

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 8th, 2013  
**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Debra Perkins-Smith, Director, DTD  
**SUBJECT:** Transportation Commission Agenda for March 21, 2013

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**Requested Action:**

Commission approval of the project list for Safe Routes To School(SRTS) projects for FY 13.

**Background:**

**FY 13 Projects:**

In fall of 2012, the Colorado Transportation Commission directed CDOT to fund Safe Routes to School for FY13 at \$1.517 million using MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) dollars. This was a 30% reduction in the SRTS program funding level from previous years and reflected the national reduction in TAP funding. MAP-21 includes eligibility for SRTS education and infrastructure programs under TAP and requires that projects funded with TAP funds be selected through a competitive process. SRTS meets this requirement with a rigorous selection process for grants by the advisory committee established in state statute. MAP-21 TAP also requires a 20% local match for SRTS projects; a change from SAFETEA-LU, which required SRTS to be 100% federally funded.

The call for projects was in fall of 2012 with a requirement for 20% match. Applications for FY 13 funds were received in December, 2012 and reviewed and scored by the 9 member advisory committee in February, 2013. Requests for funding were more than double the amount available for this program. The list of applications and those selected for funding is attached. A resolution for this action is also attached. This list and resolution will be reviewed by the Transit and Intermodal Committee on March 20, 2013.

## FY 2013 Safe Routes to School (Awards total \$1.517 million)

### Infrastructure Projects Funded:

| Application # | Applicant                | Project Title  | Funding Amount | Region* | MPO/TPR |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|---------|---------|
| 3             | City of Fort Collins     | Fort Collins Safe Routes to School                   | \$244,903      | 4       | MPO     |
| 27            | Boulder County           | Platt Middle School Sidewalks and Bike/Walk Program  | \$238,887      | 4       | MPO     |
| 13            | City of Colorado Springs | Van Buren St. Walk and Bike to School Access Project | \$195,519      | 2       | MPO     |
| 23            | Town of Windsor          | 7th Street Trail                                     | \$120,346      | 4       | MPO     |
| 14            | City of Cripple Creek    | The City of Cripple Creek & Partners SRTS Program    | \$250,000      | 2       | TPR     |
| 7             | Town of Granada          | 2013 Granada Safe Routes to School Project - Phase 2 | \$136,526      | 2       | TPR     |

### Non-Infrastructure/ Education Projects Funded:

| Application # | Applicant                       | Project Title                                | Funding Amount | Region* | MPO/TPR |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|---------|---------|
| 21            | Lake County School District     | Lake County Safe Routes to School Audit      | \$5,755        | 3       | TPR     |
| 16            | Jefferson County Public Schools | Jeffco Safe Routes to School                 | \$50,880       | 1       | MPO     |
| 24            | City of Boulder                 | Heads up Boulder Public Outreach Campaign    | \$68,936       | 4       | MPO     |
| 22            | City of Grand Junction          | Grand Junction Safe Routes to School Program | \$26,940       | 3       | MPO     |
| 17            | Littleton Public Schools        | Safe Routes to School Educational Grant      | \$23,360       | 1       | MPO     |
| 8             | City of Fort Collins            | Fort Collins Safe Routes to School           | \$22,700       | 4       | MPO     |
| 4             | Denver Public Health            | Denver Safe Routes to School                 | \$117,391      | 1       | MPO     |
| 2             | West Metro Fire Rescue          | Getting to School Safely                     | \$14,857       | 1       | MPO     |

\*New CDOT Region Boundaries

**Projects not funded or disqualified due to inadequate proof of local match commitment:**

| Application Number | Applicant                        | Project Title   | Funding Requested | Region* | MPO/TPR | Education / Infrastructure |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| 1 DQ               | Gunnison County                  | Deli Trail Section Improvement (Phase 1 East River Community Trail) | \$243,650         | 3       | TPR     | Infrastructure             |
| 28                 | Eagle County                     | Pavilion Park Pedestrian Path                                       | \$200,855         | 3       | TPR     | Infrastructure             |
| 29 DQ              | City of Golden                   | "Safe Directions" Compass Montessori, Golden Safety Improvements    | \$156,015         | 1       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 5 DQ               | City of Greeley                  | Maplewood Sidewalks   | \$191,746         | 4       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 6 DQ               | City of Greeley                  | Madison Connection  | \$119,871         | 4       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 26                 | Town of Frederick                | Town of Frederick Centennial Safe Routes to School Trail            | \$225,264         | 4       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 11                 | City of Colorado Springs         | Cheyenne Mountain Junior High Sidewalk/ Crossing Improvement        | \$244,314         | 2       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 10                 | City of Colorado Springs         | Midland Elementary School Sidewalk/ Traffic Calming Improvements    | \$230,775         | 2       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 15                 | City of Brighton                 | Safe Routes to Pennock Elementary School                            | \$105,210         | 1       | MPO     | Infrastructure             |
| 19 DQ              | Adams 12 Five Star Schools       | Adams 12 Five Star Schools Safe Routes to School                    | \$34,880          | 1       | MPO     | Education                  |
| 9 DQ               | City of Loveland                 | Loveland SRTS Educational/Encouragement Program                     | \$19,800          | 4       | MPO     | Education                  |
| 25 DQ              | Regional Transportation District | Safe Routes around Construction Sites                               | \$25,000          | 1       | MPO     | Education                  |
| 20                 | Douglas County School District   | Douglas County School District Safe Routes to School                | \$33,920          | 1       | MPO     | Education                  |
| 18                 | Adams County School Dist. 50     | Safe Routes   | \$33,920          | 1       | MPO     | Education                  |
| 12                 | City of Colorado Springs         | Colorado Springs Walk/Bike to School Safety Days                    | \$48,762          | 2       | MPO     | Education                  |

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Transportation Commission Resolution  
Approval of FY2013 Safe Routes to School Projects  
March 5, 2013

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, C.R.S. 43-1-1604 required the Transportation Commission of Colorado to establish and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to administer a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to distribute federal funds to eligible projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to bicycle and walk to school; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, Rules outlining the Colorado SRTS program were developed by a taskforce consisting of CDOT staff, representatives of the bicycling and pedestrian community, and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and subsequently the Rules were adopted by CDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, CDOT has awarded more than \$13 million in SAFETEA-LU SRTS funds since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission approved \$1.517 million in MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program funds for FY2013 Safe Routes to School Program Grants; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual Colorado SRTS Advisory Committee was appointed by the CDOT Executive Director to represent teachers, parents, law enforcement, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transportation advisors to develop the Colorado SRTS program, to review all applications and to recommend projects for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRTS Advisory Committee selected projects in February 2013 to recommend to the Commission for approval; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2013 SRTS project list.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Commission directs staff to take appropriate steps to amend the STIP, if required, and supplement the budget to be able to proceed with contract development.