

# SRTS 101

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## **Program History:**

- *Federal-aid program – administered by FHWA, Office of Safety*
- *Established August 2005*
- *Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act*
- *Provides Federal-aid highway funds to State DOTs over 5 Federal fiscal years (FY2005-2009)*
- *100% federal funding  
No local match required*
- *\$612 million nationwide  
\$16.9 million for GA*



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## **Program Purpose:**

1. *Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.*
2. *Promote pedestrian and bike safety and more appealing transportation alternative.*
3. *Encourage healthy and active lifestyles at an early age.*
4. *Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.*



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## SRTS 5 E's

- Engineering
  - Education
  - Encouragement
  - Enforcement
  - Evaluation
- Infrastructure
- Kimley-Horn Associates  
Engineering Design Firm
- Non-Infrastructure
- Resource Center



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Education</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Bicycle Safety Training or Information</li><li>◦ Pedestrian Safety Training or Information</li><li>◦ Health &amp; Physical Education</li><li>◦ Environmental or Transportation Choice Information or Activities</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Enforcement</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Student Safety Patrol</li><li>◦ School Bike/Ped Safety Policies</li><li>◦ Local Law Enforcement</li><li>◦ Crossing Guards</li><li>◦ Installation of Speed Reduction Signs &amp; Devices</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Encouragement</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Walking School Buses</li><li>◦ Bike Trains</li><li>◦ Walk and Roll to School Days</li><li>◦ School SRTS-Related Assemblies</li><li>◦ Bike or Pedestrian Clubs at School</li></ul></li></ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Evaluation</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Traffic Counts</li><li>◦ Speed Surveys</li><li>◦ Parent/Student Surveys</li><li>◦ Participant Counts</li><li>◦ Documentation of Completed Tasks</li></ul></li></ul>  |



## ***SRTS Program Activities***

Infrastructure Activities	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kimley-Horn is GDOT consultant for design and implementation of infrastructure projects.</li> </ul>	<i>October 2008</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Infrastructure Projects</li> </ul>	<i>October 13 – December 12</i>
Non-Infrastructure Activities	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Currently negotiating contract with selected firm for Georgia's SRTS Resource Center.</li> <li>▪ The Center will be a One Stop Shop:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SRTS Website</li> <li>▪ 800 Number</li> <li>▪ Provide SRTS Training &amp; Technical Assistance (i.e., bike/ped safety training, develop SRTS plans for schools)</li> <li>▪ Conduct SRTS Outreach &amp; Marketing</li> <li>▪ Design SRTS Program Evaluations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Resource Center will be established by <i>Early 2009.</i>



## ***Georgia SRTS Funding Facts***

Question	Answer
Who can apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Local Governments and School Districts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One application may include multiple schools.</li> <li>▪ Projects must be within 2 miles of K-8 school.</li> <li>▪ Public and private schools are eligible.</li> <li>▪ Project schools must be actively engaged in SRTS activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Is there a funding limit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>\$500,000 per application</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Up to 10 applications per organization</b></li> </ul>
How are projects implemented?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GDOT will conduct all PE for the awarded projects and will prepare projects for GDOT letting.</li> <li>▪ GDOT will coordinate with the local transportation or public works department and school district on the project design.</li> </ul>



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***Selected City/County must:***

- *Agree to all project design and implementation by GDOT*
- *Provide regular maintenance on the new SRTS infrastructure*

***Selected Project Schools must:***

- *Enroll with GA's SRTS Resource Center*
- *Engage in Non-Infrastructure SRTS activities*
- *Participate in GDOT's Evaluation process*



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***Application Review Timeline***

ACTION	DATE
Application Submission Deadline	▪ December 12, 2008 (postmarked)
Initial Review <i>(Eligibility &amp; Completeness)</i>	▪ December 2008 – January 2009
SRTS Panel Review <i>(Technical Review)</i>	▪ January 2009 – February 2009
Selection & Notification	▪ March 2009



## ***Eligible Projects***

### **Types of Eligible Projects:**

- *Sidewalk improvements (including ADA upgrades)*
- *Traffic calming & 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*

### **Types of Ineligible Projects:**

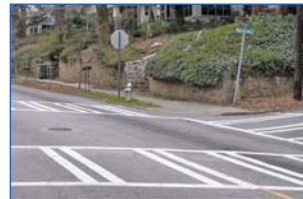
- *Acquisition of right of way*
- *Repair of traffic lane pavement (unless new/upgraded bike facility)*
- *Compensation of crossing guards*
- *Purely cosmetic upgrades or routine maintenance of bike/ped facilities*
- *School bus or bus stop related improvements*



## ***Eligible Projects***

### **Examples of pedestrian friendly projects for streets crossings**

- *Traffic and pedestrian signals*
- *Marked crosswalks*
- *Pedestrian signage*



## ***Eligible Projects***

### More examples of street crossing projects:

- ***Curb radii treatment***
- ***Raised medians***
- ***ADA ramps***



*Example of tight curb radius*



*Example of wide curb radius*



## ***Eligible Projects***

### Examples of sidewalk projects

- ***Gap closures***
- ***ADA upgrades***
- ***Sidewalks and Shared Use Paths***



## ***Eligible Projects***

### ***Examples of speed reduction and traffic calming projects***

- ***Speed humps***
- ***Speed monitoring devices***
- ***Bike lanes***
- ***Curb extensions***
- ***Lane narrowing***



## ***Eligible Projects***

### ***Examples of Pedestrian Safety Projects:***

- ***Guard rail***
- ***Lighting along school route***



## ***Eligible Projects***

### Examples of bicycle projects:

- ***Bicycle lanes***
- ***Shared use paths***
- ***Shared lane markings***



## ***Eligible Projects***

### Examples of bicycle projects:

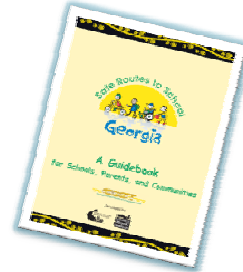
- ***Bicycle signage***
- ***Bicycle parking***
- ***Bicycle safety projects***



## ***Additional Resources***

### **Georgia SRTS Guidebook**

- Chapter 1 – Introduction to Safe Routes to School
- Chapter 2 – Getting Started
- Chapter 3 – The Safe Routes to School Plan: Gathering Information
- Chapter 4 – The Safe Routes to School Plan: Writing the Action Plan
- Chapter 5 – Funding Your Program
- Chapter 6 – Working With School Communities
- Chapter 7 – Engineering Activities
- Chapter 8 – Enforcement Activities
- Chapter 9 – Education Activities
- Chapter 10 – Encouragement Activities
- Chapter 11 – Evaluation
- Appendix
  - Sample Surveys
  - Sample Flyers
  - Sample SRTS Action Plan
  - Sample Evaluation Checklists
  - And much more...



#### **Available online:**

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/srts/Pages/TrainingandResources.aspx>



## ***Additional Resources***

### **Georgia SRTS Website**

[www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/srts](http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/srts)

### **National Center for SRTS**

[www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)

### **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes>



# QUESTIONS?

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