



# Safe Routes to School Program

# FACT SHEET

- The Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is a Federal-Aid program of the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. The program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The legislation makes available \$612 million in Federal funds. Each state receives a portion of the funds based on the percentage of the national total of school-aged children in grades K-8.
- Since the federal program started in 2005, Caltrans has awarded \$91 million for 219 Safe Routes to School projects. SRTS funds can be used for both Infrastructure projects, which include safety improvements like new sidewalks, bike trails, and marked crosswalks. The funding also allows for Non-Infrastructure projects such as education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that promote safe walking and bicycling to school.
- The Department of Transportation (LADOT) was awarded two federal Safe Routes to School Program grants through Caltrans in the amount of \$750,003 (\$499,003 in Cycle 1 FFY07-08 and \$251,000 in Cycle 2 FFY08-09) under the non-infrastructure portion of the program. LADOT will implement the SRTS Cycle 2 program at 12 elementary schools in South Los Angeles. These schools include:
 

• Accelerated School	Ascot Elementary
• 49th Avenue Elementary	66th Elementary
• Main Street Elementary	Nevin Elementary
• Normandie Elementary	San Pedro Elementary
• 61st Elementary	20th St. Elementary
• Trinity elementary	West Vernon Elementary
- The Safe Routes to School program has been instrumental in responding to problems created by a growing reliance on motor vehicles for student transportation, resulting in adverse traffic congestion, poorer student health and environmental pollution. SRTS has shown effective ways to decrease traffic congestion, reduce traffic-related child injuries and fatalities, improve student health and physical activity, improve air quality and increase walking and bicycling safety and access.

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