

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- \$7 million a year is normally available statewide.
- Eligible projects include pedestrian and bicycle facilities that will benefit Kindergarten through High Schools. Traffic control devices such as crosswalks, traffic signals, flashing beacons, etc. can be part of a larger pedestrian and bicycle facility.
- Read and follow SRTS [Eligibility Evaluation](#) and [Ranking Criteria](#) to maximize funding opportunity for your projects.
- Applications that eliminate a documented Hazardous Walking Condition area will be given a higher priority.
- Projects are 100% funded.
- Local government partnership is critical as they are responsible for maintaining the pedestrian or bicycle facilities after they are built. The maintaining agency also decides who builds the facility if the project gets funded. They have the **option to either ask FDOT to design and “let” the projects**, or they may decide to **design - bid - build the project in-house** through a Local Agency Program agreement.
- For all public schools in Lee County, the School District will be the project applicant, and will take the lead in preparing applications.
- Private schools and charter schools may INDIVIDUALLY apply by coordinating and partnering with local governments in which the school and project is located.
- Number of project applications that can be submitted by a single applicant are capped at 5 (**Try not to submit less than 5 applications if possible**).
- A MPO sign off is needed for all projects in Lee County. Proposals will be endorsed by the MPO Board after they are reviewed and recommended by MPO advisory committees. Subsequently, MPO staff will ensure completeness of the applications, sign, and transmit them to FDOT to meet December 31, 2016 deadline.
 - SRTS Solicitation Q&A Session – September 27, 2016 (At the Lee MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Meeting to be held at 10 AM at Room A at the Fort Myers Regional Library, D ‘Town Fort Myers)
 - Submission of Applicant Assigned Ranked Project Proposals to MPO staff – **October 17, 2016**
 - Submission of Preliminary Application Packet to MPO Staff – **Nov 14, 2016**

- MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Review and Endorsement – **Nov 22, 2016**
 - MPO Technical Advisory Committee Review and Endorsement - **Dec 1, 2016**
 - MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Review and Endorsement – **Dec 1, 2016**
 - MPO Board Endorsement – **Dec 16, 2016**
 - Submission of Completed Applications to MPO staff – **Dec 23, 2016**
 - Deadline for MPO Transmittal of Applications to FDOT – **Dec 31, 2016**
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- Questions on the MPO process and transmittal of applications shall be directed to Mr. Ron Gogoi at rgogoi@leempo.com, or by phone at (239) 330 2239.
 - Local governments or public schools within the Lee County School District with a project proposal shall contact Ms. Nena Garrett at (239) 590-4022, or by email at NenaSG@leeschools.net.
 - Private and charter schools may call Ron Gogoi at Lee MPO, or Mr. David Wheeler with FDOT for assistance in the program. Mr. Wheeler can be reached at (863) 519 2378, or by email at David.Wheeler@dot.state.fl.us.
 - Private and charter schools may also call Ms. Nena Garrett at the Lee County School District for guidance in completing SRTS applications.
 - SRTS information and applications can be also obtained from FDOT's web site at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/2A-Programs/Safe-Routes.shtm>.