



# Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program



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## Safe Routes to School

The Federally funded SRTS program's purpose is to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; 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 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.

### Infrastructure Program Elements

- Assessments of 40 schools in 3 rounds
- Round 1 – 13 schools assessed
- Round 2 – Requests due 11/07/08
- Round 3 – Anticipated in 2009
- Project evaluation and identification
- Design and construction
- Evaluation and reporting

## The Massachusetts Approach

The program, led by the Executive Office of Transportation, is composed of an education/encouragement component (managed by MassRIDES) and an infrastructure component (managed by TEC, Inc.) to identify potential infrastructure projects that, when completed, will lead to increases in walking and bicycling within 1 mile of the school and will improve safety for those currently traveling by bicycle or on foot.

### Candidate Projects

- Sidewalks (new and reconstructed)
- Multi-use path connections
- Curb extensions
- Raised crosswalks
- ADA-compliant curb ramps
- Pedestrian warning lights
- School zone warning signs
- Signs and pavement markings

