



## GEORGIA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM Infrastructure Application Form

### NOTE TO APPLICANT

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will conduct all Preliminary Engineering for the awarded projects and prepare projects for GDOT letting. GDOT will coordinate with the local transportation or public works department and school district on the design of the project. The applicant/sponsor is **not** responsible for designing or letting the projects. No local match or in-kind services are required.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Eligible Applicants:

1. Applicants must be a school district or a city or county government to apply for infrastructure funds. Applicants must have the legal authority to sign maintenance agreements with the Department of Transportation.
2. Projects must serve schools (public or private) with students in kindergarten through eighth grades.
3. Projects must be located within a two mile radius of the school.
4. Each school must be actively engaged in non-infrastructure SRTS activities (e.g. SRTS Plan, Education, Encouragement and/or Enforcement activities).

#### Eligible Projects:

1. All infrastructure projects must meet GDOT and AASHTO design guidelines. **GDOT should be consulted prior to submitting application for projects on state highways. Contact the Safe Routes to School Coordinator.**
2. Projects must be within the public right of way. This may include projects on private land that have permanent public access easements. Public property includes lands that are owned by a public entity, including those lands owned by public school districts.
3. Below is a list of eligible infrastructure projects. Other types of projects that are not on this list may also be eligible if they meet the objectives of reducing speeds and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and access. Certain facilities or treatments may not be appropriate for every location or roadway type.
  - a. Sidewalk improvements: new sidewalks, sidewalk gap closures, curbs, gutters, and curb ramps, upgrades to meet ADA compliance.
  - b. Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements: roundabouts, curb extensions, chicanes, speed humps, raised crossings, raised intersections, medians, median refuge island, narrowed traffic lanes, lane reductions, automated speed enforcement, vehicle speed feedback signs, and variable speed limits.
  - c. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements: crosswalks, raised median and median refuge islands, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, curb extensions, traffic control devices (including new or upgraded traffic signals, pavement markings, in-roadway crosswalk lights, flashing beacons, bicycle-sensitive signal actuation devices, pedestrian countdown signals, accessible pedestrian signals, pedestrian-activated signal upgrades, and leading pedestrian indicators), and sight distance improvements.
  - d. On-street bicycle facilities (new or upgraded): bicycle lanes, paved roadway shoulders, bicycle related traffic signs and pavement markings.
  - e. Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities: multi-use trails, side paths, and trail links (e.g., connecting cul-de-sacs to a school or to a school route).
  - f. Secure bicycle parking facilities: bicycle parking racks, bicycle lockers, designated areas with safety lighting, and covered bicycle shelters.
  - g. Traffic diversion improvements: separation of pedestrians and bicycles from vehicular traffic adjacent to school facilities, and diversion of traffic away from school zones or designated walking or biking routes to a school.

#### Ineligible Projects:

1. Acquisition of right-of-way.
2. Construction and improvements of pick-up/drop-off areas, unless it can be demonstrated that it increases the number of children biking or walking to/from school or improves the safety of children biking/walking to/from school.
3. Repair of traffic lane pavement (unless it's a new or upgraded bike facility).
4. Purely cosmetic upgrades or routine maintenance of existing bicycle or pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks, multi-use trails, bike lanes). Note: ADA upgrades **are** eligible.