# Safe Routes to Schools FY2013 Request: \$1,000,000 Reference No: 41384

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

**Location:** Statewide House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) Contact: Pat Kemp

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2019 Contact Phone: (907)465-3900

**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

### **Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

On-going federally funded program used to fund school educational programs to promote safety and encourage students walking or bicycling to school, and to identify construction projects that will facilitate pedestrian or bicycle traffic from neighborhoods to schools. Provide outreach and education about safe pedestrian and bicycle travel near schools. Implement construction projects identified in the planning process.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000

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		F	lopment:		0	0	
				0	0		
	One-Time Startup:					0	
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# **Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

\$1,000,000 - Ch 5 FSSLA 2011 Sec 1 Pg 115 Ln 4; \$1,000,000 - Ch 43 SLA 2010 Sec 7 pg 49 ln 33; \$1,000,000 - Ch 15 SLA 2009 Sec 1 pg 34 ln 13; \$1,600,000 - Ch 29 SLA 2008 Sec 13 pg 170 ln 27; \$1,700,000 - Ch 82 SLA 2006 Sec 1 pg 88 ln 26. Program information is available at: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/saferoutes/

## **Project Description/Justification:**

Safe Routes to Schools coordination for Alaska per the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU), Section 1404, and implement the educational and outreach portion of the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Step 1 to conduct outreach to communities is ongoing.

Step 2 will be to issue grants to eligible projects:

Construction projects eligible under this program are: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming
and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street
bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bike parking, and traffic
diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools (within approximately two miles). Such projects

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may be carried out on any public road or any public bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail in the vicinity of schools.

Each state must use a portion of the funds for non-infrastructure-related activities to encourage
walking and bicycling to school. These include public awareness campaigns and outreach to
press and community leaders; traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools,
student sessions on bicycling and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and training
volunteers and managers of safe routes to school programs.

This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.