



Program Overview // Infrastructure Funding



Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- Work with schools, communities, students, and families to increase active transportation among elementary and middle school students in the Commonwealth
- Federally funded program
 - Established in 2005 as part of SAFETEA-LU
 - Funded today with Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds



SRTS Program Overview

- The “six e’s”
 - Education
 - Encouragement
 - Enforcement
 - Evaluation
 - Equity
 - Engineering



Education

- Give schools & communities the resources to empower smart and safe pedestrians and bicyclists through education
 - Bike Rodeos
 - Lesson Plans
 - Parent Flyers and Tip Sheets
 - School/parent courses & forums



Encouragement

- Organize programs and events that encourage students, parents, teachers, and the local community to choose active and safe modes of transportation
 - Flagship events
 - Walking school buses/bike trains
 - Providing “favors” at events
 - Free helmet fittings



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Enforcement

- Partner with local police, safety officers, and school resource officers to enhance the safety of students who walk and bike
 - Enforcement of stop signs and speed limits
 - Crossing Guard Training



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Evaluation

- Evaluate the physical transportation environment, as well as how community members interact with that environment
 - Active Transportation Assessment
 - Parent travel survey
 - Student surveys



Equity

- Work to support safe, active, and healthy opportunities for children in all communities regardless of ability, socio-economic status, or race
 - Equity lens/equal distribution of services



Engineering

- Changes to the built environment through engineering improvements
- Offer funding to improve walking and biking conditions near schools
 - Signs and Lines
 - Infrastructure Projects



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Infrastructure Project Funding

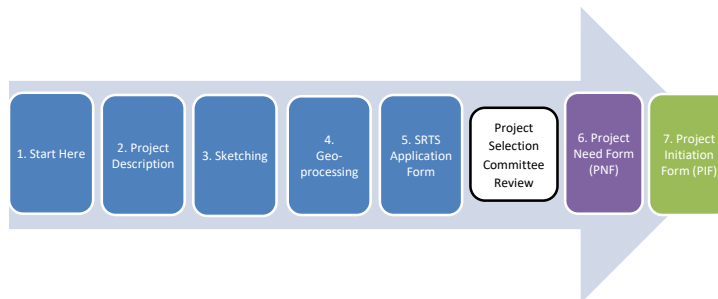
- Application period coming in November 2018
- New application format
 - Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT)

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Infrastructure Project Funding

- Streamlines and simplifies application process
 - Online format
 - MaPIT data pre-fill
- Requires coordination with municipalities
 - Municipal “Co-Applicant”
- Application accompanied by Guidance Document



Infrastructure Project Funding: Process

- Application period open for 45 days
- Submissions reviewed by SRTS Project Selection Committee
 - Comprised of various MassDOT main office staff
 - Projects are selected based on scoring and discussion
- Selected projects advanced to complete PNF & PIF
 - Filled out by community MaPIT representative
 - MassDOT consultant assists municipality with completion
 - Coordination between MassDOT, municipality, and applicant
- Projects presented to Project Review Committee for approval
 - Programmed into State Transportation Improvement Program

Infrastructure Project Funding: Eligibility

- Schools must partner with the SRTS program for at least 6 months before applying
 - Demonstrated commitment to SRTS is important
 - Partners are listed at www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school
- Projects must be within 2 miles of a school
- Projects must be for K-8 students
- Public and charter schools are eligible (not private)



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Infrastructure Project Funding: Examples

Eligible

- Sidewalk improvements
- Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
- Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
- On-street bicycle facilities
- Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Secure bicycle parking facilities
- Traffic diversion improvements

Not Eligible

- Reoccurring costs
- Pavement maintenance
- Vehicle travel lane improvements
- School bus improvement projects
- Portable enforcement equipment
- Gifts

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Infrastructure Project Funding: Examples



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Infrastructure Project Funding: Examples

Before



After



Before



After



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