

Transportation and Air Quality

Points: 5

42.) Community “Safe Routes to School Program”

Implement a “safe routes to school” program to promote walking and bicycling to school.

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has developed a Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) that they actively promote to the schools in their jurisdiction. According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, a SRTS program is a comprehensive program that includes the 5 Es:

- **EVALUATION** - Monitoring and researching outcomes and trends through the collection of data, including the collection of mode share before and after the program intervention(s)
- **ENCOURAGEMENT** - Using events and activities to promote walking and bicycling
- **EDUCATION** - Teaching the school community about the broad range of transportation choices, instructing them in important life-long safety skills and offering school-bound and school area driver safety campaigns
- **ENGINEERING** - Creating operational and physical improvements to infrastructure surrounding schools that reduce speeds and establishing safer crosswalks, walkways, trails and bikeways
- **ENFORCEMENT** - Partnering with local law enforcement to ensure drivers obey traffic laws, initiating community enforcement (i.e. crossing guard programs) and ensuring policies are enforced

The goal of the measure is to foster a “safe routes to school” program in the local government’s school districts. The local government should try to work with individual schools and/or districts to implement these programs.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

- ✓ A description of the SRTS program and how the 5 Es are addressed
- ✓ A list of currently participating schools