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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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NEWS ALERT!

AHTD ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL "SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL" PROGRAM FUNDS

LITTLE ROCK (10-31) – The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) has announced the availability of applications for "Safe Routes to School Program" funding in Arkansas, according to AHTD Director Scott Bennett.

The program is a Federally-funded initiative of the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Safe Routes to School is specifically directed toward enabling and encouraging students in Kindergarten through 8th grade to walk or bicycle to school. Areas within two miles of a K-8th grade school are eligible for 100 percent Federal funds to be disbursed in two categories – infrastructure improvements and educational programs. Improvement projects can include planning grants, sidewalks, school crossings, bicycle facilities, as well as traffic diversion and speed reduction improvements. Educational programs can include pedestrian skills training courses, Walking School Bus and Bike Train programs, public awareness campaigns, and traffic education and enforcement activities.

The deadline for applications to be received by the **AHTD is 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013.** Applications can be downloaded from: http://arkansashighways.com/safe_route/safe_route.aspx

For further information call the AHTD at 501-569-2020; write the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209; or e-mail Kim.Sanders@arkansashighways.com.





WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY 2012

The National Walk to School Day event was held on October 3, 2012. Over 4,000 local events across the country joined together to encourage children to safely walk or bicycle to school during the month of October. Arkansas held a record ten events across the state.

- *Eagle Mountain Magnet School-Batesville*
- *Forest Park-Little Rock*
- *Health/Wellness & Environmental Studies Magnet School-Jonesboro*
- *Malvern Elementary School-Malvern*
- *Wynne Intermediate School-Wynne*
- *Yellville-Summit Elementary School-Yellville*
- *Jefferson Elementary School-Little Rock*
- *Crestwood Elementary School-North Little Rock*
- *Lakewood Elementary School- North Little Rock*
- *Hurricane Creek Elementary-Bryant*

The Injury Prevention Center at Arkansas Children’s Hospital, in conjunction with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department’s Safe Routes to School Program, would like to recognize the Yellville-Summit Elementary School program for their promotion of walking and biking to school. They are highlighting physical activity, how walkable and bikeable their community is and where improvements can be made in their community. They are teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children while showing concern for their environment by reducing traffic congestion, pollution and traffic speed around their school. They are involving community leaders, parents and children to achieve all of these goals.





ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Arkansas is divided into eight planning and development districts. Each planning district covers six to twelve Arkansas counties which are bound together by common economic problems and opportunities. The planning districts provide many services including grant writing and administration for economic development projects in Arkansas. See below for contact information:

Central Arkansas Planning & Development District

Counties: Faulkner, Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline

Rodney Larsen, Director

Phone: 501-676-2721

Website: <http://capdd.org/home>

East Arkansas Planning & Development District

Counties: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Lawrence, Lee, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis

Phone: 870-932-3957

Website: <http://www.eapdd.com/>

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District

Counties: Baxter, Boone, Benton, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Washington

Phone: 870-741-5404

Website: <http://www.nwaedd.org/>

Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District

Counties: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln

Phone: 870-536-1971

Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District

Counties: Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, Union

Phone: 870-234-4030

Website: <http://swapdd.com>

West Central Arkansas Planning & Development District

Counties: Clark, Conway, Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Pope, Yell

Phone: 501-525-7577

Website: <http://wcapdd.dina.org/>

Western Arkansas Planning & Development District

Counties: Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian

Phone: 479-785-2651

Website: <http://wapdd.org/>

White River Planning & Development District

Counties: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, Woodruff

Phone: 870-793-5233

Website: <http://www.wrpdd.org/>



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