Encourage health and active lifestyles

Safe Routes to Schools Program Framework

- School districts in partnership with local municipalities
- 70% 90% Infrastructure
- 10% 30 % Non-infrastructure
- No local match
- 100% Federal Funds



Safe Routes to School Program Administration

- SRTS Program Administered by State DOT's
- Appoint SRTS Coordinator
- DOT to create non-traditional partnerships with:
 - Other State agencies
 - Local and regional agencies
 - Non-profit organization
 - School districts



Safe Routes to School Program Administration

- Considerations in structuring the SRTS Program at the State level:
 - Enable participation on a variety of levels
 - Make the program accessible to diverse participants
 - Promote comprehensive
 SRTS programs and activities
 - Maximize impact of the funds



Safe Routes to School Eligible Projects

Infrastructure

- Sidewalk improvements
- Traffic Calming
- Crossings
- Non-infrastructure
 - Traffic safety education
 - Enforcement
 - Training of crossing guards



Safe Routes to School Program Evaluation

Recommends ongoing review and evaluation of SRTS Projects:

- Safety benefits
- Behavioral Changes
- Other potential benefits
 - New partnerships created
 - Number of students participate
 - Infrastructure improvements



Safe Routes to School M.O. Roles and Responsibilities

• NYS DOT Main Office:

- Responsible for administering SRTS Program (to be administered similar to TEP)
- Develop program guidance and selection criteria
- Create program materials
 - A state SRTS web site
 - SRTS Brochure and education materials
 - Toolkits
 - Training

Safe Routes to School NYS DOT Regional Offices

- NYSDOT Regional Offices:
 - Will appoint a Regional SRTS Coordinator
 - Conduct education/training within their Region
 - Program application distribution
 - Application review/project prioritization

Safe Routes to School MPO Roles & Responsibilities

- MPO's:
 - Appoint a SRTS coordinator
 - Applications review / project prioritization
 - Place approved projects on TIP/STIP

Safe Routes to Schools M.O. Next Steps

- Next Steps:
 - Visit each NYS DOT Regional Office
 - SRTS Training in Fall 06
 - Web site with contact information
 - Finalize application and selection criteria
 - Target date first round Winter 06-07

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