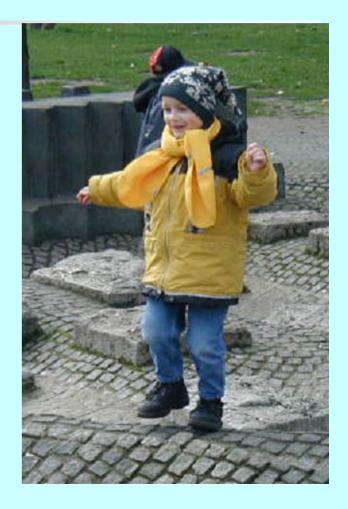


### New York's Safe Routes to School Program

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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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