

Safe Routes to Schools

FY2007 Request: \$1,200,000

Reference No: 41384

AP/AL: Allocation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Appropriation: Statewide Federal Programs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Preparation of a plan to: focus program funds for school educational programs to promote safety and encourage students walking or bicycling to school, and to identify construction projects that will facilitate pedestrian or bicycle traffic from neighborhoods to schools. Provide outreach and education about safe pedestrian and bicycle travel near schools. Implement construction projects identified in the planning process. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,200,000						\$1,200,000
Total:	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None.

Project Description/Justification:

Safe Routes to Schools coordination for Alaska per SAFETEA-LU, Section 1404, and implement the educational and outreach portion of the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Step 1 will be to prepare a plan to:

- focus program funds for school educational programs to promote safety and encourage students walking or bicycling to school.
- identify construction projects that will facilitate and substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school.

The plan must include coordination with school systems, police agencies, parent groups and other groups interested in promoting school children walking and bicycling to school.

Step 2 will be plan implementation:

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- Construction projects eligible under this program are: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bike parking, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools (within approximately 2 miles). Such projects may be carried out on any public road or any bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail in the vicinity of schools.
- Each State must use a portion of the funds for noninfrastructure-related activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school. These include public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders, traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and training, volunteers, and managers of safe routes to school programs.