



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

August 19, 2009

**Texas  
Safe Routes  
to School  
Program**



# Children's Health Risks

Related to Physical Inactivity, Pedestrian Safety,  
& Air Quality

- Prevalence of **overweight** children has tripled.
- Sharp increase in cases of **Type 2 Diabetes** in children.
- **Pedestrian injuries** are the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children.
- **Asthma** rates have increased 160% in the past 15 years in children.



# Barriers to Walking and Bicycling to School



Community  
Design

Safety

Time and  
Convenience



# Reasons to Have a Safe Routes to School Program



# Texas Program Overview

- **Funding**
- **Getting Started**
  - SRTS Plan Requirement
- **Eligible projects**
  - Infrastructure
  - Non Infrastructure
- **Who Can Apply**
- **Program Timelines**



# Texas SRTS Funding



- In 2003 the 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature created two new specialty plates: “God Bless America” and “God Bless Texas.” \$32 from the sale of each plate is designated for use for the SRTS Program.



- The Texas Transportation Commission has approved federal SRTS programming funds through SAFETEA-LU (2005-2009) at \$37.6 million.



# Funding Terms & Conditions

- **Costs cannot be incurred until...**
  - Project is selected & approved by Commission
  - Local Project Advance Funding Agreement is executed
  - Federal Project Authorization Agreement is in place
  
- **Conditions...**
  - Title 23
  - ADA
  - Inclusion in TIP/STIP
  - On-system & Off-system Road Improvements
  - Bicycle Paths & Lanes
  - Letting Requirements



# How to get Started?



# Why are the 5 E's a Requirement?

- Establishes a comprehensive program by making sure that all of the 5 E's have been addressed
  - Engineering
  - Enforcement
  - Encouragement
  - Education
  - Evaluation
- Prioritizes projects and activities
- Builds community support and buy-in making the program more sustainable



# Non-Infrastructure Program

- Program and Plan Development
  - \$100,000 Maximum
- Plan Implementation



# What is a SRTS Plan?

- Describe existing conditions
- Identify existing problems
- Propose solutions
- Describe coordination efforts
- Detail evaluation methods



# Infrastructure Program

- Construction projects that support increased safety and convenience for elementary and middle school children to bicycle and walk to and from school
  - improvement must have been identified in a SRTS Plan
- On public right of way (or public easement) within two-mile radius of an eligible school
- Maximum \$500,000 per application



# Who Can Apply?

- **Infrastructure**
  - State agencies
  - Political subdivisions
- **Non-Infrastructure**
  - State agencies
  - Political subdivisions
  - Schools
  - School districts
  - Non-profit organizations
  - For-profit organizations



# Questions to be Answered?

- Do we have a developed SRTS Plan or should we apply for funds to develop a Plan?
- Do we have necessary staff to administer the funding?
- Do we have the funding to front the project costs until it is reimbursed?
- Do we have the funding in support of costs that can not be reimbursed?
- Do we have the resources to support the continuation of the program or project?



# 2009 Call for Projects

- Planned Program call to be published in Texas Register on August 28, 2009
  - **\$500,000** maximum award for Infrastructure projects
  - **\$100,000** maximum award for Non-Infrastructure projects



# 2007 Call for Projects Update



# 2007 Call for Projects Update

- TxDOT allocated \$44 million in Safe Routes to School funding for fiscal years 2005 to 2009
- Call for Projects issued by TxDOT January 19 – May 25, 2007
- Project evaluation by:
  - TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee
  - TxDOT Project Evaluation Committee
  - TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations
  - Final approval by the Texas Transportation Commission
- \$24.87 million approved for Texas Safe Routes to School programs
- 244 funded projects in 66 Texas communities
- Approved programs began contracting with TxDOT to receive funds in January 2008



# Types of Projects Funded

**Infrastructure projects: \*      \$ 22,187,392 awarded**

- State agencies and political subdivisions (city or county)

\*Existing SRTS plan required in order to apply

**Non-infrastructure projects:      \$2,481,561 awarded**

- state agencies, political subdivisions (city or county), schools, school districts, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations



# North Texas Infrastructure Projects Funded

District	County	Project Name	Work Type	Construction Funds Requested	Applicant
DAL	Dallas	Roberts Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 276,738	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Ireland Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 112,770	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	JP Starks Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 30,009	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	White Rock Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 312,837	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Weiss Elementary and Hulcy Middle	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 217,623	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Reinhardt Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 120,729	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Sarah Zumwalt Middle	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 215,938	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Burnet Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 221,354	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Lowe Elementary, Stone Elementary, Tasby Middle	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 221,354	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Truett Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 294,410	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Albert Sidnew Johnston Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 87,780	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Anson Jones Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 101,955	City of Dallas
DAL	Denton	Lakeview Elementary, Beck Elementary, Medlin Middle	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 407,302	Trophy Club
DAL	Navarro	Corsicana ISD	Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and School Zone Signs with Flashers	\$ 475,203	City of Corsicana
DAL	Navarro	Rice Jr. High	Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Signs	\$ 536,000	City of Rice
FTW	Tarrant	Silver Lake Elementary	Sidewalks	\$ 88,713	City of Grapevine
FTW	Tarrant	Bellaire Elementary	Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and School Zone Signs with Flashers	\$ 570,507	City of Hurst
FTW	Tarrant	Carroll Middle	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 36,136	City of Southlake
FTW	Tarrant	Carroll Elementary	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	\$ 19,000	City of Southlake

**DALLAS District Total \$ 3,632,002**

**FORT WORTH District Total \$ 714,356**

**Regional Total \$ 4,346,358**

**Statewide Total \$ 22,187,392**



# North Texas Non-Infrastructure Projects Funded

District	County	Project Name	Work Type	Construction Funds Requested	Applicant
DAL	Collin	Frisco ISD	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Frisco
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DAL	Dallas	Rusk Middle, Hernandez Elementary, Maple Lawn Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	William B. Miller	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	George Peabody Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Dan D. Rogers Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	María Moreno Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	E.B. Comstock Middle	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Fred Florence Middle	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Charles A. Gill Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	F. Botello Elementary, J. Bowie Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	John B. Hood Middle	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Edward Cary Middle	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Alex Sanger Elementary	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Burnet Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	George W. Truett Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Lowe Elementary, Stone Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Martin Weiss Elementary, D.A. Hulcy Middle	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Oran M. Roberts Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Anson Jones Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	John Ireland Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	White Rock Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Albert Sidney Johnston Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	J.P. Starks Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Reinhardt Elementary	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
DAL	Dallas	Sarah Zumwalt Middle	Public Information and Education	\$ 10,000	City of Dallas
FTW	Johnson	Alvarado ISD	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Alvarado
FTW	Parker	Aledo ISD	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Aledo
FTW	Tarrant	Keller ISD	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Keller
FTW	Tarrant	Birdville ISD	Develop SRTS Program and Plan	\$ 10,000	City of Richland Hills

<b>DALLAS District Total</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>
<b>FORT WORTH District Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,481,561</b>



# Resources



# Internet Resources

- Texas Safe Routes to School website

[www.saferoutestx.org/parents.php](http://www.saferoutestx.org/parents.php)

- National Center for Safe Routes to School Clearinghouse

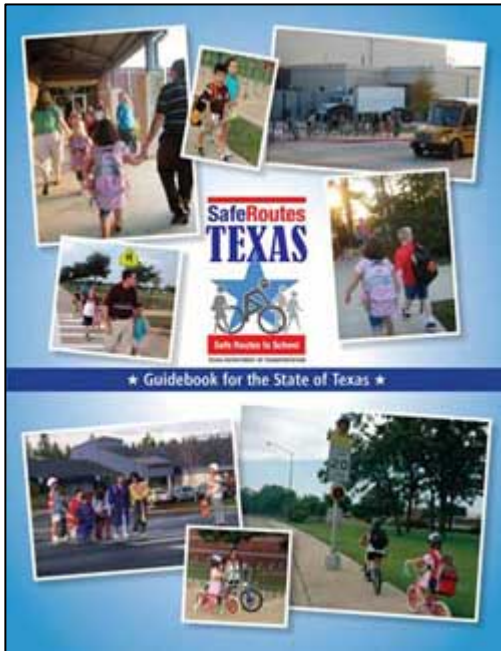
[www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

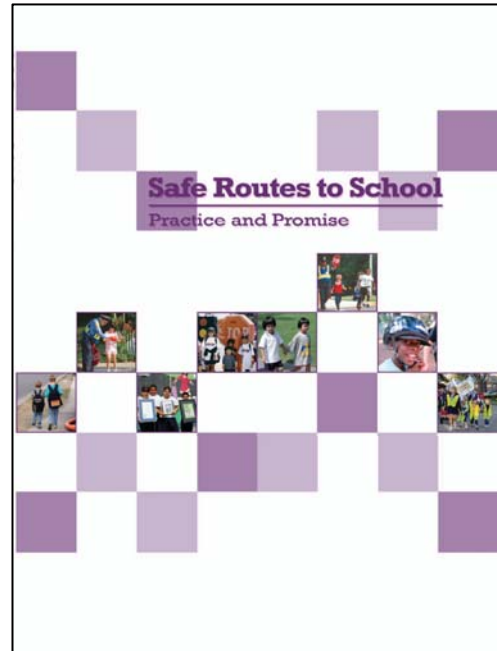


# Resource Guidebooks



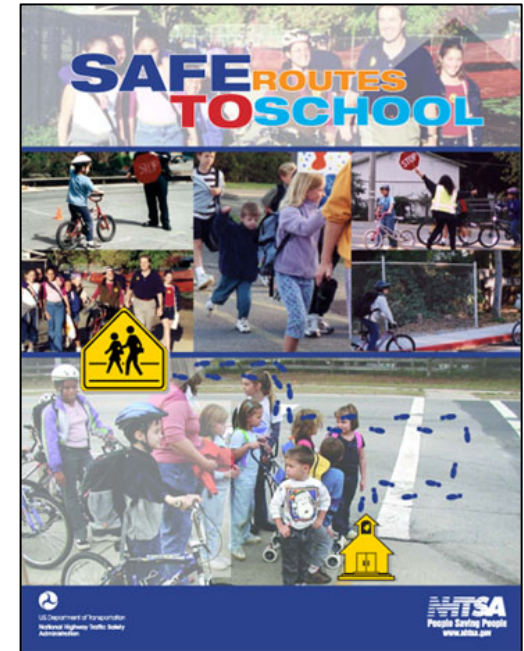
[Guidebook for the State of Texas](http://www.saferoutestx.org/guidebook.php)

<http://www.saferoutestx.org/guidebook.php>



[Safe Routes to School: Practice and Promise](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/Safe-Routes-2004/)

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[Safe Routes to School Toolkit \(USDOT; NHTSA\)](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/Safe-Routes-2002/)

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# Presentation on the 2009 Program Call

- NCTCOG will be hosting a presentation on the 2009 Texas Safe Routes to School Program Call by the Texas Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Carol Campa, during the month of September. Please check our website regularly for updates as they become available at...

[www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/bikeped/](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/bikeped/)



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[www.txdot.gov/safety/safe\\_routes/default.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/safety/safe_routes/default.htm)

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# Question & Answer Session



Thank you!

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