What is Safe Routes to School?

Program aimed at increasing the number of students who walk and bike to school

- Improving safety along walking and bicycling routes
- Encouraging more children (and their parents!) to walk and bike to school
Elements of SRTS programs

Transportation problems are complex, requiring a comprehensive approach.

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation
Role of Virginia’s SRTS Program

VDOT provides support through funding, technical assistance and other resources to promote:

- participation on a variety of levels
- strong funding applications
- comprehensive local programs and activities
- participation in urban, suburban, and rural communities
- sustainable local programs
- maximum impact of available funds
Virginia’s SRTS Program

- Approximately $22.5 million apportioned 2005 – 2012 (SAFETEA-LU)
- Obligated through 2012:
  - 65 Infrastructure Projects
  - 39 Non-Infrastructure Projects
  - 19 Planning Grants
  - Totaling $17 million
- $4.3 million expected to be awarded this summer
- $1.2 million remaining (entirely non-infrastructure)
## Federal Legislation

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Non-Infrastructure Grants

- VDOT-approved SRTS Activities and Programs Plan
- Must be comprehensive (4 E’s)
- Schools, school divisions and non-profits can apply
- Minimum grant is $5,000
- Maximum is $100,000 if multiple schools

🌟 Winter 2013-2014
QuickStart Mini-grants

- $1,000 mini-grants to schools and non-profits
- Easy access to SRTS funds
- Regular application and award cycles
- No SRTS Plan required
- Typically complete funded activities within 90 days of award

Next application deadlines

🌟 April 18, 2013    🌟 May 16, 2013
QuickStart Mini-grants

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