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Safe Routes to School applications being accepted for federally-funded 2022 grants Funds support projects to encourage walking and biking to K-8 schools

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the grant solicitation period for the 2022 Safe Streets to School (SRTS) program is open, with applications being accepted starting today, Tuesday, May 25 through October 14, 2021.

"As part of NJDOT's commitment to communities, we work with the three regional planning authorities to provide federal funding to counties and municipalities for local transportation projects that improve safety and strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation system," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "Safe Routes to School grants provide resources to local communities throughout New Jersey to enhance our sidewalks and crosswalks that allow our children to safely walk or bike to school, without the need to impact local property taxes."

The SRTS program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program and is administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

SRTS grants are available for infrastructure projects that encourage and enable K-8 students to walk and bike safely to school. Proposed project improvements must be within a two-mile radius of a K-8 school. SRTS facilitates the planning, development and implementation of projects that improve safety and air quality, as well as reduce traffic and fuel consumption around schools.

NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center provides a central warehouse for local government managers by providing hands-on resources for the application process, raising awareness of grant cycles and proactively communicating program information.

For more information, visit the <u>Safe Routes to Schools web page</u>, the Local Aid Resource Center at <u>www.njdotlocalaidrc.com</u>; email <u>DOT-LocalAID.ResourceCenter@dot.nj.gov</u> or call 609.649.9395. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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