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AHTD RELEASES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR “SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL” PROGRAM

LITTLE ROCK (6-29) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) has announced the award of funding to applicants for “Safe Routes to School Program” projects in Arkansas, according to AHTD Director Dan Flowers. The program is a 100 percent Federally-funded initiative of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

“This program is specifically directed toward enabling and encouraging students in Kindergarten through 8th grade to walk or bicycle to school,” said Flowers. “We were overwhelmed with 39 applications seeking over \$7 million during the third year with this program. The Highway Commission was able to award almost \$1.4 million in funds toward 22 very deserving projects.”

Areas within two miles of a K-8th grade school are eligible for funds to be disbursed in two categories – infrastructure improvements and education programs. Improvement projects can include the planning, design and construction of sidewalks, crossings and bicycle facilities as well as traffic diversion and speed reduction improvements. Educational programs can include public awareness campaigns, traffic education, enforcement and outreach activities.

The AHTD will now work with the successful applicants to develop their proposals into completed projects.

Projects selected for funding are listed below.

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type of Proposal</u>	<u>Funding recommended</u>
City of McGehee	Infrastructure	\$92,376
City of Dumas	Infrastructure	\$61,000
Farmington School District	Infrastructure	\$49,024
City of Heber Springs	Infrastructure	\$92,478
City of North Little Rock	Infrastructure	\$67,500
City of Lonoke	Infrastructure	\$86,126
City of Ward	Infrastructure	\$86,126
City of El Dorado	Infrastructure	\$92,376
City of Mayflower	Infrastructure	\$94,460
City of Green Forest	Infrastructure	\$104,462
Cave City Elementary & Middle Schools	Infrastructure	\$23,325
City of Truman	Infrastructure	\$81,918
City of Jonesboro	Infrastructure	\$81,917
City of Brookland	Infrastructure	\$81,917
AR Childrens Hospital Research Institute	Education	\$138,240
Cave City Elementary & Middle Schools	Education	\$15,079
City of Conway	Education	\$17,410
Carroll County Resource Council	Education	\$28,620
Bicycle Coalition of the Ozarks	Education	\$63,646
Baseline Elementary	Start Up	\$ 3,000
Bryant Parent Teacher Organization	Start Up	\$ 3,000
City of Conway	Start Up	\$ 3,000

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