

California's two Safe Routes to School funding programs

Caltrans administers funding for Safe Routes to School projects through two separate and distinct programs: the state-legislated Program (**SR2S**) and the federally-legislated Program (**SRTS**). Both are competitive reimbursement programs that seek the same goal of increasing the number of children who walk or bicycle to school but differ in some important respects. See table below for a program comparison to determine which program to apply under.

Program Features	State Program - SR2S	Federal Program - SRTS
Legislative Authority	Streets & Highways Code Section 2330-2334	Section 1404 in SAFETEA-LU
Expires	AB 57 extends program indefinitely	SAFETEA-LU expires in September 30, 2009
Eligible Applicants	Cities, counties, and school districts	State, local, regional agencies; cities and counties; non-profit organizations; school districts; and Native American Tribes
Eligible Projects	Infrastructure (I) projects	Stand-alone Infrastructure (I) or Non-Infrastructure (NI) projects
Local Match	10% required	None
Project Completion Deadline	Within 4 state FYs after project funds are allocated	Within 4 federal FYs after funds are obligated
Restriction on Infrastructure Projects	Must be located in the vicinity of a school	Infrastructure projects must be within 2 miles of a grade school or middle school
Targeted Beneficiaries	Children in grades K-12	Children in grades K-8
Cycles Completed	7 cycles	1 cycle
Current Status	Cycle 7 (06/07 and 07/08) project list approved in March, 2008	Call for Cycle 2 projects due July 18, 2008
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$52M in State funds available in Cycle 7 • Dependant on State Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$46M Federal funds available in Cycle 2 • Based on Student Enrollment*
Environmental	CEQA	NEPA
Liability	Caltrans Audits & Investigations	CT A&I, FHWA
Funding Knowledge	State Funding Requirements	Federal Funding Requirements
ADA Review	State Architect	Local Agency

Program Similarities:

- Maximum Project Cost: \$1.0m (I)
- Reimbursement Programs
- Reporting of Improvement (Before & After)
- Progress Reports
- Funds can be requested back for violating funding guidelines/regulations.

District 2 Recent Stats:

SRTS: Cycle 1 – 459 Apps. D2 7 apps/3 proj = \$2.03m (7.4% of \$ (I) for State)

SR2S: Cycle 7 – 489 Apps. D2 4 apps/4 proj = \$1.58m

* D2 to receive \$1m minimum, see second attachment.

Attachment D						
CYCLE 2 SRTS ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENTS						
BASED ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN GRADES K-8						
District	Student Enrollment %*	\$ Estimated Appmt. (in millions) Based on Student Enrollment %	Adjusted \$ Appmt. Based on \$3M Taken off the Top**	% of Total Appmt.	\$ for Infrastructure (I) Projects (target: 70%)	\$ for Non-Infrastructure (NI) Projects (target: 30%)***
01	0.70	322,000	1,000,000	2.17	700,000	300,000
02	0.90	414,000	1,000,000	2.17	700,000	300,000
03	7.20	3,312,000	3,149,542	6.85	2,204,680	944,863
04	15.40	7,084,000	6,736,521	14.64	4,715,565	2,020,956
05	3.50	1,610,000	1,531,027	3.33	1,071,719	459,308
06	8.40	3,864,000	3,674,466	7.99	2,572,126	1,102,340
07	28.90	13,294,000	12,641,913	27.48	8,849,339	3,792,574
08	13.50	6,210,000	5,905,392	12.84	4,133,774	1,771,617
09	0.10	46,000	1,000,000	2.17	700,000	300,000
10	5.10	2,346,000	2,230,926	4.85	1,561,648	669,278
11	8.40	3,864,000	3,674,466	7.99	2,572,126	1,102,340
12	7.90	3,634,000	3,455,748	7.51	2,419,023	1,036,724
Total	100.00	46,000,000	46,000,000	100.00	32,200,000	13,800,000
*Percentage is based on most recent data (2006-07) provided by the CA Dept. of Education.						
**Of the \$46M available, \$1M was taken off the top for Districts 01, 02, and 03 for a single large project in each of those Districts						
***In Districts that do not receive (NI) applications or receive (NI) applications not worthy of funding, apportionments may be used for (I) projects						