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Safe Routes to School Times Three Status of the SRTS Program

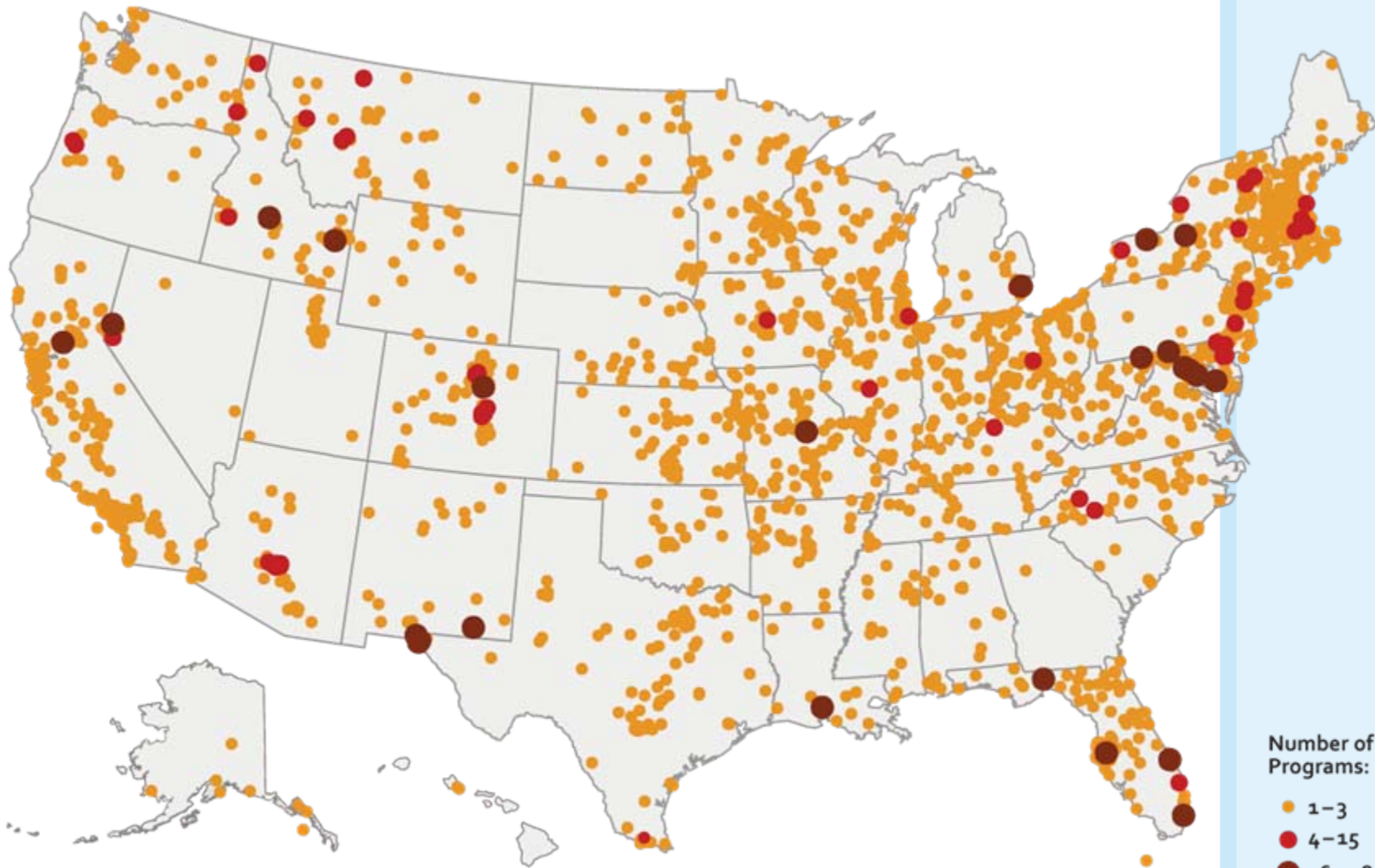
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Today, more than **4,566** schools and communities in all corners of the United States are working to encourage children to safely walk and bicycle to school with funding from the National Safe Routes to School program.





Number of Programs:

- 1-3
- 4-15
- 16-48



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Safe Routes to School by the Numbers

51 Number of State SRTS Coordinators (including DC)

\$416 Million Amount of Federal funds available to states*

\$370.6 Million Amount of Federal funds awarded by State DOTs*

89 Percentage of Federal funds awarded

4,566 Number of funded schools throughout the U.S.

47 Number of States with programs that contribute information to SRTS national database

* As of January 1, 2009



Case study: Bear Creek Elementary, Boulder, CO

A car-free commute changes habits of entire families



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Bear Creek Elementary's Car-Free Commute Program

At a glance:

Student Population: 365 students

Original Percentage of walkers/bikers: 41 percent

Current Percentage: **70 percent and growing!**

Federal funds awarded:

\$ 36,101 Awarded 2008; Shared among 3 schools (Bear Creek received \$11,000)

\$ 73,000 Awarded 2007; Shared among 6 schools for Education and Encouragement

\$154,000 Awarded 2009 to City of Boulder to retrofit an intersection near Bear Creek Elementary

Results:

- 2007-2008 school year: **30 percent reduction in cars and corresponding traffic** congestion during the 2007-2008 school year
- September 2008: students accrued 4,800 miles from 6,600 Car-Free Commute trips in one month





Green Street Elementary School, Brattleboro, VT

Many reasons to walk safely – snow or shine



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Green Street Elementary

At a glance:

Student Population: 265 students

Percentage of Free/Reduced Lunch students: 48 percent

Located in downtown Brattleboro, VT

Federal funds awarded:

\$18,000 Awarded 2006 for public education and encouragement programs

\$ 6,975 Awarded 2008 for public education and encouragement programs

Results:

- **Forty percent reduction in the number of speeding cars** in the school zone
- Education efforts improved walking conditions for adults as well as children
- **Walking school buses have tripled**





Auburn School District, Auburn, WA

Saving in transportation costs

Auburn School District, Washington

At a glance:

Number of Schools: 22
Student Population: 14,500

Funds awarded:

\$306,000 total funds awarded 2006 for sidewalks, bike lanes, and other improvements (Federal: \$185,000. State: \$121,000)

Results:

- **\$220,000 in annual savings** in student transportation costs
- At one school, walking and bicycling **reduced the number of buses needed from six to one.**
- Pioneer Elementary School, where 85 percent of students now walk or bicycle to school, reports higher test scores.





Smyrna School District, Smyrna, DE

Safety is for everyone



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School District of Smyrna, Delaware

At a glance:

Number of Schools: 3 schools

Percentage of Free/Reduced Lunch students: 26 - 42 percent

Federal funds awarded:

\$523,000 Awarded from 2007 to 2008 to be shared among the 3 schools

Projects included sidewalks, crosswalks and curb construction, and education programs

Results:

- **Collaboration** between the school district, Town of Smyrna, and Delaware DOT enabled **improvements** adjacent to one school to be **completed in six weeks**.
- Most of the work was completed before school began in August 2008



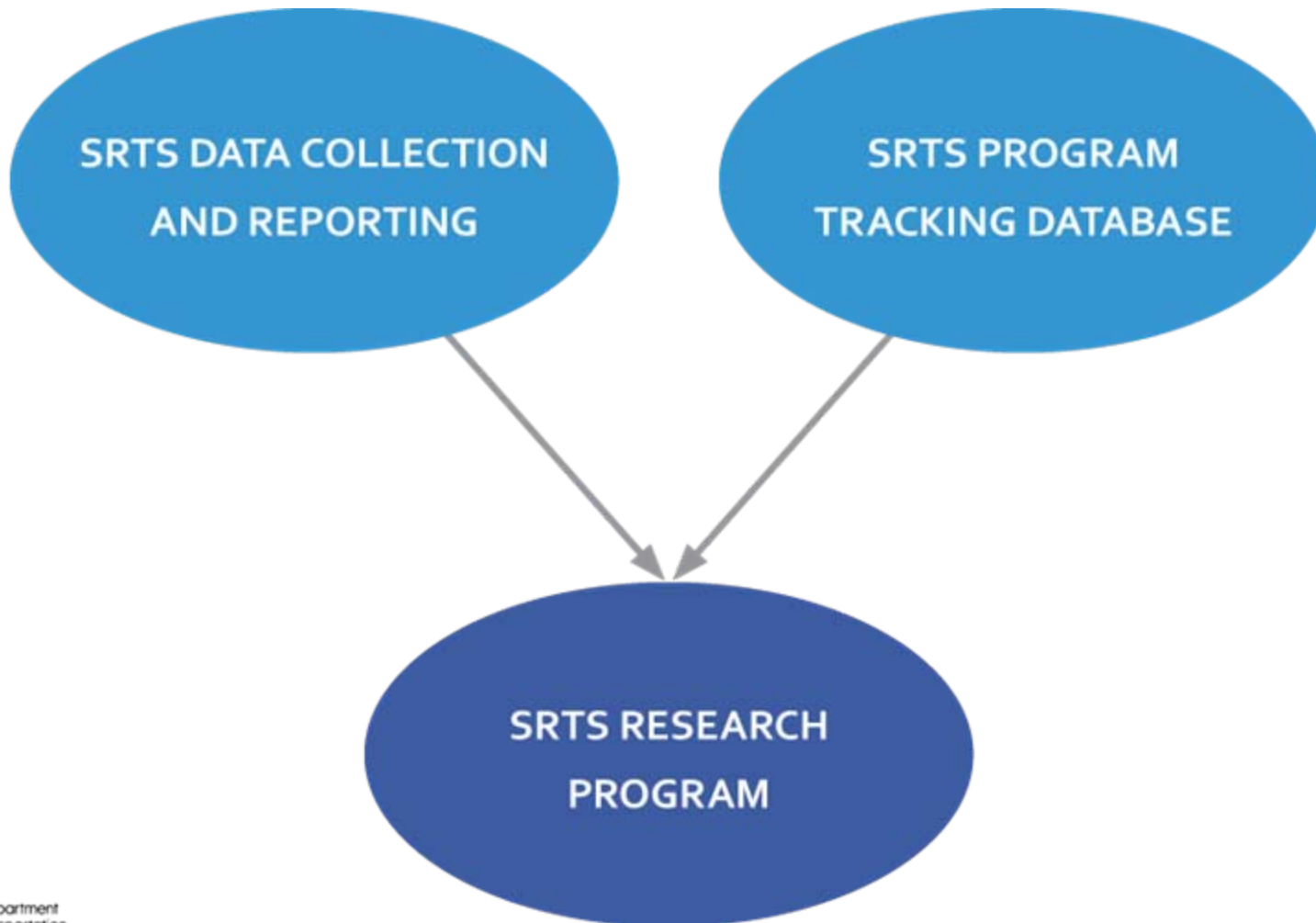
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- Training
- Marketing and Promotion
- Tracking
- Research and Evaluation



Tracking, Research and Evaluation

How we get information & what we do with it



Data system use

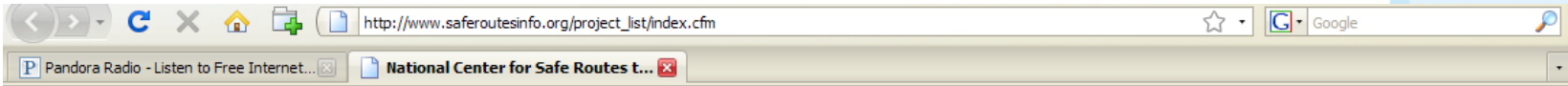
- 26K student travel forms (by classroom)
- 154K parent surveys
- 47 states
- 1932 schools

(As of 2-2-09)



Tracking Report Information

- \$370.6 million in total spending as of January 1, 2009.
- States have committed 89 percent of the \$416M available to states through 2008.
- During 4th quarter of 2008, 37 percent of program applications were selected for funding (5,890 applied).
- Sixty-three percent of states have awarded funding for their second, third or fourth cycles or have a rolling application or other process for awarding funds.
 - Thirty-five percent have awarded funding for their first cycle.



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National Safe Routes to School State Project List

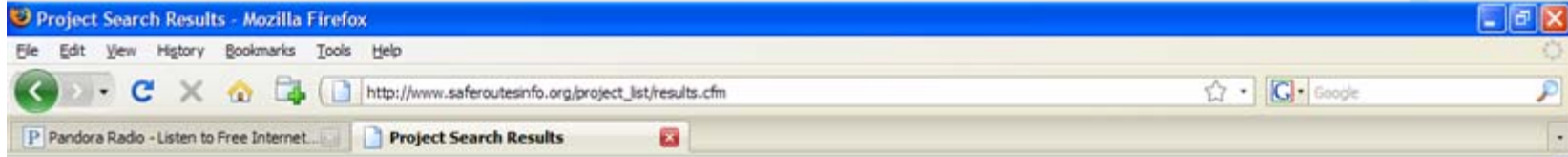
Every six months, the National Center for Safe Routes to School compiles an up-to-date list of Safe Routes to School projects awarded federal funds.* The list includes the project location, funding amount, brief description of the project, schools impacted and the year the project award was announced (note this is not always the year that the project was or will be funded).

Generate a project list:

- At least one of the search criteria (State, Project Type or Year) is required.
- To search for more than one state or Project Type, hold down the Control key (Command key for Mac users) while clicking on your selections. To select multiple years, click the box next to the desired years.
- Click Search.

State	Project Type	Year
ALABAMA	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008
ALASKA	Non-Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> 2007
ARIZONA	Combined Infra/Non-Infra	<input type="checkbox"/> 2006
ARKANSAS	Planning/Start-up	<input type="checkbox"/> 2005
CALIFORNIA	Other	

*Every six months the National Center for Safe Routes to School requests project lists from all states and uses those lists to update the information in this searchable database. Each state however may change their information anytime during the year so the project list may change as states make ongoing updates. The most recent update to the list by the National Center was on .



State	Project Type	Year	Award Amount	Statewide Award?	City	County	Congressional District	Project Summary	Schools Impacted
WI	1	2007	\$45,927.00	No				Install sidewalk on Pioneer Dr and Burton St. Purchase Yield to Pedestrian signage.	Schools
WI	1	2008	\$178,816.00	No				Sidewalk additions and bicycle racks.	Schools
WI	1	2008	\$118,137.00	No				Sidewalk addition. Curb extensions. Improved signage.	Schools
WI	1	2008	\$286,172.00	No				Multi-use trail connection to South Middle School. Curb extensions. Bike rack additions.	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$204,720.00	No				Construction of multi-use trail, new sidewalks and pavement markings and signage near Ellsworth Community Middle School, Hillcrest Elementary School and St. Francis School.	Schools
WI	1	2008	\$109,220.00	No				US Hwy 2 crossing improvements. Sidewalk addition. Bike racks. Multi-use trail.	Schools
WI	1	2008	\$235,000.00	No				EARMARK - Janesville Bicycle and Pedestrian Underpass	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$148,825.00	No				Construction of a median pedestrian refuge island at the intersection of Mineral Point Rd and Owen Dr. Install pedestrian activated warning flashers at the same location. Update this location's school zone and speed limit signage to current MUTCD standards.	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$174,990.00	No				Construction of multi-use trail and sidewalk to provide improved connections to Menomonie Middle School and Oaklawn Elementary School.	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$62,500.00	No				Installation of speed radar signs, Yield to Pedestrian signs, crosswalk marking, pedestrian islands and a traffic circle near Hopkins Elementary School.	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$90,500.00	No				Upgrade crosswalk markings, install traffic signals, move bus stops, and add curb extensions near Twenty First Street Elementary School.	Schools
WI	1	2006	\$400,000.00	No				Intersection and Crosswalk Improvements at Forest Home/Okiahoma/ 43rd St	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$189,338.00	No				Construction of multi-use trail along with trail lighting, and signage.	Schools
WI	1	2007	\$230,441.00	No				Construction of multi-use trail along with trail signage and	Schools





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