

Safe Routes to School: Engineering Assistance

Engineering Assistance Overview

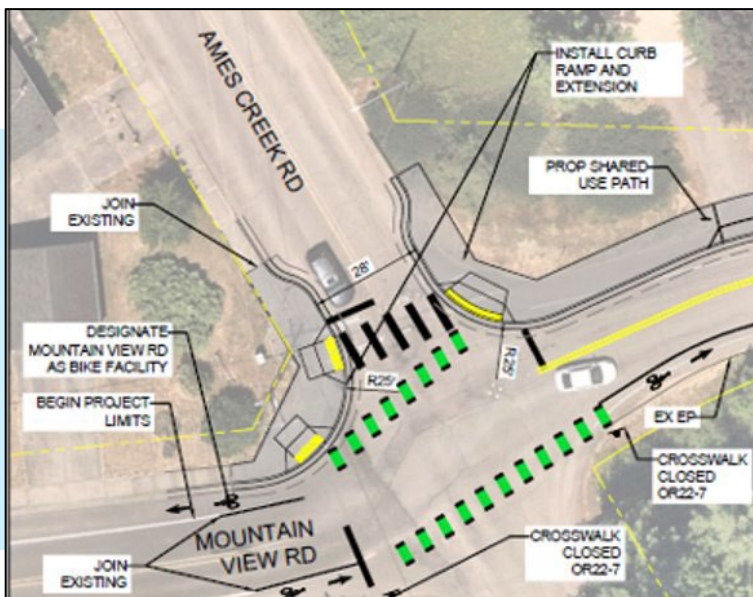
New for the 2024 ODOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) solicitation, Engineering Assistance is a program that provides professional consultant technical support to communities to design priority infrastructure that enables students to walk or roll (by bike or mobility device) to school. Engineering Assistance is one of the three [Construction technical assistance](#) programs offered through ODOT SRTS in 2024.

WHO CAN APPLY?

School districts, publicly funded jurisdictions, cities, counties, tribes, transit districts, and other road authorities who have participated in an ODOT SRTS Planning Assistance/Project Identification Program or planning effort with similar public involvement may apply.

WHAT WILL A COMMUNITY GET OUT OF THE PROGRAM?

Engineering Assistance provides consultant services in the preparation of technical studies and engineering documents that enable communities to increase their readiness to apply for funding programs such as the ODOT SRTS Competitive Construction Grant. Examples of potential outcomes are a greenway concept design, traffic analysis, lighting study, or hydrology analysis. The outcome of participation will be a technical document and related cost estimate if applicable.



A Comprehensive Approach

SRTS programs usually start by identifying barriers to students walking and rolling in your community. Solutions to overcome these barriers may include community engagement, walk/bike safety education for students, building safe places for kids to walk and roll such as sidewalks and safe street crossings, and more.

ODOT has programs and grants to help you get started! Applications for the following programs are open February–March 2024:

- [Education grants](#) for all levels of experience with SRTS engagement
- [Construction grants](#) for infrastructure improvements to bicycle and pedestrian access to schools
- [Construction technical assistance](#) to identify projects, refine designs, and implement surface treatments

In addition, ODOT SRTS has exciting Education programs and incentives for schools and students available year-round. Contact us or attend a Regional Hub meeting to [learn more](#).

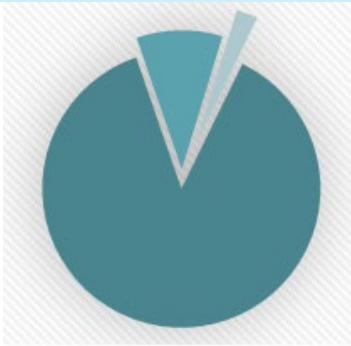
LEARN MORE AND GET IN TOUCH!

- **2024 ODOT SRTS Solicitation materials:** www.oregonsaferoutes.org/find-funding
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Construction Program Overview

\$15 million in SRTS Construction funds are allocated annually to three programs:



- Competitive Program: 87.5%
- Rapid Response Program: 10%
- Project Identification Program: 2.5%

This one-pager focuses on Engineering Assistance, which is an element of the Project Identification Program. For more information about other funding and technical assistance, visit the SRTS Program website:

www.oregonsaferoutes.org/find-funding

How to Apply

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Application materials can be found on ODOT's [SRTS website](#).

FEBRUARY 12–MARCH 25, 2024:
All ODOT SRTS grants and technical assistance programs open

SUMMER 2024:
Application review and funding decision

Project Selection

WHAT KINDS OF APPLICATIONS WILL RISE TO THE TOP FOR THIS SERVICE?

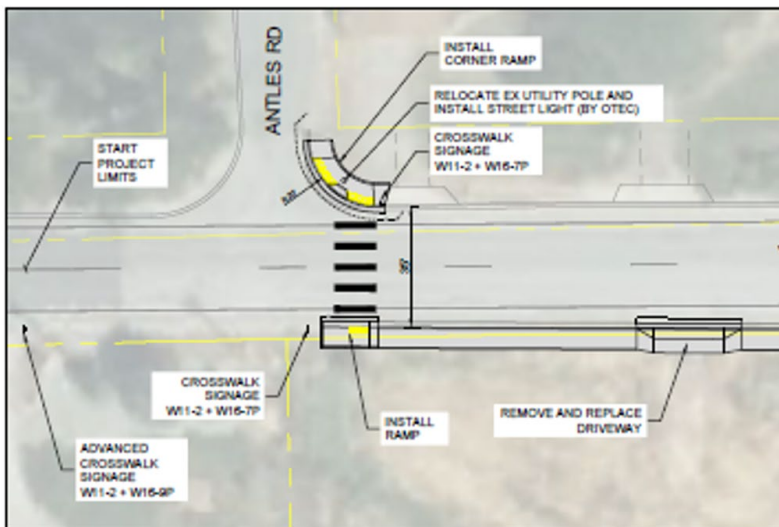
A competitive application will meet some of the following criteria:

- A population under 50,000 with a high percentage of low-income households
- High percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch or meeting other vulnerability metrics
- Road authority with few planners on staff
- Affects pre-kindergarten through high school students

In addition, applicant must have completed a prior planning process, such as the ODOT Planning Assistance/Project Identification Program or a planning effort with similar public involvement. Examples include Transportation System Plans with specific engagement to school communities, School Action Plans, or Area Plans.

ALTHOUGH WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY A CONSULTANT, A SELECTED COMMUNITY WILL:

- Confirm commitment to participate from the road authority and the affected school
- Agree to participate in virtual Project Management Team meetings
- Agree to participate in field visit (if needed)
- Provide requested data and review draft documents



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