Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)
**Purpose of SRTS**

The purpose of the SRTS Program is to:

- Enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, **to walk and bicycle to school**
- **To make walking and bicycling to school safer and more appealing**
- **To plan, develop, and implement projects that will improve** highway **safety** and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.
Inter-Agency Involvement

- ALDOT has partnered with ASDE (State Department of Education) and ADPH (State Department of Public Health) as joint venture to administer program

- ASDE/ADPH function in non-infrastructure portion of program (health/education awareness for children and parents)
Install bicycle parking facilities
Install street striping (crosswalks, bike lanes)
Install signs
Provide facilities to slow traffic
Install or improve sidewalks
Increase connectivity between locations
Develop off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
Improve handicapped accessibility
Improve other facilities that may be related to the goals of this program
The agencies may implement Statewide SRTS programs related to safety education, the healthy benefits of walking/biking, etc.

The agencies will contact each community that wins an Infrastructure award and offer education, training, etc. Such interaction will promote safe use of the facilities constructed with the Infrastructure award.

Communities have an opportunity to request non-infrastructure projects through the application procedures. As with infrastructure project proposals, these non-infrastructure proposals will be reviewed, ranked, and awarded through standard procedures.
ADPH/ASDE Non-Infrastructure Portion (cont.)

- Convene local meetings with SRTS advocates and partners
- Assist with expediting data collection and analysis
- Provide walking and biking safety flyers, fact sheets, and brochures
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Produce awareness and promotional materials
- Conduct walking/biking demonstrations and rodeos
- Sponsor structured walking/biking safety competitions and learning experiences
The 5 E’s of SRTS

Each SRTS infrastructure application or non-infrastructure request for assistance must be developed based on concepts that incorporate the 5-E’s of the Safe Routes to School Program:

- **Encouragement** - uses events and contests to entice students, teachers, parents, and the community to try walking and biking.
- **Education** - teaches students and the community important safety skills and launches neighborhood safety campaigns.
- **Engineering** - focuses on creating physical improvements to the infrastructure surrounding schools, reducing speeds, and establishing safer crosswalks and pathways.
- **Enforcement** - uses law enforcement to strengthen neighborhood highway safety concerns and activities.
- **Evaluation** - measures project activities to assure that project remains on time, on target, and in demand.
SRTS Jurisdiction/Eligibility

- The project area for SRTS infrastructure projects is limited to a two mile radius of an elementary or middle school, and all infrastructure projects submitted in an application must meet this requirement.

- Non-infrastructure projects do not have the two-mile requirement.

All funds for both project categories must be used to improve the ability of children to walk or bicycle to school.
- Can be approved for budget up to $150,000
- May involve more than 1 school
- May involve a program for all K-8 schools in district
- Applicant must declare status as either *urban* (within an MPO) or *non-urban/rural* (outside an MPO)
Funding for SRTS projects is **100% Federal Aid**, and no matching funds are required.

- **All preliminary costs** associated with project development (such as engineering or plans preparation) will be borne by the applicant. Additionally, **project oversight costs (CE&I) are not eligible project items**.

- **The SRTS program is a federal reimbursement program**, meaning all Infrastructure project cost must be incurred by the applicant. Reimbursement is then requested from ALDOT.

- **Using SRTS funds with other federal, state or local funds is encouraged, to maximize the benefit to the community.**
For further information (including the application process):

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