Safe Routes to School

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Today’s Agenda

- SRTS Overview
- Local Perspectives
  - Wilcoxon School – Stratford
  - Tootin’ Hills School - Simsbury
SRTS Overview
Safe Routes to School

- 2005 federal legislation
- Encourage K-8 children to walk & bike to school
- Assess safety of travel routes
- Educate students, parents, and drivers
- Promote safe walking and bicycling
Why SRTS Matters

- Safety
- Health
- Transportation

IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE!
The Five E’s:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering
- Evaluation
SRTS Funding

- Construction projects (70-90% funds)
  - Construction of safety improvements
  - Within 1 mile of K-8 school
  - Must have a SRTS Plan

- Non-construction activities (10-30% funds)
  - Program assistance to encourage walking and bicycling to school
Construction Project Funding

- $150,000 - $500,000
- No matching required (reimbursement)
- Eligible reimbursement activities are limited to construction items / activities
- Must have SRTS Master Plan in place
Program Assistance

- Launched in 2009
- Free
- 27 schools in 16 communities
Program Assistance - Offerings

- Overview presentation and Q&A
- Committee / champion assistance
- Walk audit
- Mapping support
- Plan review and critique
- Bicycle education / rodeo
- Walking school bus / walk-to-school event
- Encouragement assembly
Local Assistance - Stratford

Wilcoxson School

- Walk audit:
  - Observe arrival / dismissal
  - Engineering recommendations
Local Assistance - Simsbury

- Henry James Middle School
  - Walk audit

- Tootin’ Hills Elementary School
  - Survey support
  - Educational brochure

- Tariffville Elementary School
  - Townwide overview presentation
  - Flyer
For More Information

- National Center for Safe Routes to School - www.saferoutesinfo.org
- CT Noninfrastructure Program information – www.walkitbikeitct.org