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**TO:** CMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

**FROM:** CMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Program staff

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**Subject:** CMAP SRTS Workshops

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## **Background**

Safe Routes to School is an international movement, sustained by the efforts of parents, schools, community leaders, and local, state, and federal governments, to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. The *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act* (SAFETEA-LU) included a funding program for Safe Routes to School. The Safe Routes to School Program provides funds to the States to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely.

CMAP's 2030 *Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP) specifically recommends Safe Routes to School as a safety strategy, stating that "A key element to meeting the RTP's goal of promoting healthy and active lifestyles is embodied in [the] national movement promoted as *Safe Routes to School*." In addition, the RTP and its Congestion Management Process include performance measures related to traffic crash rates, travel mode share, walkability and bikeability, and school travel plans. These measures are also proposed Regional Indicators in *GO TO 2040*.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of CMAP's Safe Routes to School workshops is to train local communities to improve safety for students walking and cycling to school and to encourage such travel. The workshops will be held in eight different communities or neighborhoods in the Chicago metropolitan area, with a demonstrated history of pedestrian/bicycle crashes or with identifiable barriers to walking/biking to school.

## **RFP**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for interested and qualified firms to conduct eight, one-day-long Safe Routes to School workshops in the metropolitan Chicago region. The scope of work will require the consultant to: (1) Identify Workshop Sites and Local Coordinator; (2)

Invite and Secure Commitment of a Minimum of Twelve Course Participants per Site; (3) Make Advance Technical Preparations for Workshop; (4) Assure Lunch Arrangements; (5) Assure Other Site Logistics; (6) Conduct Course; and (7) Follow-up.

The RFP was sent to potential consultants, forwarded to vendors from the CMAP RFP and RFQ notification list, and posted on the CMAP website.

### **Vendor Selection**

Upon staff recommendation, using criteria laid out in the RFP, the CMAP Board approved a contract with Active Transportation Alliance to provide the SRTS workshops.