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To: Grantees
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Subject: Safe Routes to School Program Grant Application

Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, Public Law 109-59 implemented a nationwide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The Missouri's Safe Routes to School Program will be administered through Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Division.

The purposes of the program are - (1) to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;(2) to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and (3) to 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.

The Highway Safety Division has scheduled SRTS Grant Application Meetings for schools applying for the SRTS grants. Grant applications will be accepted online beginning November 1st with a deadline of January 31, 2007. Hard copies of the original signed application will need to be sent to this office. If you are unable to attend a Grant Application Meeting, applications and procedures may be acquired after November 1st on the Missouri Department of Transportation website www.modot.mo.gov. From the website, go to the Safety tab, Highway Safety, click on Safe Routes to School, then click on the Grant Opportunities link.

Due to the complexity of federal laws, some schools may need a partner to help them apply for infrastructure projects. Therefore, it is suggested that school's contact the organization they will partner with to attend the meetings also.

The targeted audience expected for the meetings are school representatives and/or state agencies, local agencies, regional agencies, or nonprofit organizations that will partner with the schools to apply for grants.

If your school is interested in applying for funding, regional SRTS grant application meetings will be held in each of the ten MoDOT districts (see enclosed registration form for locations). You can register for a meeting by completing the enclosed registration form and mailing or faxing the form to the Highway Safety Division. Deadline for registration is October 20, 2006.

If you have any questions, contact Todd Messenger at 573-751-3320 or 1-800-800-2358.

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