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AHTD ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING AWARDS FOR “SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL” PROGRAM

LITTLE ROCK – 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 Scott Bennett. 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 Bennett. “We were overwhelmed with 52 applications seeking over \$7.6 million during the fifth application period for this program. The Highway Commission was able to award approximately \$2.0 million in funds toward 31 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 non-infrastructure. Improvement projects can include the planning, design and construction of sidewalks, crossings, and bicycle facilities as well as traffic diversion and speed reduction improvements. Non-infrastructure programs can include public awareness campaigns, traffic education, walking school buses, bike trains, 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 on the next page.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

Applicant	Type of Proposal	Funding Awarded
City of Wynne	Infrastructure	\$124,000
Monticello School District	Infrastructure	\$70,000
City of Pine Bluff	Infrastructure	\$171,120
City of Texarkana	Infrastructure	\$60,000
City of Mena	Infrastructure	\$60,000
Westwood Elementary (Springdale)	Infrastructure	\$135,896
Elmdale Elementary School (Springdale)	Infrastructure	\$80,000
City of Fayetteville	Infrastructure	\$81,248
Prairie Grove School District	Planning	\$3,000
Batesville School Dist. No. 1	Infrastructure	\$44,000
City of Ward	Infrastructure	\$33,000
City of Cabot	Infrastructure	\$98,000
City of Cabot	Education	\$4,144
City of Jacksonville	Infrastructure	\$117,738
City of Jacksonville	Education	\$6,000
City of North Little Rock	Infrastructure	\$63,210
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University District Development Corporation and the City of Little Rock	Infrastructure	\$100,000
City of Sherwood	Infrastructure	\$80,000
City of Shannon Hills	Infrastructure	\$100,000
City of Haskell	Infrastructure	\$58,000
City of Vilonia	Infrastructure	\$70,000
City of Decatur	Planning	\$3,000
City of Harrison	Infrastructure	\$100,000
Northwest Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development	Education	\$27,810
Berryville School Dist.	Infrastructure	\$43,500
Yellville-Summit Elementary School	Non-Infrastructure	\$3,150
City of Piggott	Infrastructure	\$67,988
City of Corning	Infrastructure	\$80,000
City of Brookland	Infrastructure	\$67,988
Lake City	Planning	\$3,000