

# Safe Routes To School (SRTS)

- Vision of Congressman Oberstar (D-MN)
- Two Pilot Programs in 2000
- Created under SAFETEA-LU
- \$612 Million over five years in Nation-Wide funding
- SRTS Coordinator



# Program Goals

- 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 (approximately 2 miles) of primary and middle schools



# The Five E's of SRTS

Education

Encouragement

Enforcement

Evaluation

Engineering



# Where is Wyoming now?

- \$1,000,000 Annually
- Funding breakdown:
  - 10% Non-Infrastructure
  - 70% Infrastructure
  - 20% Discretionary
- Awarded through 2007
- Separate Applications for Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure



# SRTS Continued

- WYDOT Operating Policy 2-8
  - All maintenance by sponsor
  - Seven member Committee
    - Association of Municipalities
    - County Commissioner Association
    - Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction
    - FHWA
    - Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police
    - WYDOT
    - SRTS Coordinator
- Maximum award \$200,000
- One award per school district per year
- 100% Federal Funding



# Eligible *Non-Infrastructure* Activities

- Activities to Encourage Walking and Bicycling to School
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- Traffic Education and Enforcement
- Student Sessions on Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
- Funding for Training Volunteers , and Managers



# Eligible *Infrastructure* Activities

- Sidewalk Improvements
- Traffic Calming & Speed Reduction Improvements
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Improvements
- On-Street Bicycle Facilities
- Off-Street Bicycle Facilities
- Secure Bicycle Parking Facilities
- Traffic Diversion Improvements
- Planning, Design and Engineering Expenses



# Some Hiccups

- Small towns not having expertise
  - NEPA
  - Historic Preservation
  - Poor documentation/non-eligible expenses
- Secondary effects on original construction
- Politics