

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Public Works Director to apply for Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program Funds for the Greeley Hill Phase II Walkway Project in the amount of \$665,302.

The purpose of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) funding is to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that remove the barriers that currently prevent them from doing so. Those barriers include lack of infrastructure, unsafe infrastructure, lack of programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs aimed at children, parents, and the community.

California's share of these funds for Cycle 8 is approximately \$48.5 million. There is a 10% county match for this funding. The application deadline is April 15, 2009.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In 2005 the Board authorized the Public Works Director to apply for Safe Route to School funding for the Greeley Hill Pedestrian Walkway Project. In 2004 the Board authorized design of the project. Roger Stephens Engineering completed this work. The Greeley Hill Sidewalks were identified as a County project as early as 1992 when the County first obtained Proposition 116 funds for sidewalks and other pedestrian related projects following the fatal accident on Holtzel involving a student. Currently, Public Works is completing the environmental phase of High Risk Rural Road funding that was allocated for Phase I of the project.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Approve; or
2. If the application is not submitted the County will not be eligible for funding from this source.

Financial Impact? () Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		
Source:		1. Announcement
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-124 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

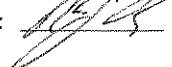
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: 

**CALTRANS DIVISION OF
LOCAL ASSISTANCE**

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Safe Routes to School Programs



Announcements:

1/15/09 Call for Cycle 8 State-Legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) projects with \$48.50 million.

Go to [SR2S](#) webpage for the Guidelines and Application Form. Submit original application and one copy to your Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer by **4/15/09**. Contact information: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/dlae.htm

What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School is an international movement that has taken hold in communities throughout the United States. The concept is to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that remove the barriers that currently prevent them from doing so. Those barriers include lack of infrastructure, unsafe infrastructure, lack of programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs aimed at children, parents, and the community.

Why is Safe Routes to School important?

Thirty years ago, 60% of children living within a 2-mile radius of a school walked or bicycled to school. Today, that number has dropped to less than 15%. Roughly 25% commute by school bus, and well over half are driven to/from school in vehicles. And back then, 5% of children between the ages of 6 and 11 were considered to be overweight or obese. Today, that number has climbed to 20%. These statistics point to a rise in preventable childhood diseases, worsening air quality and congestion around schools, and missed opportunities for children to grow into self reliant, independent adults.

Safe Routes to School Programs are intended to reverse these trends by funding projects that improve safety and efforts that promote walking and bicycling within a collaborative community framework. It is through local champions working with a coalition of parents, schools, professionals in transportation, engineering, health, law enforcement, that the most sustainable projects are expected to emerge.

How to get started

While every community is unique, the basic steps to consider prior to submitting an application for Safe Routes to School funds are:

- Identify community stakeholders and form a multidisciplinary team of partners committed to working together in developing a community vision, developing project applications, and implementing those projects if selected for funding.
- Inventory and identify safety needs/hazards around schools; get information and seek out resources; and propose alternatives that would correct those needs/hazards.
- Prioritize alternatives and adopt the best alternative that proposes short-term and long-term safety solutions in the form of projects.
- Develop a plan.
- Submit an application to secure funding for project within that plan.

Program Features	State-Legislated Program - SR2S	Federal Program - SRTS
Legislative Authority	Streets & Highways Code Section 2330-2334	Section 1404 in SAFETEA-LU

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Attachment #1

Expires	AB 57 extends program indefinitely	SAFETEA-LU expires in September 30, 2009
Eligible Applicants	Cities and counties	State, local, and regional agencies experienced in meeting federal transportation requirements. Non-profit organizations, school districts, public health departments, and Native American Tribes must partner with a city, county, MPO, or RTPA to serve as the responsible agency for their project.
Eligible Projects	Infrastructure projects	Stand-alone infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects
Local Match	10% required	None
Project Completion Deadline	Within 4 state FYs after project funds are allocated	Within 4 federal FYs after funds are obligated
Restriction on Infrastructure Projects	Must be located in the vicinity of a school	Infrastructure projects must be within 2 miles of a grade school or middle school
Targeted Beneficiaries	Children in grades K-12	Children in grades K-8
Cycles Completed	7 cycles	2 cycles
Current Status	A call for Cycle 8 (FY 08/09 and 09/10) projects was announced on 1/15/09; applications are due on 4/15/09	Cycle 2 projects list approved in October, 2008
Funding	\$48.50M worth of projects will be selected in Cycle 8	\$46M was available in Cycle 2

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