



Safe Routes to School

Changing the Habits of an Entire
Generation

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What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?

- Federally funded program to encourage walking and bicycling
- Funded by SAFETEA-LU from FY2005-FY2009
 - Nationally - \$612 Million
 - Illinois - \$23.4 Million (estimate based on population of children grades K-8)



Goals of Safe Routes

- To encourage and enable kids to walk and cycle to school
- To make active transportation more appealing to children and parents
- To improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution around schools



Safe Routes Requirements

- Set forth by the National Center for Safe Routes to School and by Illinois Public Act 94-0493
- Open to governmental entities and non-profit organizations
- Must benefit children grades K-8



Safe Routes Funding

- 100% Reimbursement
- No Local Match Required
- Funds must be used for:
 - Infrastructure = 70%
 - Non-Infrastructure = 10%
 - Discretionary (either) = 20%



How Safe Routes Works

- **SRTS funds improvements to the 5 E's**
 - **Engineering**
 - **Education**
 - **Enforcement**
 - **Evaluation**
 - **Encouragement**



What is IDOT Doing?

- January 30 – February 28, 2007
 - Call for Projects
 - 13 SRTS Trainings Statewide
 - 600 Attendees
- March 1, 2007
 - Call for Projects Opened
- May 31, 2007
 - School Travel Plan Deadline
 - 160 Plans Received/Approved



What is IDOT Doing?

- June 29, 2007
 - Application Deadline
 - 298 Applications Received
 - 1044 Individual Projects
 - \$77.7 Million Requested
- Summer 2007
 - Projects Under Review



What is IDOT Doing?

- September 2007
 - Recommendations Made for Project Funding (tentative)
- Fall 2007
 - Project Announcements (tentative)
- Fall 2007 – Spring 2008
 - Program Updates and Adjustments
- Fall 2008
 - Second Cycle Begins (tentative)



Questions and More Information...

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