



Florida SRTS Updates

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Florida Updates: State

Updated Infrastructure Application and Instructions Now Available: These forms have been converted to official FDOT forms, which are available on the Forms and Procedures Website. Click on: <http://formserver.dot.state.fl.us/capture/listings/FormListing.aspx?ListType=FormOffice>, then select S for Safety Office. The form numbers are 500-000-30 and 500-000-30 Instructions. Only formatting changes and a few minor changes have been made to the Application. If you have started your applications using the form from our website (or the updated form sent last week), you may continue to use it. Applicants who are just getting started should use the official forms. Remember that Infrastructure applications must be received by your District SRTS contacts by April 30.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Flyer on Child Safety: We recently became aware of the NCMEC flyer *Know the Rules...For Going To and From School More Safely*. This brochure, distributed by the Collier County NCMEC office, is ideal for SRTS programs, since it gives common-sense personal safety tips into *Tips for Parents or Guardians* and *Key Tips to Reinforce with Your Children*. Copies of these flyers are being sent to the Non-Infrastructure contact in each District, and to the new Ped/Bike Resource Center. The flyer can be downloaded in English and Spanish: http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/ResourceServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PagelD=893. Program Manager Maribel Slabaugh has also volunteered to conduct training courses for parents, children and staff members for SRTS programs which want to address personal safety issues for children. Contact msslabaugh@ncmec.org.

Florida Updates: Local

Florida Department of Health Bicycle Helmet Grant: The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) has received a 402 grant to fit and distribute helmets to those needing them around Florida, especially to children. FDOH works with many community groups, including county Health Departments, Safe Kids and youth leaders. Trainings are being held around the state for those who want to help fit and distribute helmets. For details on the training closest to you, or to volunteer to help lead a helmet fitting training, please contact grant manager Freida Travis at Freida_Travis@doh.state.fl.us.

Sustainable Big Bend to hold Green Living Energy Expo & Education Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Wakulla County: This third annual event will take place from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at Riversprings Middle School, 800 Spring Creek Highway in Crawfordville. Included in the many workshops are bicycle tune-ups and a Bike Rodeo. For more information, see their website: <http://www.greenlivingenergyexpo.com/> and flyer: http://www.greenlivingenergyexpo.com/doc/green_living_flyer09.pdf.

News from Other States and Countries

Iowa's SRTS Program Funds Third Round of Projects: [Iowa's Safe Routes to School](http://www.iowasaferoutes.org) (SRTS) program recently made funding awards to 17 applicants, which brings their total to 59 funded projects. As a recipient of SRTS non-infrastructure funding, the Iowa Bicycle Coalition (IBC) has been a key partner in developing Iowa's SRTS Encouragement and Education Program. IBC has conducted 17 SRTS workshops around Iowa, and has developed two SRTS documents for statewide use. They are entitled, *Iowa Kids on the Move* (bicycle and pedestrian safety curriculum) and *Iowa's Bicycle and Pedestrian Encouragement Guide*. Check out these excellent, free documents at: www.iowasaferoutes.org

SRTS News: Here are a couple of recent articles and audio segments related to SRTS from around the US:

- Audio: *Caution: Walking And Cell Phones Don't Mix* (3min 10sec), NPR • Sunday, February 22, 2009: <http://tinyurl.com/de6gbw>
- *Get Schooled in Livable Streets* (a New York education program for children on how to make their streets more livable); Streetsblog • Thursday, February 26, 2009: <http://tinyurl.com/cnh5bu>

Catchy SRTS Slogans and Lyrics: Some of you may be looking for catchy slogans to use in your SRTS programs,

so here are some ideas to get you started (none are protected by copy write).

- Nebraska had a middle school conduct a slogan competition and they selected “Don’t Sit, Get Fit; Walk to Walnut” (the school name being Walnut Middle School).
- A local health department in Nebraska set up two programs called “No Child Left on their Behind” and “No Child Left Inside”.
- Maine is using “Walk and Bike to School: It’s fun, healthy and good for the environment”.
- Idaho is working on a logo with “I’m lean, and I’m green, I’m a self-powered machine.”
- New Hampshire SRTS Coordinator John Corrigan suggested these revised song lyrics. Those to whom apologies are due are listed in parentheses (For real SRTS songs, see the news item under National News):
 - (Kingston Trio): Walk right out/ Don’t sit down/ Baby, gonna change our ways
 - (Nancy Sinatra): These feet were meant for walking (pedaling).../ These feet are going to walk along with you
 - (Bruce Springsteen): Born to walk
 - (Woody Guthrie): Nobody living/ Can ever stop me/ As I go walking, that freedom sidewalk
 - (Woody Guthrie): These bikes were meant for you and me
 - (The Beatles): I wanna hold your handlebar
 - (The Beatles): Take a bad route, and make it better
 - (Buck Owens): It’s walking time again
 - (Buck Owens): All you gotta do is walk naturally
 - (Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson): Mommas, don’t let your babies grow up to be doughboys
 - (Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson): My heroes have always been active
 - (Buffalo Springfield): There’s something happening here/ What it is ain’t exactly clear
There’s a thousand people next to the street/ Singing songs and using their feet

National News

Musician Blane Lyon Provides SRTS Theme Songs: San Francisco Bay Area musician Blane Lyon recently produced two upbeat, hip, and modern Safe Routes to School theme songs titled ["I want to walk"](#) and ["ride my bike"](#). He originally created the songs for use in Santa Rosa, California, where the Safe Routes to School National Partnership is working as part of its [Local School Project](#). Blane has now generously made these songs available for use in schools worldwide through the Safe Routes to School National Partnership's website. The Safe Routes to School National Partnership thanks Blane Lyon for his generous contribution, and urges schools and organizations using Blane's songs to provide him with credit, and to link to his website, www.blanelyon.com. Blane has written more than 150 songs and performed more than 500 live concerts. He has always used his art to highlight social and environmental causes and has recently written a series of environmental "theme songs", including the two songs for Safe Routes to School promotion.

Join The Transportation for America Coalition for a Series of Free Webinars on the Links Between Transportation and Other Important Issues: In their recent e-mail, they say:

...our local, federal, and state policies have treated transportation as a separate and distinct program for far too long. To better understand and examine the connections between transportation and issues like equity, economic development, climate change, energy security, housing, public health, and rural development, the Transportation for America Coalition is holding a series of online discussions with key partners and experts in these fields throughout the months of March, April, and May. Join us as we explore these issues, and visit www.t4america.org/webinars to register today!

Transportation in general, like SRTS, is connected to a wide variety of other topics. The first webinar is next Thursday at 1 pm, on *Transportation and Economic Opportunity*. See the Calendar below, or the website for details on all the webinars. Transportation for America’s website: <http://t4america.org/> states:

Transportation for America [has formed a broad coalition](#) of housing, environmental, public health, urban planning, transportation, equitable development, and other organizations. We’re all seeking to align our national, state, and local transportation policies with an array of issues like economic opportunity, climate change, energy security, health, housing and community development.

SRTS National Partnership Releases Two New SRTS Reports: The SRTS National Partnership has just released two reports that were prepared for and sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF):

- [Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report - Moving to the Future: *Building on Early Achievements*](#) provides background information on SRTS and details challenges and opportunities in program implementation. It also discusses a number of "big-picture" policies and practices that affect-positively or negatively-the ability of children to walk and bicycle to school or that can help institutionalize SRTS programs in a larger context. Some of these policies include school siting, complete streets, school bus route cuts, and more.
- The [Safe Routes to School State Network Project: 2008 Annual Progress Report - *Building Momentum and Policy Change*](#) provides an update on major [State Network Project](#) accomplishments in 2008, lessons learned, state summaries, and the Local School Project. The State Network Project is funded by RWJF, the CDC, Kaiser Permanente and Bikes Belong Coalition and includes Washington DC and nine states.

The Environmental Possibilities of SRTS: In the recent publication by the SRTS National Partnership entitled [Safe Routes to School: Steps to a Greener Future](#), is this quote, which shows that SRTS programs truly have the potential to have a huge impact on our environment.

If the number of kids who walk and bike to school was restored to 1969 levels, our nation would cut 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of CO2, and 89,000 tons of other pollutants annually. This is the equivalent of keeping more than 250,000 cars off the road for a year.

If your SRTS Program is based in part on environmental concerns, check out:

- Georgia's *Green Schools Toolkit*: <http://www.southface.org/web/resources&services/schools/energystar-schools.htm>
- The Energy Star Kids website, especially the Parents and Teachers section: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index with lesson plans, a student brochure *A Beautiful World Stars with You* and the *Horton Hears a Who* activity book. A variety of energy saving topics is covered in these materials, including the advice to *ride a bike instead of taking a car or bus*.

Shape Up America! Newsletter Includes Green School Transportation Tips: The article *Green and Lean: Physical Activity* (Second in a series) by Barbara J. Moore, PhD lists tips for getting out of your car and getting more physical activity. It includes these school transportation tips:

If you have school-aged children and the school is too far to walk or bike, try to organize a car pool with four other parents so you only have to drive once a week and the car is as full as possible. If walking or biking is possible, but you are concerned about traffic, consider forming a parent group so that once a week, a parent accompanies a group of children to school.

You can sign up for the Shape Up Newsletter at: http://www.shapeup.org/shape/index_shape.php.

Get Outside for TV Turnoff Week, April 20-26: Kids need lots of physical activity every day. When they spend too many hours watching entertainment screens, they are at greater risk for being overweight, for doing less well in school, for having sleep and attention problems, and higher levels of aggression. The American Academy of Pediatrics says school age children should watch no more than one to two hours per day (and none at all under the age of two). However, the average American child spends more hours watching screens than they spend in school.

Kaiser Permanente helps families reduce their screen time and increase active play, social interaction, creativity, reading, and more through a variety of methods, including sponsoring community events during Turnoff Week (April 20-26, 2009), offering Family Nature Walks with the Sierra Club, presenting school-based performances to educate about healthy eating and active living, and promoting walking and bicycling to school. You'll find free downloadable screen time information and activities for parents, teachers and kids on Kaiser Permanente's website (you do not need to be a member). Visit www.kp.org, choose whatever region is nearest to you, and follow the hypertext links to the toolkit.

Two Florida Rail Trails Included in National Top Twenty List: The Pinellas Trail (#14) and Withlacoochee State Trail (#17) are listed as two of the top twenty rail trails by Trails.com: <http://www.trails.com/toptrails.aspx?area=12399>. If you are interested in getting more information on rail trails in Florida or anywhere in the US, check out this website: <http://www.trailink.com/viewnationalmap.aspx>. Riding on a rail trail as a family is an excellent way to introduce children to the skills they will need to ride to school as they become more experienced.

National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes to School: The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and

Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department.

- Part I (March 31st, 2 -3 pm): In this sixty minute presentation, Mr. Parisi & Mr. Cynecki will focus on identifying issues along school routes, developing school area traffic control plans, and improving school walking and bicycling routes through a variety of tools including mapping routes, signing and pavement markings, sidewalks and pathways, bicycle facilities, and speed controls. [REGISTER NOW - Part I](#)
- Part II (April 21st, 2 -3 pm): This webinar will concentrate on effective engineering tools to create safer street crossings and successful ways to calm traffic along school routes through various means including crosswalks, crossing islands, curb extensions, road diets, state of the art traffic controls, and various traffic calming techniques. [REGISTER NOW - Part II](#)

Follow a Worldwide Edventure Virtual Field Trip: Tony Miller and his family are several months into their planned fifteen-month bicycle tour of Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa. Tony and his wife Jenn and their four children, aged six through twelve, are blending education and adventure, and making the results available to students and families everywhere through their Worldwide Edventure Virtual Field Trip. You can follow the Millers' journey and participate in their Virtual Field Trip through travelogues, photos, and podcasts, as well as interact with them and help determine the course of their adventure. This is a great learning tool for a SRTS project. Classrooms of students can log real miles walking or biking, and try to catch up with the Millers to learn about the places they are visiting. Check it out at: <http://www.edventureproject.com>.

New Website Gives Prevention and After Injury Advice: There is a new website sponsored by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. SRTS stresses education and prevention, so these portions of the website will be particularly helpful:

- bicycle safety (http://www.chop.edu/consumer/your_child/wellness_index.jsp?id=-8843),
- pedestrian safety (http://www.chop.edu/consumer/your_child/wellness_index.jsp?id=-8853)
- heavy backpacks (http://www.chop.edu/consumer/your_child/wellness_index.jsp?id=-8850)

We hope you are successful in teaching children how to interact safely with traffic and never need the After Injury advice, but if you do, it's located at: <http://stokes.chop.edu/programs/aftertheinjury/index.html>. This site has suggestions for parents and other adults interacting with children. Also, for health care providers, there are tools to help parents help their children, at http://stokes.chop.edu/programs/injury/educational_advocacy/health_care_providers.php, and a webinar March 23 from 2:00-3:30 EST on using the website to help patients. Register at: <http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=379>.

Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

❖ Indicates new items Events are ET unless noted Events listed until held

March, 2009:

- **March 18-19, Designing and Developing Green Communities 2009 Conference, Orlando.** Featured speaker will be Walter Kulash, editor of the American Civil Engineering Society's Residential Streets, presenting "Sustainable Transportation: Still a Tough Sell." More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=697
- ❖ **March 19, 1:00-2:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Economic Opportunity*:** The transportation sector serves as the engine our economy, creates opportunities for American workers, and drives neighborhood revitalization. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- ❖ **March 24, 4:00-5:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Social Equity*:** Transportation provides access to basic needs such as healthcare, education, and economic opportunity for millions of Americans. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **March 25-28, Health and Fitness Summit and Exposition, Atlanta GA.,** sponsored by the American College of Sports Medicine. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/5unah6>

- **March 26, 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Free NHI webinar *A New Approach for a New Era*:** Performance contracting is a relatively new approach to road construction and maintenance where an agency specifies performance goals rather than methods and materials, and a contractor is responsible for meeting a defined set of goals. FDOT is not using this method of contracting currently, but who knows what the future may hold? Register at: http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg.aspx?webConfID=16541
- **March 29-April 4,** 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour" will be held. If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](#) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.
- ❖ **March 31, 2-3 pm, Part 1 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. In this sixty minute presentation, Mr. Parisi & Mr. Cynecki will focus on identifying issues along school routes, developing school area traffic control plans, and improving school walking and bicycling routes through a variety of tools including mapping routes, signing and pavement markings, sidewalks and pathways, bicycle facilities, and speed controls. [REGISTER NOW - Part I](#)
- **March 31-April 4, American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) National Convention and Exposition, Tampa, FL.** More info: <http://www.aahperd.org/convention/>. Dan Connaughton and Sarita Taylor are scheduled to give a presentation on how SRTS helps meet the goals of physical education teachers, and how the FTBSEP is the ideal program for PE teachers to implement to meet those goals.

April-June, 2009:

- **April 1: GIS courses in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- **April 2, Florida Bike Summit,** Florida Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee FL, 10:00-11:30 am, sponsored by the Florida Bicycle Association and Bike Florida. Come and help protect the rights of bicyclists to ride safely and freely. FBA will be making a powerful case for expanding support for bicycling. Following brief legislative issue training and a press event, you'll have the opportunity to speak with legislators. More info, or to register: www.floridabicycle.org. The Florida Bike Summit will be held in conjunction with the 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour" to be held March 29-April 4. If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](#) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.
- ❖ **April 2, 2:00-3:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Climate Change, and Energy Security*:** As one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the transportation industry impacts climate change, air and water quality, and petroleum dependence. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **April 2nd & 3rd, Streets as Places training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/3cgdja>
- **April 3, GIS Courses in Orlando and Miami:** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- ❖ **April 16, 4:00-5:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Housing, and Development*:** Shifting real estate preferences and the need for accessible and affordable housing has created new linkages between housing and transportation. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **April 16th & 17th, How to Turn a Place Around training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/57bfgk>
- **April 20-26, TV Turnoff Week:** Get ideas for alternatives to screen time at www.kp.org.

- **April 21, 2-3 pm, Part 2 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. This webinar will concentrate on effective engineering tools to create safer street crossings and successful ways to calm traffic along school routes through various means including crosswalks, crossing islands, curb extensions, road diets, state of the art traffic controls, and various traffic calming techniques. [REGISTER NOW - Part II](#)
- **April 25-29, American Planning Association (APA) National Conference, Minneapolis MN.** More info: <http://tinyurl.com/2g8fek>
- ❖ **Date TBD, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Public Health and Safety:*** Transportation influences the health and safety of communities by affecting physical activity levels, traffic speeds, and local air pollution. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- ❖ **Date TBD: Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation in Rural Areas and Small Towns:*** Non-metropolitan areas face unique challenges that require specific transportation solutions, such as Main Street economic development and antisprawl efforts, access to job centers, and mobility services for the elderly. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **May 7- 8, Building a Bridge to Policy Action--National Childhood Obesity Prevention Summit:** Leadership for Healthy Communities, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), will present this summit at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, DC. This is an opportunity for elected and appointed officials to discuss innovative healthy eating and active living policy strategies championed by cities, counties and states nationwide. Special emphasis will be placed on collaborative state and community policy approaches that address childhood obesity in vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by the epidemic. SRTS will be discussed in several sessions. Registration for the Summit is by invitation only. If you are interested in an invitation, please contact Victoria Mayo at victoria@leadershipforhealthycommunities.org. For more information about Leadership for Healthy Communities, see: www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org.
- **May 10-14, 47th International Making Cities Livable Conference *True Urbanism: Cities for Health & Well-Being*, Governor Hotel, Portland, OR.** More info: <http://www.livablecities.org/47ConfPortland.htm>.
- **May 19-21, Green Cities Florida - Sustainable Solutions Showcase** - - Orange County Convention Center - GreenCities educational events are carefully designed one-day bootcamps, conferences, or showcase expositions whose purpose is to provide governments and businesses the insight, inspiration, tools, and resources to create and implement sustainable solutions. More info: <http://greencities.com/usa/florida/orlando/2009>

July-September, 2009:

- **July 27-29, Weight of the Nation Conference:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, will host its inaugural conference on obesity prevention and control, *Weight of the Nation*, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Weight of the Nation will provide a forum to highlight progress in the prevention and control of obesity through policy and environmental strategies and is framed around four intervention settings: community, medical care, school, and workplace. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>
- **August 19-21, Second Safe Routes to School National Conference, Portland, Oregon:** More Info: http://www.bta4bikes.org/at_work/saferoutes_conference.html
- **September 4, 1:00-2:30, The Future of Transportation - Providing Sustainable Choices for the Public.** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=675
- **September 16-19, Bridging the Past to Tomorrow: 2009 America Planning Association Florida Chapter Conference** - - Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville - Join the leaders from the public and private planning sectors for their annual gathering - program content for every discipline. More info: <http://www.floridaplanning.org/>

October-December, 2009:

- ❖ **October 6-7, California School Board Association School Wellness Conference, Anaheim, California:** Featured will be leaders from state agencies, the California School Boards Association and the community, who play a role in creating sustainable healthy school environments, including opportunities for physical activity. More info: <http://swc.csba.org/>.
- **October 7-9, 4th Annual Campus and Community Sustainability Conference** - - University of South Florida - Tampa - A program of Sustainable Florida bridges the gap from the campus to the real world - great for both town (Private sector - retail, manufacturing, sustainability leaders) and gown (administrators, educators, and student groups). Info on last year's conference (new info not up yet): <http://www.sustainablefloridaconference.org/>
- **November 6, 1:00-2:30, Community Visioning - Creating the Framework for Tomorrow's Florida:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=677
- **December 4, 1:00-2:30, Creating Sustainable Communities:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=678

Ongoing:

- **The National Highway Institute (NHI) Offers Free Web-Based Training:** Courses of interest to SRTS partners include *Introducing Highway Federal-Aid* and *Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making*, as well as a variety of courses on planning and engineering topics. See the course listings at: http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/training/list_catalog.aspx?cat=&key=&num=&loc=&tit=&sta=%25&typ=3&lev=%25&ava=1&str=&end=&drf
- **National Pro Walk/Pro Bike Presentations Now Available On-Line:** Some of the presentations from the Pro Walk/Pro Bike National Conference in Portland, Oregon are now posted at: <http://www.bikewalk.org/2008conference/vconference/schedulefull.html>; look for live links in red.
- **America Walks/NCSRTS Webinar series:** If you missed any of these webinars, please go to http://ww.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can_webinars.cfm to download and view the webinar.
- **The Association Of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' 2008 National Conference**, held in October 2008, included presentations on SRTS and other Bike/Ped issues: View these & others at the links below:
 - **Safe Routes to School Washington State Planning and Funding Assistance**, Charlotte Claybrooke, Washington DOT, SRTS Coordinator: http://www.ampo.org/assets/719_claybrook.pdf
 - **Safe Routes to School – Practical Solutions on a Small Budget:** Andy Hume, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): http://www.ampo.org/assets/725_hume.pdf
 - **Safe Routes 2 School**, Lee Kokinakas, Michigan Fitness Foundation: http://www.ampo.org/assets/726_kokinakas.pdf
 - 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning presentations from Anchorage, Atlanta and Omaha at: <http://www.ampo.org/content/index.php?pid=197>
- **Pedestrian Focus States Webinar on Pedestrian/Bicycle Law Enforcement:** This December 17 webinar has been archived and can be viewed at: <http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/pedfocus/>. Sign in as a guest (first name and last name). In the bottom right hand corner, click on the two *Enforcement Workshop for Webinar* files and select "Save to My Computer".
- **T-Square's 2009 Professional Training Portfolio:** The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T-Square), based at University of Florida, has published its *2009 Professional Training Portfolio*, available at: <http://t2.ce.ufl.edu/nl/2008-11-catalog.pdf>. This catalog is packed with training of interest to SRTS proponents (see the December 19 Update for the list).
- **Additional FHWA Pedestrian Safety Design/Planning workshops:** Contact Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Dennis Scott (dennis.scott@dot.state.fl.us, 850-245-1527) or Hussein Sharifpour, (Hussein.Sharifpour@fhwa.dot.gov), 850-942-9650 x 3024 if you are interested in sponsoring a workshop in 2009. This is an excellent way to start your local SRTS planning. You will be taught what to look for, who to work with, and many solutions to pedestrian problems, which translate easily to SRTS programs.



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Florida SRTS Program Honored by Davis Productivity Award: All seven of Florida's FDOT Districts and state SRTS Coordinator Pat Pieratte have worked very hard and done excellent work to get Florida's SRTS program up and off to a flying start in the first two and a half years. Some of that work has now been recognized by the award of a 2009 Davis Productivity plaque to the District Seven SRTS team in recognition of their teamwork and innovative approach to SRTS. These awards are given to state employees, teams and others that clearly exceed performance expectations and job descriptions in ways that improve service delivery and save money for Florida taxpayers and businesses. For more Davis Productivity Award info, see: <http://www.floridatxwatch.org/resources/forms/2009/NominationsGeneralInformation2009.pdf>.

The District Seven SRTS team (Peter Hsu, David Skrelunas, Jeanette Rouse and Jill Wehle), in coordination with state SRTS Coordinator Pat Pieratte, won the award for SRTS work done between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008. This team developed a model District-wide SRTS Program consisting of Infrastructure projects and Non-Infrastructure programs using all 5E's, for the Tampa Bay area. They implemented projects that could be completed quickly to increase the level of safety within 2 miles of schools serving grades K-8.

The SRTS team purchased and distributed 134 speed feedback signs and 142 flashing beacons to requesting local agencies, which installed and will maintain them at 104 elementary and middle schools. These signs and beacons will heighten awareness of school zones and improve the safety of school crossings in the Tampa Bay area. Local law enforcement agencies have pledged to use the data gathered by the speed feedback signs to do selective enforcement. The signs and beacons are solar powered, which will save the maintaining agency operating and maintenance costs. This approach allowed District Seven to have an immediate impact on the safety of K-8th grade students, while they began planning for larger sidewalk and other projects which go through the typical procurement process steps of design, bid and build.

Several educational programs were initiated in elementary schools in a three county area to encourage safe pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors. Between the Infrastructure projects and Non-Infrastructure programs, the District initiated the SRTS Program in over 140 elementary and middle schools with \$3 million in funding committed. The annual estimated life savings will be \$1.5 million. In addition, using other District funds, District Seven contracted with the University of South Florida, Center for Urban Transportation Research, to coordinate the collection and analysis of the before and after student travel tallies and parent surveys in schools benefitting from SRTS funds.

Thanks in part to the work done by District Seven, at the end of two short years, Florida had the second highest number of local programs funded, using the lowest amount of funding, of the four largest states. This was one of the most rapid SRTS start ups in the United States, and we are all continuing to work hard to create a safer environment for children to walk and ride their bikes to school.

Florida Bicycle Association and other Florida Representatives Attend National Bike Summit: Florida Bicycle Association reports:

Team Florida represented Florida well at the recent League of American Bicyclists' [National Bike Summit](#) in Washington, DC. The 13-member delegation had meetings with both senators and fifteen representatives, plus dropped off materials at the other ten representatives. YOUR voice was heard loud and clear as we carried a unified voice for bicycling.

It sounds like Florida was represented well at this important national event.

An Explanation of Florida's new SRTS Requirements: The following is an adapted version of a reply I gave to an applicant who was concerned about the new SRTS requirements in light of the economic situation and the lessening resources of local areas, especially small rural counties:

All states are required to follow the federal Guidance on the SRTS program, which Federal Highway Administration has posted on its website at: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>. This Guidance leaves some room for each state to implement the program in the way which will best meet the goals of the program in their state. I am on a list serve with all the state SRTS Coordinators and I know that each state did the best they could to begin with, and, like Florida, that they are learning from experience and making necessary modifications as the program develops.

In Florida we started out the Non-Infrastructure program by requiring a full application and a formal Call for Applications, but later modified this to an open Call until each District's funds are committed, and a simpler application process, based on input from the Districts and local partners. These changes will allow each District more flexibility in how they use their limited Non-Infrastructure funds, and will allow these programs to be developed and implemented much more quickly.

Experience on the Infrastructure side has pushed things in the opposite direction. SRTS is supposed to be a comprehensive program which includes all the E's, but most of the applications we received for the first two Calls were requesting infrastructure improvements, with little thought given to the other E's. Most of the applications were filled out by city or county engineers, who appeared to have had little contact with the schools for which they were requesting projects. We always encouraged a comprehensive planning approach, using the Safe Ways to School Toolkit or a similar process, but when we didn't get the results we had hoped for voluntarily, we had to make it a requirement to form a school-based SRTS Committee and work through all the E's.

Similarly, we weren't getting many Evaluation baselines of how many children were already walking or biking to school, on a voluntary basis, so we had to make the "before" student travel tallies a requirement. Congress will soon begin work on the next Transportation Bill, and in order for funding for SRTS to be included and hopefully increased, we need to show that our SRTS programs are effective, and we need baseline data in order to do this.

The third change this year is a limit of 5 applications per applicant, and a prioritized list of projects from each applicant. This was necessary because we are now working with only one year's worth of projected funding, unlike the five years' worth of funding for the first Call and the four years' worth of projected funding for the second Call. We received many more applications than could be funded for the first two Calls, and it was not time effective for the Districts or me to review that many applications when only about 25% of the projects could be funded and we often didn't even know which projects were the top priorities for the applicants.

The current Call for Applications was opened November 30, and we have let people know of these new requirements in the Application, Guidelines and weekly Updates. We realized that these new requirements would be challenging for applicants, but we also knew that as a result, we would receive much better infrastructure projects which were part of a comprehensive 5E SRTS program.

However, we don't want to shut out applications from smaller counties which might not have as many resources as larger counties. If anyone has suggestions on how to level the playing field, we are certainly open to hearing them. The District SRTS Contacts try to spread out their projects geographically, instead of selecting projects from only the urban counties. They may be able to help in some areas of the application, such as supply the AADT or other engineering details, or suggest ways to help you complete your applications.

Here are a few additional suggestions:

- *Work with the PTA, Lion's Club or other volunteer or service groups to form and direct the work of the SRTS Committees or other aspects of the applications.*
- *Work with volunteers from the Florida Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (FSITE) or other engineering groups or firms, to help with the engineering aspects of the application. One District has already been successful using these methods.*
- *Ask Engineering or other college students to volunteer their time to work on the SRTS Committee or other aspects of the application. You could even include high school students. Many high school and college students are required to volunteer a certain number of hours for credit, or want the experience for their resumes.*

We realize these are challenging times and we are all being asked to do more with less. But I feel confident that committed applicants will rise to the occasion, and we can move the Florida SRTS program to the next level through these new requirements.

Florida Bicycle Month Featured in Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Article: The FDEP has written an article on their website featuring Florida Bicycle Month. The article begins:

In recognition of March being Florida Bicycle month, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are reminding residents and tourists to enjoy some of the best biking weather the state has to offer.

In proclaiming Florida Bicycle Month, Governor Charlie Crist signed a proclamation recognizing how the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians by providing a means to travel to work, school and parks, and as a popular form of recreation, helping to motivate eco-tourism. The proclamation highlights that increased bicycle usage can help reduce motor vehicle emissions and thereby reduce global climate change impacts.

Also featured in the article is the new *Rediscover Florida: 100 Ways in 100 Days* — a campaign highlighting 100 different ways to experience Florida in 100 days. The campaign aims to increase awareness of all the activities Florida's public lands offer – from the traditional (hiking, biking, camping) to the unique (festivals, historic reenactments and museums). Any experience biking or hiking with family and friends will help children to enjoy these experiences and encourage them to use these active modes to get to and from school. Read more at: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/news/2009/03/0309_01.htm

Florida Updates: Local

Miami in the News: It seems that Miami is the happening place for non-motorized transportation these days. I received three updates about Miami this week:

- **Bike Miami Days is Cycling Out Crime:** The monthly Bike Miami Days have been a huge success, giving people a fun and safe place to ride their bikes, bringing more life to downtown Miami and even bringing the crime level down! Collin Worth, Bicycle Coordinator for the City of Miami reports in the recent News from Florida Bicycle Association:

... we got possibly our best news story about Bike Miami Days recently. Check out [this video](#) and forward to contacts in other cities so maybe they can emulate the concept. I'm so happy after watching this.

This truly proves that there is safety in numbers. As we get more children walking and bicycling to school, they will be safer both from a traffic safety and personal safety standpoint.

- **Miami Adopts a Complete Streets Policy:** John D. Hopkins, Chairman of the Green Mobility Network in Miami, attended the recent National Bike Summit, where one of the new national bicycle-friendly bills, The Complete Streets Act of 2009, was discussed. He says:

I was delighted to learn when I returned home that Miami had just embraced a Complete Streets policy. Details about how this will apply in Miami are still to be worked out, of course, but we hope the concept of making streets friendly to all users will spread far and wide. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart could be significantly influential in bringing that about. (You can find the [City Commission resolution here](#)).

- **Winning Campaigns Training In Miami May 15-17:** John Hopkins also reports:

This spring the [Alliance](#) [for Biking and Walking] is partnering with Green Mobility Network to bring our signature Winning Campaigns Training to Miami, FL. Join your fellow bicycle and pedestrian advocacy leaders to learn from expert coaches and each other through the Alliance's proven curriculum on choosing, directing, and winning campaigns to increase bicycling and walking. After three days of fun and inspiring work with the country's leading experts in advocacy, you'll come away with the tools and confidence to not only advocate for improvements, but win them!...Click [HERE](#) to register.... We'll study and ride on beautiful Key Biscayne, and wrap up the event just in time to ride in Miami's own ciclovía, Bike Miami Days, for its seventh monthly outing.

News from Other States and Countries

Speed in School Zones Research Published: The Texas Transportation Institute recently published a report entitled Speed in School Zones: <http://tti.tamu.edu/documents/0-5470-1.pdf>. This report includes many topics of relevance to SRTS such as placement and effectiveness of speed feedback signs, marking of school zones and school crossings, and interviews with law enforcement officers on driver compliance with school zones.

The Conclusions section includes these Operating Speed Characteristics for Texas school zones:

- *The average speed for sites with a crosswalk includes speeds that are significantly lower than the average speed for the sites without a crosswalk.*
- *The average speed for sites without a sidewalk is significantly higher than the average speed for the sites with a sidewalk.*
- *The average speed is higher for sites in rural areas. The lowest speeds recorded were in suburban residential areas, while the highest were in rural mixed and undeveloped locations.*
- *The lowest speeds are associated with speed zones of the shortest lengths, which is correlated to the lowest school speed limits.*
- *Lower speeds are associated with a higher number of access points (for both access density and school driveway density).*

This type of research gives us very important information as we are trying to increase safety for children walking and bicycling to school.

Recycle a Bicycle Programs: There has been some discussion on the SRTS National Partnership's list serve recently about various Earn a Bike Programs, which I thought might be a new idea to some. With these programs, children are taught to repair and refurbish bicycles in order to gain self-esteem and a bicycle. There are various ways in which the programs are run, but they often involve children at risk of failing and/or dropping out of school. Some programs use the refurbished bikes as prizes for Walk to School Day or other SRTS programs, some give them to those who can't afford bikes, and others give the bikes to the PTAs so they can sell them to raise money for SRTS and other projects.

One program reported an 85% success rate with the participating at risk children. This program required the students to repair a bicycle to give to child who could not afford a bicycle, before they could work on one for themselves. The children received so much pleasure out of giving a bike to someone else, that they also wanted to work on an additional bike to give away, besides their own bike.

Liability was seen to be an issue for some programs, but not others. Some programs had parents sign a liability waiver, while others had a local bike shop inspect the bike and help the child make any final repairs, before attaching a sticker for their bike shop so the recipients would know where to go if they had any problems.

Successful program mentioned include:

- Trips for Kids (which includes mountain bike rides on the refurbished bikes): <http://www.tripsforkids.org/>
- Trips for Kids-Marin: <http://www.tripsforkids.org/marin/>
- Recycle-a-Bicycle in New York City: <http://www.recycleabicycle.org/>
- Sprockids in Canada: <http://www.sprockids.com/> and
- Community Cycling Center in Portland, Oregon: <http://www.communitycyclingcenter.org/>

You can sign up for the monthly SRTS E-News and/or join the SRTS List Serve by clicking on the links at the bottom of this page: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/mediacenter>.

National News

Secretary LaHood Addresses the National Bike Summit: U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, has a blog, where on March 13 he reported on his appearance at the National Bike Summit which was held recently in Washington, D.C. Read his comments at: <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2009/03/cyclists-are-important-users-of-transportation-systems-.html>. He concluded his remarks by saying:

I welcome the vigor of the bicycling community in advocating for bike-friendly measures in the upcoming authorization bill, CLEAN-TEA. Bicycles are a critical part of a cleaner, greener future in American transportation, so keep those wheels spinning.

Also read the positive reaction to Secretary LaHood's presentation, from a Portland bike advocate at: <http://www.streetsblog.org/2009/03/11/lahood-to-bike-advocates-us-dot-will-be-your-full-partner/>. As reported here,

At the outset of his remarks, he said, "I want all of you to know you have a full partner at the US DOT in working toward livable communities". A key theme of LaHood's remarks was that he and President Obama will work hard help make communities nicer places to walk and bike.

Two Bicycle and Pedestrian-Friendly Bills Introduced in Congress During Bike Summit Week: The following two pieces of legislation, both priorities of the America Bikes Coalition (<http://www.americabikes.org/>) were introduced into Congress during Bike Summit week. The second one could become our next 6-year Transportation Bill, which will hopefully continue funding for Safe Routes to School:

- The Complete Streets Act of 2009 (S. 584, introduced by Senator Harkin; H.R. 1443 introduced by Representative Matsui)
- CLEAN-TEA: The Clean, Low-Emission Affordable, New Transportation Efficiency Act ([S. 575](#), introduced by Senators Carper and Specter; [H.R. 1329](#), introduced by Representatives Blumenauer, Tauscher and LaTourette)

If you are allowed to lobby, you might want to ask your [members of Congress](#) to sign on as co-sponsors to these national bills. You might also consider joining the Florida Bike Summit on Thursday, April 2 to voice your concerns about the future of bicycling in Florida. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

League of American Bicyclists' President Andy Clarke Speaks to Congress on Green Transportation:

This week Andy Clarke addressed the Select Committee Energy Independence and Global Warming hearing titled "[Constructing a Green Transportation Policy: Transit Modes and Infrastructure](#)". Chairman [Edward J. Markey \(D-Mass.\)](#) and Vice Chair [Earl Blumenauer \(D-Ore.\)](#) announced the hearing in response to Congress and the Obama administration's pressing agenda items -- global warming, clean energy and job-creating infrastructure projects. Clarke discussed the considerable role cycling and walking can play in combating climate change and promoting energy independence. Footage of the hearing is available [here](#). Click [here](#) to view Clarke's written statement to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.

Web conferences on Pedestrian Signals Now Posted: Florida is one of the states which has been designated a Pedestrian Safety Focus State by Federal Highway Administration, due to our high pedestrian crash rate. We have been participating on regular conference calls and web conferences on various pedestrian topics, and Florida has hosted a number of FHWA's Pedestrian Safety Design and Planning workshops around the state. There are a limited number of lines available for these webinars, but the files for these webinars are now posted so the information can be shared more widely. The March 5 webinar featured presentations on:

- New Types of Accessible Pedestrian Signals.
- A Prioritization Program for Pedestrian Signals

To view this presentation and other past presentations such as the ones on pedestrian law enforcement (which featured work done in Florida) and the Miami-Dade Pedestrian project, click on the link below, select the "enter as guest" option, type your name in the appropriate space, then click on the "enter room" button. You will see links for the presentations in the middle of the screen under "past recorded meetings": <https://admin.na3.acrobat.com/a55098539/pedfocus/>

Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

❖ Indicates new items Events are ET unless noted Events listed until held

- **March 24, 4:00-5:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Social Equity*:** Transportation provides access to basic needs such as healthcare, education, and economic opportunity for millions of Americans. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **March 25-28, Health and Fitness Summit and Exposition, Atlanta GA.,** sponsored by the American College of Sports Medicine. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/5unah6>
- **March 26, 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Free NHI webinar *A New Approach for a New Era*:** Performance contracting is a relatively new approach to road construction and maintenance where an agency specifies performance goals rather than methods and materials, and a contractor is responsible for meeting a defined set of goals. FDOT is not using this method of contracting currently, but who knows what the future may hold? Register at: http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg.aspx?webConfID=16541
- **March 29-April 4, 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour"** will be held. If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](#) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.

- **March 31, 2-3 pm, Part 1 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. In this sixty minute presentation, Mr. Parisi & Mr. Cynecki will focus on identifying issues along school routes, developing school area traffic control plans, and improving school walking and bicycling routes through a variety of tools including mapping routes, signing and pavement markings, sidewalks and pathways, bicycle facilities, and speed controls. [REGISTER NOW - Part I](#)
- **March 31-April 4, American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) National Convention and Exposition, Tampa, FL.** More info: <http://www.aaahperd.org/convention/>. Dan Connaughton and Sarita Taylor are scheduled to give a presentation on how SRTS helps meet the goals of physical education teachers, and how the FTBSEP is the ideal program for PE teachers to implement to meet those goals.

April-June, 2009:

- **April 1: GIS courses in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- **April 2, Florida Bike Summit,** Florida Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee FL, 10:00-11:30 am, sponsored by the Florida Bicycle Association and Bike Florida. Come and help protect the rights of bicyclists to ride safely and freely. FBA will be making a powerful case for expanding support for bicycling. Following brief legislative issue training and a press event, you'll have the opportunity to speak with legislators. More info, or to register: www.floridabicycle.org. The Florida Bike Summit will be held in conjunction with the 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour" to be held March 29-April 4. If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](#) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.
- **April 2, 2:00-3:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Climate Change, and Energy Security*:** As one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the transportation industry impacts climate change, air and water quality, and petroleum dependence. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **April 2nd & 3rd, Streets as Places training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/3cgdja>
- **April 3, GIS Courses in Orlando and Miami:** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- **April 16, 4:00-5:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Housing, and Development*:** Shifting real estate preferences and the need for accessible and affordable housing has created new linkages between housing and transportation. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **April 16th & 17th, How to Turn a Place Around training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/57bfgk>
- **April 20-26, TV Turnoff Week:** Get ideas for alternatives to screen time at www.kp.org.
- **April 21, 2-3 pm, Part 2 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. This webinar will concentrate on effective engineering tools to create safer street crossings and successful ways to calm traffic along school routes through various means including crosswalks, crossing islands, curb extensions, road diets, state of the art traffic controls, and various traffic calming techniques. [REGISTER NOW - Part II](#)

- **April 25-29, American Planning Association (APA) National Conference, Minneapolis MN.** More info: <http://tinyurl.com/2g8fek>
- **Date TBD, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Public Health and Safety*:** Transportation influences the health and safety of communities by affecting physical activity levels, traffic speeds, and local air pollution. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **Date TBD: Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation in Rural Areas and Small Towns*:** Non-metropolitan areas face unique challenges that require specific transportation solutions, such as Main Street economic development and antisprawl efforts, access to job centers, and mobility services for the elderly. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **May 7- 8, Building a Bridge to Policy Action--National Childhood Obesity Prevention Summit:** Leadership for Healthy Communities, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), will present this summit at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, DC. This is an opportunity for elected and appointed officials to discuss innovative healthy eating and active living policy strategies championed by cities, counties and states nationwide. Special emphasis will be placed on collaborative state and community policy approaches that address childhood obesity in vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by the epidemic. SRTS will be discussed in several sessions. Registration for the Summit is by invitation only. If you are interested in an invitation, please contact Victoria Mayo at victoria@leadershipforhealthycommunities.org. For more information about Leadership for Healthy Communities, see: www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org.
- **May 10-14, 47th International Making Cities Livable Conference *True Urbanism: Cities for Health & Well-Being*, Governor Hotel, Portland, OR.** More info: <http://www.livablecities.org/47ConfPortland.htm>.
- **May 19-21, Green Cities Florida - Sustainable Solutions Showcase** - - Orange County Convention Center - GreenCities educational events are carefully designed one-day bootcamps, conferences, or showcase expositions whose purpose is to provide governments and businesses the insight, inspiration, tools, and resources to create and implement sustainable solutions. More info: <http://greencities.com/usa/florida/orlando/2009>

July-September, 2009:

- **July 27-29, Weight of the Nation Conference:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, will host its inaugural conference on obesity prevention and control, *Weight of the Nation*, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Weight of the Nation will provide a forum to highlight progress in the prevention and control of obesity through policy and environmental strategies and is framed around four intervention settings: community, medical care, school, and workplace. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>
- **August 19-21, Second Safe Routes to School National Conference, Portland, Oregon:** More Info: http://www.bta4bikes.org/at_work/saferoutes_conference.html
- **September 4, 1:00-2:30, The Future of Transportation - Providing Sustainable Choices for the Public.** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=675
- **September 16-19, Bridging the Past to Tomorrow: 2009 America Planning Association Florida Chapter Conference** - - Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville - Join the leaders from the public and private planning sectors for their annual gathering - program content for every discipline. More info: <http://www.floridaplanning.org/>

October-December, 2009:

- **October 6-7, California School Board Association School Wellness Conference, Anaheim, California:** Featured will be leaders from state agencies, the California School Boards Association and the community, who play a role in creating sustainable healthy school environments, including opportunities for physical activity. More info: <http://swc.csba.org/>.
- **October 7-9, 4th Annual Campus and Community Sustainability Conference** - - University of South Florida - Tampa - A program of Sustainable Florida bridges the gap from the campus to the real world - great for both town (Private sector - retail, manufacturing, sustainability leaders) and gown (administrators, educators, and student groups). Info on last year's conference (new info not up yet): <http://www.sustainablefloridaconference.org/>

- **November 6, 1:00-2:30, Community Visioning - Creating the Framework for Tomorrow's Florida:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=677
- **December 4, 1:00-2:30, Creating Sustainable Communities:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=678

Ongoing:

- **The National Highway Institute (NHI) Offers Free Web-Based Training:** Courses of interest to SRTS partners include *Introducing Highway Federal-Aid* and *Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making*, as well as a variety of courses on planning and engineering topics. See the course listings at: http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/training/list_catalog.aspx?cat=&key=&num=&loc=&tit=&sta=%25&typ=3&lev=%25&ava=1&str=&end=&dr
- **National Pro Walk/Pro Bike Presentations Now Available On-Line:** Some of the presentations from the Pro Walk/Pro Bike National Conference in Portland, Oregon are now posted at: <http://www.bikewalk.org/2008conference/vconference/schedulefull.html>; look for live links in red.
- **America Walks/NCSRTS Webinar series:** If you missed any of these webinars, please go to http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can_webinars.cfm to download and view the webinar.
- **The Association Of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' 2008 National Conference**, held in October 2008, included presentations on SRTS and other Bike/Ped issues: View these & others at the links below:
 - **Safe Routes to School Washington State Planning and Funding Assistance**, Charlotte Claybrooke, Washington DOT, SRTS Coordinator: http://www.ampo.org/assets/719_claybrook.pdf
 - **Safe Routes to School – Practical Solutions on a Small Budget:** Andy Hume, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): http://www.ampo.org/assets/725_hume.pdf
 - **Safe Routes 2 School**, Lee Kokinakas, Michigan Fitness Foundation: http://www.ampo.org/assets/726_kokinakas.pdf
 - 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning presentations from Anchorage, Atlanta and Omaha at: <http://www.ampo.org/content/index.php?pid=197>
- **Pedestrian Focus States Webinar on Pedestrian/Bicycle Law Enforcement:** This December 17 webinar has been archived and can be viewed at: <http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/pedfocus/>. Sign in as a guest (first name and last name). In the bottom right hand corner, click on the two *Enforcement Workshop for Webinar* files and select "Save to My Computer".
- **T-Square's 2009 Professional Training Portfolio:** The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T-Square), based at University of Florida, has published its *2009 Professional Training Portfolio*, available at: <http://t2.ce.ufl.edu/nl/2008-11-catalog.pdf>. This catalog is packed with training of interest to SRTS proponents (see the December 19 Update for the list).
- **Additional FHWA Pedestrian Safety Design/Planning workshops:** Contact Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Dennis Scott (dennis.scott@dot.state.fl.us, 850-245-1527) or Hussein Sharifpour, (Hussein.Sharifpour@fhwa.dot.gov), 850-942-9650 x 3024 if you are interested in sponsoring a workshop in 2009. This is an excellent way to start your local SRTS planning. You will be taught what to look for, who to work with, and many solutions to pedestrian problems, which translate easily to SRTS programs.



Florida SRTS Updates

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Florida Updates: State

One New Application Tool Available and One Almost Available: In the past there have been requests by applicants to see a sample application and the scoring form which the Districts use to score and rank applications they receive. These forms should help applicants understand what we are looking for in the Infrastructure Applications. I have been working on these, but they have taken much longer than I hoped, due to various challenges. So here is the status of these tools:

- The Sample Application is almost ready. I had to finalize upgrades to the Application, and get it converted to an official FDOT form first, then retype the Sample Application I had started. I also had to get help estimating reasonable costs from one of the Districts, and work with several other offices to create online resources which applicants can use to estimate their costs. The sample application is almost complete, but I need to take one more look at it before releasing it. I'm hoping to get this done in time to attach it to next week's Update. If you would like to see it before then, send me an e-mail, and I'll send it to you as soon as it's completed.
- District Scoring Form Now Posted: The challenge here was to learn how to protect the Excel document, while still allowing the Districts to fill in their scores. Today I reached someone who could walk me through the process, and the form is now official FDOT form number 500-000-31, on the Forms and Procedures Website. The Scoring Form follows the Infrastructure Application very closely, with just a few additional considerations added. To find the form, Click on: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/proceduraldocuments/forms/forms.asp>, then search for form number 500-000-31 (or to search by Office; select S for Safety Office).

Anticipated Funding Levels for FY 2014: I have had some inquiries about the amount of funding which is anticipated to be available for fiscal year 2013-14, for the current Call for Applications. Look for the SRTS funding categories in the FY 2014 column (the last white column on the right) of pages 6 and 7 of the Work Program's Schedule A: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/financialplanning/prs/ScheduleA/Federal_Funds.pdf. There are several things to remember while looking at these funding levels:

- They are in thousands, so you need to add three zeros to the end of the numbers listed
- There are 3 categories of SRTS funding (Most Districts spend about 90% on Infrastructure and about 10% on Non-Infrastructure):
 - SR2E is the 20% of funding which can be applied to either Infrastructure or Non-Infrastructure
 - SR2N is the 10% of funding which is the minimum to be spent for Non-Infrastructure
 - SR2S is the 70% of funding which is the minimum to be spent for Infrastructure
- These are anticipated, estimated amounts, since the actual amounts will not be determined until the next Transportation Bill is written and passed. The new Bill is supposed to go into effect on October 1, 2009, and Congress is just beginning the process now. The last several Transportation Bills were delayed for months or years, while the funding levels from the last Bill were continued.
- The amounts for each District are not broken down by county, although the Districts do their best to select projects from across their Districts.
- For the first two Calls for Applications, we were selecting projects for multiple years (five years, then four years). Starting with this Call, we are dealing with only one year's worth of anticipated funds, so the amounts are much lower. So applicants should make their applications as good and complete as possible to increase their chances of having their project(s) selected.

News from Other States and Countries

Montana Outdoors Article Focuses on Connection between Children and the Outdoors: If you have never heard of Nature Deficit Disorder, *Playing it Too Safe?* is an article worth reading. The article, written by Brian Maffly, discusses this and related topics, such as the fear of stranger danger and the benefits of giving our children some freedom to explore and gradually gain independence. He quotes John Keck, with the National Park Service in Wyoming in this excerpt:

A sedentary life indoors is by no means safe. Too much inactivity can lead to childhood depression, obesity, and Attention-Deficit Disorder. "Parents are more concerned about their children going outside unattended than sitting in front of a video game six hours a day eating potato chips,"

He recommends educating parents as well as children on these issues, which have a direct connection to the SRTS program. Read the article at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2008/NatureDeficit.htm>.

National News

America Walks, National Center for Safe Routes to School (NCSRTS) Offer Safe Routes Webinars: Remember to register for the upcoming two-part *Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes to School* webinars, sponsored by America Walks and the NCSRTS:

- The first session will take place on March 31st and will focus on identifying issues along school routes, developing school area traffic control plans, and improving school walking and bicycling routes through a variety of tools.
- The second session will take place on April 21st and will concentrate on effective engineering tools to create safer street crossings and successful ways to calm traffic along school routes.

Instructors will be David Parisi, PE, TE, of Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting, and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department. More info and register at <http://www.americawalks.org/advocates/safe-routes-action/webinars/engineering-treatments-and-strategies-for-srts/>

Active Living Resource Center (ALRC) Publishes Case Study *How Garfield, NJ, Got Its Kids Moving and Eating Better:* This case study reports on how Garfield, New Jersey, with the help of the ALRC's *City SRTS Program*, has made progress in both physical activity and nutrition for its students. Download the case study at: <http://www.activelivingresources.org/garfield.php>. Darleen Reveille, the town's public health nurse, recently addressed the National League of Cities (NLC) conference on March 16th, on this and other Safe Routes to School programs.

Watch Bike Summit Speeches: The National Center for Bicycling and Walking's *Centerlines* newsletter reports the availability of streaming video of key presentations made at the recent National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. Note that FDOT personnel and perhaps others will need to forward these links to their private accounts to see them. As stated in the March 18 Centerlines:

Thanks to John Z. Wetmore, those of us who couldn't make it to the National Bike Summit, can watch video of the March 11 morning speakers, in the comfort of our own homes!

-- US DOT Secretary Ray LaHood: <http://tinyurl.com/cmbepm>

-- US Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR-3rd): <http://tinyurl.com/c2vbjv>

-- US Representative Daniel Lipinski (IL-3rd): <http://tinyurl.com/dl345s>

-- US Representative Doris Matsui (CA-5th): <http://tinyurl.com/dl4vbq>

John Z Wetmore is the Producer of *Perils For Pedestrians*, a television series on satellite, cable, and the Internet. For more info, contact him at <john@pedestrians.org> or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/cxj6e7>.

Alliance for Biking and Walking to Fund Advocacy Advance Grants: the Alliance (formerly the Thunderhead Alliance) will be funding two rounds of Advocacy Advance Grants this year, for statewide or local Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advocacy Organizations which are current members or new potential members of the Alliance. There will be two types of grants funded: 1) Start-up / Capacity Building Grants and 2) Innovation Grants. Each of the three grant cycles will consist of an Inquiry phase and a Full Proposal phase (for those who are selected to apply from the pool of inquiries). The deadline for the first Inquiry phase is April 2, 2009. If your SRTS program is part of a larger bicycle and pedestrian advocacy program, you may be eligible to apply. For more information, see:

<http://www.thunderheadalliance.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/C528>

UNC's Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) to provide funding to make neighborhoods walkable: The HSRC, located at the University of North Carolina, has written *A Resident's Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities*. As a follow-up to this NHTSA-funded project, the HSRC will work with selected communities in the U.S.

to pilot test the *Guide*. The announcement states:

Funding is now available to communities interested in making their environment more "walkable" for residents. The Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) is seeking proposals from up to 10 communities or neighborhoods to pilot test the use of a newly developed guidebook on how to improve pedestrian safety in neighborhoods. Each selected site will be provided \$2,000 as well as technical assistance from pedestrian safety experts.

This may be an opportunity for neighborhoods near schools to enhance their SRTS efforts. A conference call for potential applicants will be held May 1, and applications are due May 29. Read more about this opportunity at: <http://www.walkinginfo.org/newsroom/2009-03-23.cfm>

Transportation Programs: Challenges Facing the Department of Transportation and Congress: In her recent statement to Congress, Katherine Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office said:

Congestion has worsened over the past 10 years, despite large increases in transportation spending at all levels of government and improvements to the physical condition of highways and transit facilities. Furthermore, according to DOT, highway spending by all levels of government has increased 100 percent in real dollar terms since 1980, but the hours of delay during peak travel periods have increased by almost 200 percent during the same period. These mobility issues have increased at a relatively constant rate over the last two decades...

SRTS programs are a great way to remove some school-related traffic from our roadways. Read the report, which discusses the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funding the surface transportation program, improving transportation safety, transportation mobility, the next Transportation Bill and more, at: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09435t.pdf>.

USA Today Article *The Benefits of Walking Around Your Neighborhood*: This article, part of the online series called *A Better Life*, states some of the benefits:

...if you live in a neighborhood where you can easily walk to nearby shops, you are likely to be more active and thinner than if you live in a place where you have to drive everywhere, a new study shows. This is true no matter what income level the neighborhood... People did 40 to 50 minutes more physical activity per week if their neighborhoods were designed for pedestrians, regardless of whether they lived in higher-income or lower-income neighborhoods.

The same principles hold true for children, which is one reason that SRTS is such a beneficial program. Read the article at: <http://blogs.usatoday.com/betterlife/2009/03/the-benefits--1.html>.

Florida & National Calendar of Events & Training Opportunities

❖ Indicates new items Events are ET unless noted Events listed until held

- ❖ **March 28, 8:30 pm local time, Earth Hour:** Join more than 2,800 cities, towns and municipalities in more than 84 countries, in voting for the earth and against global warming by switching off all of your lights for an hour beginning at 8:30 p.m. your local time on Saturday, March 28th. There is still time to make this a SRTS activity to reduce pollution and energy usage! Learn more at: <http://tinyurl.com/37mlp>
- **March 29-April 4, 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour".** If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](#) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.
- **March 31, 2-3 pm, Part 1 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. In this sixty minute presentation, Mr. Parisi & Mr. Cynecki will focus on identifying issues along school routes, developing school area traffic control plans, and improving school walking and bicycling routes through a variety of tools including mapping routes, signing and pavement markings, sidewalks and pathways, bicycle facilities, and speed controls. [REGISTER NOW - Part I](#)
- **March 31-April 4, American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) National Convention and Exposition, Tampa, FL.** More info: <http://www.aahperd.org/convention/>. Dan Connaughton and Sarita Taylor are scheduled to give a presentation on how SRTS helps meet the goals of

physical education teachers, and how the FTBSEP is the ideal program for PE teachers to implement to meet those goals.

April-June, 2009:

- **April 1: GIS courses in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- **April 2, Florida Bike Summit,** Florida Capitol Courtyard, Tallahassee FL, 10:00-11:30 am, sponsored by the Florida Bicycle Association and Bike Florida. Come and help protect the rights of bicyclists to ride safely and freely. FBA will be making a powerful case for expanding support for bicycling. Following brief legislative issue training and a press event, you'll have the opportunity to speak with legislators. More info, or to register: www.floridabicycle.org. The Florida Bike Summit will be held in conjunction with the 16th annual Bike Florida "Capitol Tour" to be held March 29-April 4. If you want to be part of the Bike Florida group, special one and two day options are available. Visit [Bike Florida](http://www.bikeflorida.org) for more details or to register for this terrific week-long event.
- **April 2, 2:00-3:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Climate Change, and Energy Security*:** As one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the transportation industry impacts climate change, air and water quality, and petroleum dependence. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- ❖ **April 2, deadline for Round 1 of the Alliance for Biking and Walking to Fund Advocacy Advance Grants:** For more info, see: <http://www.thunderheadalliance.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/C528>
- **April 2nd & 3rd, Streets as Places training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/3cgdja>
- **April 3, GIS Courses in Orlando and Miami:** Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to create thematic maps, map addresses, download and map Census & American Community Survey data, conduct spatial queries, download free shapefiles, and create well-designed maps. These \$495 courses may be useful in mapping SRTS projects and safe walking routes. More Info/Registration: <http://www.nur-online.com/>
- **April 16, 4:00-5:30 pm, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation, Housing, and Development*:** Shifting real estate preferences and the need for accessible and affordable housing has created new linkages between housing and transportation. Register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **April 16th & 17th, How to Turn a Place Around training course, New York, NY.** More info: Craig Raphael, Project for Public Spaces, <craphael@pps.org> or: <http://tinyurl.com/57bfkg>
- **April 20-26, TV Turnoff Week:** Get ideas for alternatives to screen time at www.kp.org.
- **April 21, 2-3 pm, Part 2 of National Center for SRTS Presents Two-Part Webinar on Engineering Treatments and Strategies for Safe Routes To School:** The presenters will be David Parisi, PE, TE, Parisi Associates Transportation Consulting and Michael Cynecki, PE, Traffic Engineering Supervisor for the Phoenix Street Transportation Department. This webinar will concentrate on effective engineering tools to create safer street crossings and successful ways to calm traffic along school routes through various means including crosswalks, crossing islands, curb extensions, road diets, state of the art traffic controls, and various traffic calming techniques. [REGISTER NOW - Part II](#)
- **April 25-29, American Planning Association (APA) National Conference, Minneapolis MN.** More info: <http://tinyurl.com/2g8fek>
- **Date TBD, Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation and Public Health and Safety*:** Transportation influences the health and safety of communities by affecting physical activity levels, traffic speeds, and local air pollution. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.
- **Date TBD: Transportation for America's free webinar entitled *Transportation in Rural Areas and Small Towns*:** Non-metropolitan areas face unique challenges that require specific transportation solutions, such as

Main Street economic development and antisprawl efforts, access to job centers, and mobility services for the elderly. Watch for announcement and register at <http://t4america.org/webinars>.

- **May 7- 8, Building a Bridge to Policy Action--National Childhood Obesity Prevention Summit:** Leadership for Healthy Communities, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), will present this summit at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, DC. This is an opportunity for elected and appointed officials to discuss innovative healthy eating and active living policy strategies championed by cities, counties and states nationwide. Special emphasis will be placed on collaborative state and community policy approaches that address childhood obesity in vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by the epidemic. SRTS will be discussed in several sessions. Registration for the Summit is by invitation only. If you are interested in an invitation, please contact Victoria Mayo at victoria@leadershipforhealthycommunities.org. For more information about Leadership for Healthy Communities, see: www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org.
- **May 10-14, 47th International Making Cities Livable Conference *True Urbanism: Cities for Health & Well-Being*, Governor Hotel, Portland, OR.** More info: <http://www.livablecities.org/47ConfPortland.htm>.
- **May 19-21, Green Cities Florida - Sustainable Solutions Showcase** - - Orange County Convention Center - GreenCities educational events are carefully designed one-day bootcamps, conferences, or showcase expositions whose purpose is to provide governments and businesses the insight, inspiration, tools, and resources to create and implement sustainable solutions. More info: <http://greencities.com/usa/florida/orlando/2009>

July-September, 2009:

- **July 27-29, Weight of the Nation Conference:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, will host its inaugural conference on obesity prevention and control, *Weight of the Nation*, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Weight of the Nation will provide a forum to highlight progress in the prevention and control of obesity through policy and environmental strategies and is framed around four intervention settings: community, medical care, school, and workplace. More info: <http://www.weightofthenation.org/>
- **August 19-21, Second Safe Routes to School National Conference, Portland, Oregon:** More Info: http://www.bta4bikes.org/at_work/saferoutes_conference.html
- **September 4, 1:00-2:30, The Future of Transportation - Providing Sustainable Choices for the Public.** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=675
- ❖ **September 9, deadline for Round 2 of the Alliance for Biking and Walking to Fund Advocacy Advance Grants:** For more info, see: <http://www.thunderheadalliance.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/C528>
- **September 16-19, Bridging the Past to Tomorrow: 2009 America Planning Association Florida Chapter Conference** - - Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville - Join the leaders from the public and private planning sectors for their annual gathering - program content for every discipline. More info: <http://www.floridaplanning.org/>

October-December, 2009:

- **October 6-7, California School Board Association School Wellness Conference, Anaheim, California:** Featured will be leaders from state agencies, the California School Boards Association and the community, who play a role in creating sustainable healthy school environments, including opportunities for physical activity. More info: <http://swc.csba.org/>.
- **October 7-9, 4th Annual Campus and Community Sustainability Conference** - - University of South Florida - Tampa - A program of Sustainable Florida bridges the gap from the campus to the real world - great for both town (Private sector - retail, manufacturing, sustainability leaders) and gown (administrators, educators, and student groups). Info on last year's conference (new info not up yet): <http://www.sustainablefloridaconference.org/>
- **November 6, 1:00-2:30, Community Visioning - Creating the Framework for Tomorrow's Florida:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info: http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=677

- **December 4, 1:00-2:30, Creating Sustainable Communities:** This is part of a series of free monthly American Planning Association Webcasts. More info:
http://www.floridaplanning.org/calendar/calendar_details.asp?EventID=678

Ongoing:

- **The National Highway Institute (NHI) Offers Free Web-Based Training:** Courses of interest to SRTS partners include *Introducing Highway Federal-Aid* and *Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making*, as well as a variety of courses on planning and engineering topics. See the course listings at:
http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/training/list_catalog.aspx?cat=&key=&num=&loc=&tit=&sta=%25&typ=3&lev=%25&ava=1&str=&end=&drf
- **National Pro Walk/Pro Bike Presentations Now Available On-Line:** Some of the presentations from the Pro Walk/Pro Bike National Conference in Portland, Oregon are now posted at:
<http://www.bikewalk.org/2008conference/vconference/schedulefull.html>; look for live links in red.
- **America Walks/NCSRSTS Webinar series:** If you missed any of these webinars, please go to
http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can_webinars.cfm to download and view the webinar.
- **The Association Of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' 2008 National Conference,** held in October 2008, included presentations on SRTS and other Bike/Ped issues: View these & others at the links below:
 - **Safe Routes to School Washington State Planning and Funding Assistance,** Charlotte Claybrooke, Washington DOT, SRTS Coordinator: http://www.ampo.org/assets/719_claybrook.pdf
 - **Safe Routes to School – Practical Solutions on a Small Budget:** Andy Hume, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): http://www.ampo.org/assets/725_hume.pdf
 - **Safe Routes 2 School,** Lee Kokinakas, Michigan Fitness Foundation:
http://www.ampo.org/assets/726_kokinakas.pdf
 - 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning presentations from Anchorage, Atlanta and Omaha at:
<http://www.ampo.org/content/index.php?pid=197>
- **Pedestrian Focus States Webinar on Pedestrian/Bicycle Law Enforcement:** This December 17 webinar has been archived and can be viewed at: <http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/pedfocus/>. Sign in as a guest (first name and last name). In the bottom right hand corner, click on the two *Enforcement Workshop for Webinar* files and select "Save to My Computer".
- **T-Square's 2009 Professional Training Portfolio:** The Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T-Square), based at University of Florida, has published its *2009 Professional Training Portfolio*, available at: <http://t2.ce.ufl.edu/nl/2008-11-catalog.pdf>. This catalog is packed with training of interest to SRTS proponents (see the December 19 Update for the list).
- **Additional FHWA Pedestrian Safety Design/Planning workshops:** Contact Florida's Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Dennis Scott (dennis.scott@dot.state.fl.us, 850-245-1527) or Hussein Sharifpour, (Hussein.Sharifpour@fhwa.dot.gov), 850-942-9650 x 3024 if you are interested in sponsoring a workshop in 2009. This is an excellent way to start your local SRTS planning. You will be taught what to look for, who to work with, and many solutions to pedestrian problems, which translate easily to SRTS programs.