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## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Application closed Competitive

The Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a federally-funded reimbursement program that was established in August 2005 by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

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## Who is Eligible



- New Jersey Municipalities  
0
- New Jersey Counties  
0
- New Jersey Schools (including charter and private provided project is in public right-of-way)  
0
- New Jersey Boards of Education  
0

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## Program Benefits

- ✓ Enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school
- ✓ Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age
- ✓ Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution near schools.

## Selection Criteria



### Location

Located within an Urban Aid Community or a Schools Development Authority (SDA) District.



### Past Commitments

Commitment to walking and bicycling through implementation of SRTS events and programs at least at the Bronze level for the past two years.



### School Travel Plan

Element of a completed School Travel Plan.



### Supporting Policies

Benefiting school has a written policy supporting walking and bicycling to school, including a School Wellness Policy, or the municipality has adopted a Complete Streets Policy.



### Other Transportation Modes

A railroad crossing or highway ramp crossing will be improved as part of the project.



### Improve Connections

Connects to an existing local or regional bicycle or pedestrian network.



### Improve Safety

Improvements enhance the safety of students walking or bicycling to school.



### Increase Walking & Biking

Impact to mode choice which may increase the number of students walking or bicycling to school.



### Community Support

Community Support from those other than the applicant and local elected officials.



#### Project Profile

### Margate SRTS Infrastructure Improvement, Margate City

The Margate SRTS Infrastructure Improvement Plan was developed to create safe walking and bicycling routes to the William H. Ross Elementary School and Eugene A. Tighe Middle School in Margate. The June 2015 Margate School Travel Plan identified walking routes along Amherst Avenue, Huntington Avenue, Winchester Avenue, and Monmouth Avenue, but also identified three “problematic intersections” due to their confusing geometry and lack of pedestrian elements. Each intersection was skewed with multiple legs and large turning radii that enable high speed vehicle turns and also lacked pedestrian features such as crosswalks, curb ramps, and signage on most legs. Pedestrian improvements were developed for the intersections of Fulton/North Huntington, Amherst/North Huntington, and Amherst/Gladstone, including median islands to calm traffic, improve visibility, and shorten crossing distances; high-visibility crosswalks across all intersecting legs; and additional stop control for both intersecting and through streets. These

improvements create a safer and more predictable environment for children who wish to walk or bike to both schools. They also facilitate better crossing guard safety and management at the two intersections where crossing guards are located (Amherst/North Huntington and Amherst/Gladstone).



## Program Documents

- Safe Routes to School Handbook (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/Uploads/2022-srts-handbook-06-10-2021.pdf>)
- Safe Routes to School FAQ (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/Uploads/2022srtsgrantfaq06-10-2021.pdf>)
- Safe Routes to School Sample Application (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/Uploads/2022-srts-sample-application-06-14-2021.pdf>)



## How to Apply for a Federal Project

Applications must be made through the **SAGE system** ([https://njsage.intelligrants.com/login2.aspx?APPTHEME=NJSAGE\\_DOT](https://njsage.intelligrants.com/login2.aspx?APPTHEME=NJSAGE_DOT)). **Instructions** (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/Uploads/njdot-sage-instructions.pdf>) are available. The major components are the Scope of Work, explaining how the project meets each of the criteria, and the Data Sheet. All applications must include maps, and photos are encouraged to show expected project achievements. All applications are scored based in part on the online applications and supporting documentation.



## Past Safe Routes to School Recipients

- 2022 Safe Routes to School Recipients (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/Uploads/2022-srts-recipients-1.pdf>)
- 2018 Safe Routes to School Recipients (<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/perch/resources/2018-srts-recipients.pdf>)

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