

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT
May 19, 2010

SUBJECT

Safe Routes To School Program

ISSUE

The City is interested in submitting application(s) for the Federal Safe Routes to School grant funding. The Board requested input on projects prior to submitting the applications.

STAFF PRESENTER

Nancy Adams

RECOMMENDATION

The Board, by motion, may provide input on the projects for the Federal Safe Routes to Schools application(s).

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects for the Federal legislated Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Cycle 3 funding. The program provides funding for capital projects that improve safety for children in grades K-8 who walk or bicycle to school and through non-infrastructure projects that incorporate education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that are intended to change community behavior and attitudes to increase the number of children walking and bicycling to school. Applications are due July 15, 2011.

Construction projects must fall under the broad categories of pedestrian facilities, traffic calming measures, installation of traffic control devices, construction of bicycle facilities, and public outreach/education/enforcement. Non-infrastructure projects may include: conducting SRTS workshops, walk ability, audits, conducting, student assemblies for pedestrian and bicycle safety, and developing walking school bus or bicycle train programs.

At the last Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) meeting, the Board requested that they were given an opportunity to provide input on the projects prior to submitting the applications. In order to meet the grant application schedule, staff needs to have input from the Board in May.

ANALYSIS

1. Staff has identified two projects; an infrastructure project and a non-infrastructure project. The infrastructure (capital) project is the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of St. Mary Drive and Montecito Boulevard. The traffic signal would serve the Binkley Middle School and Rincon Valley Middle School. The non-infrastructure project would include conducting walking audits, performing evaluations and establishing design criteria for school related crosswalks citywide.
2. The Board may suggest other projects for staff to consider that could successfully compete for the grant funds.

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Attachment: Attachment A – St. Mary Drive and Montecito Boulevard

St Mary Drive and Montecito Boulevard



Attachment 1