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2024 Call for Projects



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### COMING SOON!

2024 Call for Projects will be released on February 1st.

Register NOW to learn more about the TA program and find out what's new. Attend one of 3 webinars focused on **construction** projects and/or one of 3 webinars focused on Safe Routes to School (SRTS) **non-construction** projects.

#### Informational Webinars for Construction Projects:

2/5 – 10-11am. Register [here](#).

2/8 – 2:30-3:30pm. Register [here](#).

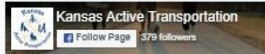
<https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burtransplan/TransAlt.asp>

Webpages

<https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov/>



- What's new? 
- Upcoming events and dates 
- Plan a winter walking event! 
- Join the movement! 



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### Connect with us

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Sign up for our e-newsletter or register your school [here!](#)



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- Slides and Webinar recording will be available on the TA [webpage](#)
- Slides already available
- Recording will be available after the Feb. 9th webinar

Webinars: Feb. 5, 8, 9, 2024



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# Introductions and Active Transportation News



New Staff!



Kansas Active Transportation  
Enhancement (KATE)



Road Safety Audit Trainings

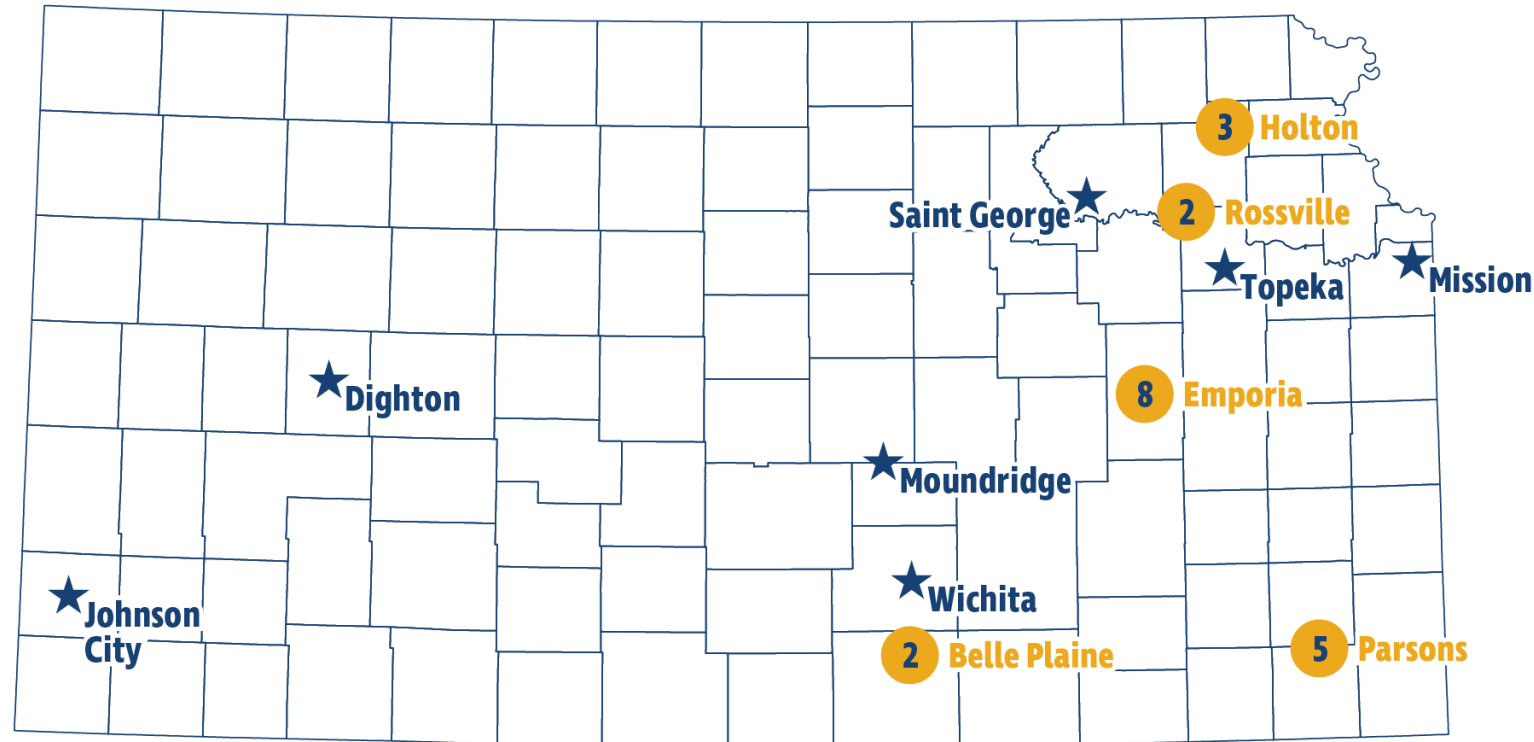


Kansas Active Transportation Plan

# Active Transportation News

## SRTS Planning and Programming (P&P) Pilot Currently Underway!

Visit: <https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov/> for more information



★ Kick Start

# Planning (# of schools covered in the planning effort)

\*\*\*Next application period opens in April for Planning  
for the 2024-25 school year!\*\*\*

# P&P and TA Differences



	P&P	TA
Eligibility	No restrictions	Urbanized areas of WAMPO and MARC not eligible
Funding source	KATE – State funds	FHWA – Federal funds
Consultant Process-Master Plan	Toole Design already hired and ready to go	Awarded sponsor must hire a consultant
Financials-Master Plan	No money exchanged	Sponsor pays consultant then submits paid invoices for reimbursement – No Max
Number of schools-Master Plan	Up to 8 schools	No max
Typical time frame from award to completion-Master Plan	Less than one year	1-2 years
Education and Programming	Kick-start to increase awareness and generate excitement - \$1,500 max	Policy, systems, and environmental changes – max \$50,000

# Active Transportation News

 **Kansas Active Transportation**

## ROAD SAFETY ASSESSMENTS TRAININGS

**COMING  
SPRING 2024**



### PURPOSE OF TRAINING

Join us for an all-day training on conducting a local Road Safety Assessments focused on concerns specific to pedestrians and bicyclists exploring safety, accessibility, comfort, and convenience.

This training is designed for city and county representatives, transportation professionals, advocates, and community members.



### TRAINING LOCATIONS

- Topeka - 3/13/24
- Kansas City - 3/19/24
- Hutchison - 3/28/24
- Garden City - 4/2/24
- Wichita/Sedgwick Co - 4/10/24
- Salina - 4/25/24
- Pittsburg - 5/1/24
- Hays - 5/7/24



Registration is FREE. Lunch will be provided.  
For more information and to register, visit:

**Register Today!**



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# New and Continuing

## Continuing

- Non-urbanized areas of [WAMPO](#) and [MARC](#) eligible to apply. Lists on another slide
- Concept Papers still required and are due by March 1. Full Application due May 17, 2024
- Flint Hills, Topeka Metro, Lawrence, and St. Joseph (MO) MPOs are eligible applicants

## New

- On-line application – hard copies and flash drives with digital docs no longer accepted

# New!

- Safe Routes to School non-construction projects changes:
  - Fund at 100% using KATE state funds for required 20% match
  - No max on Master Plan development
  - PE removed as stand-alone option
  - Continued: max on education and programming at \$50,000.



# Program Timeline

Date	Activity
February 1, 2024	Call for Projects, Concept Forms available and Press Release issued.
March 1, 2024	Project Concept Forms due. Concept forms must be submitted on <a href="#">Qualtrics</a> .
March	Project Concept technical assistance and feedback period.
End of March 2024	Application link will be emailed to local sponsors who completed the Project Concept Form and met eligibility requirements.
May 17, 2024	Applications must be submitted on Qualtrics On-Line Application Portal
May 20 to June 30, 2024	Application review period.
July 2024	Project selections and public announcement of awards.

# What is Safe Routes to School?

- Multi-faceted approach that promotes walking, biking, and rolling to school using policies, programs, and projects.
- The goal of SRTS is to get more kids walking, biking, and rolling to school, improve safety, and increase health and physical activity.
- In addition, SRTS programs seek to decrease the number of families driving to school, which can reduce traffic, improve air quality, and reduce costs for families.



# KDOT's Seven Es



## Education

Ensure that everyone learns how to travel safely through classes, training, and events that teach the skills needed to walk, bike, and roll safely.



## Encouragement

Promote and generate enthusiasm around walking and bicycling as ways to travel using events, activities, and programs.



## Evaluation

Track progress toward achieving goals by reporting on and assessing what approaches work (or don't) and identifying program changes that can improve outcomes.



## Equity

While improving safety for everyone, pay special attention to ensure safe, healthy, and fair outcomes for students with disabilities, low-income communities, communities of color, English language learners, and families experiencing homelessness.



## Engineering

Provide infrastructure like sidewalks, paths, and crossings that allow people to walk, bike, and roll safely within the community and to and from schools.



## Engagement

Listen to and empower students, families, teachers, community groups, and school leaders in creating a SRTS program that works uniquely for them.



## Enforcement

Increase compliance with traffic and parking laws in school zones and help reduce common unsafe driving behavior, such as speeding, failing to yield to pedestrians, turning illegally, or parking illegally.<sup>1</sup>



# Why the 5 Es?

- Proven to increase percent of school kids walking, biking and rolling to school
- Reduces traffic danger, congestion and increases safety for everyone
- Lower transportation costs on school and families
- Healthier students and improved academic performance
- See more research highlights on the SRTS Partnership [research](#) and [benefits](#) webpages



# Category: Safe Routes to School Master Plan Development

No max on funding

Dependent on size of school/school district, number of schools, needs, etc.

To see examples of recently published SRTS Plans from across the state, go to:  
<https://www.kansasrsts.org/about-the-program>



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Category:  
Education and  
Programming

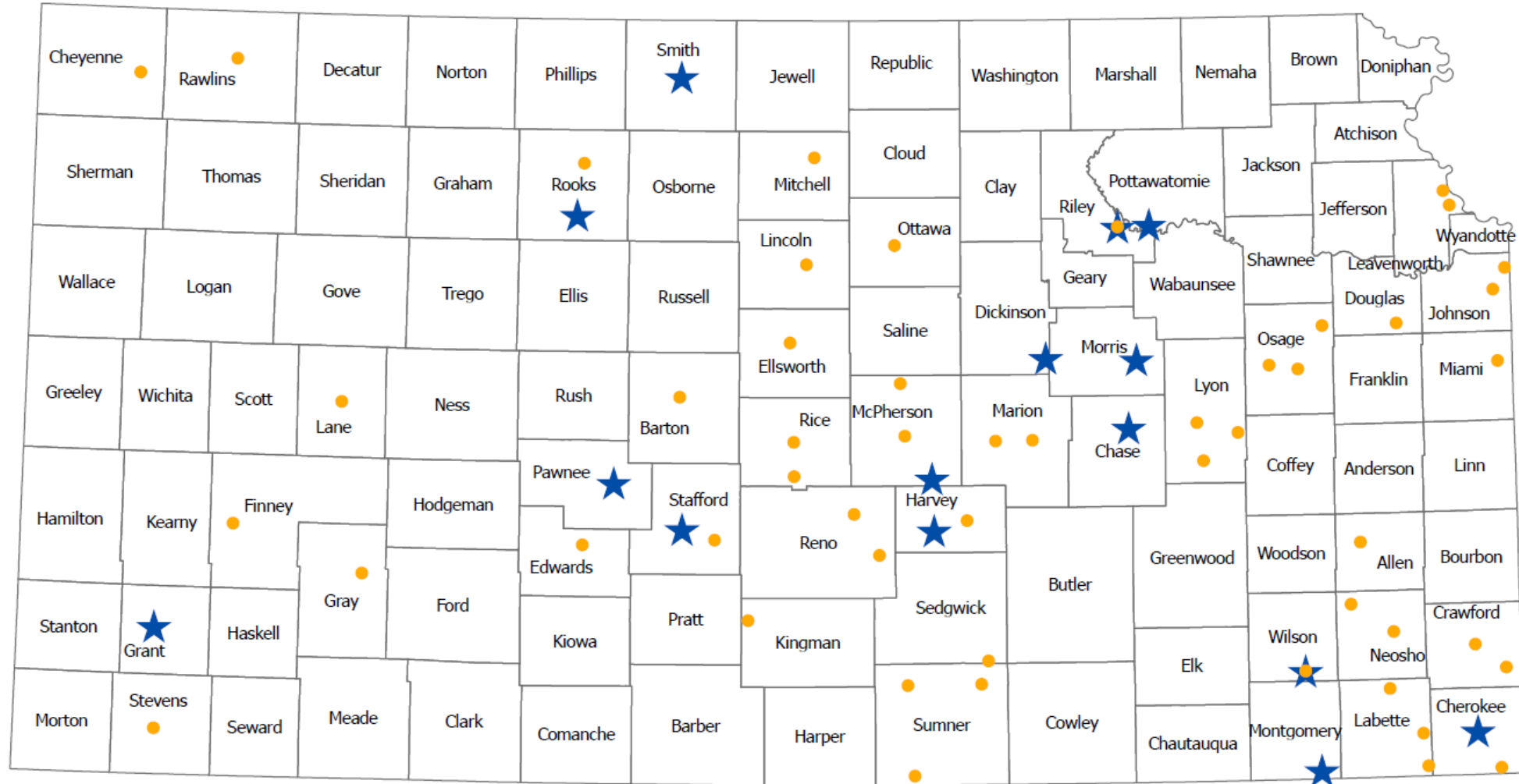
Community must have a  
SRTS Master Plan to be  
eligible

Proposed activities should  
be based on priorities  
identified in SRTS Plan





# SRTS Master Plan Communities



● 2007 - 2015 ★ 2016 - 2022

# Examples of Education and Programming

- Development and delivery of SRTS-related programs such as a walking school bus, bike train, traffic education, traffic gardens, remote drop off, and more
- Public awareness campaigns
- Planning and development of events or materials that promote walking and biking.
- Pop-up events or demonstration projects that could test out future walking and/or biking infrastructure
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety curricula, materials and trainers
- For more examples of education and programming, resources, and support, visit:  
<https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov/resources-and-education>  
and [BikeWalkKC Biking and Walking Activities](#) and [Youth Education](#)

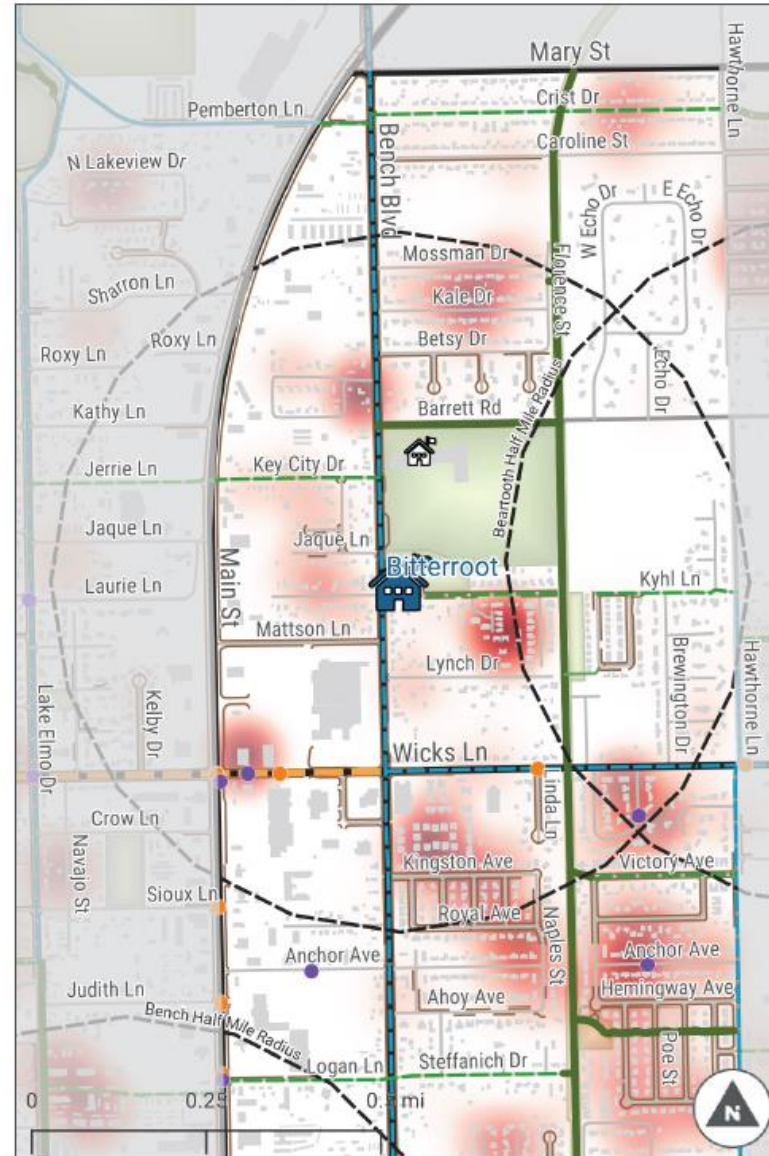


# Concept Form






## Components of concept form:

- Contact info project sponsor, and co-sponsor, if applicable
- Project category: Master Plan or Education and Programming
- Project title, scope and description, and location
- Number of schools impacted
- Title 1 designation
- Percent free and reduced lunch
- Cost estimates
- Attachments: buffer zone map and photos

# Example of Existing Conditions and Buffer Zone Map



## Key Safety and Mobility Considerations for Bitterroot Elementary

-  Student Address Heatmap
  -  School Half Mile Buffer
  -  Outside School Boundary
  -  Bike Crash (2016-2020)
  -  Pedestrian Crash (2016-2020)
  -  Speed Limit 35 mph or Greater
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- Existing**
  -  Shared Use Path
  -  Sidewalk
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- Proposed**
  -  Neighborhood Bikeway
  -  Bike Lane
  -  Visionary Long Range Bikeway



# Examples of Attachments - Photos



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# Review Process

- Project Concept Forms **are required** and will be due **3/1/24**
- Feedback and Application Packets will be given to all applicants, no later than March 31, 2024
  - Project Concepts will be reviewed as they are received, and application links emailed once initial review of each project is complete
- Applications are due **May 17, 2024**
- Review period to go through end of June
- Awards expected to be announced in Summer



# Eligibilities

## Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Transit Agencies
- Natural resource/public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, schools (SRTS-non-construction projects)
- Tribal governments
- Small MPOs
- Non-urbanized members of MARC and WAMPO
- Non-profit entities

## Ineligible Applicants

- KDOT
- Urbanized Areas of MARC MPO and WAMPO

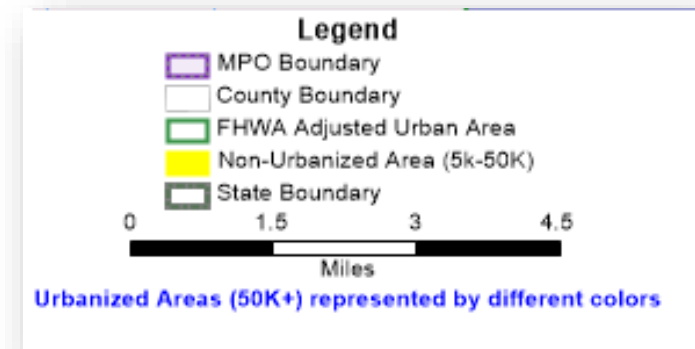
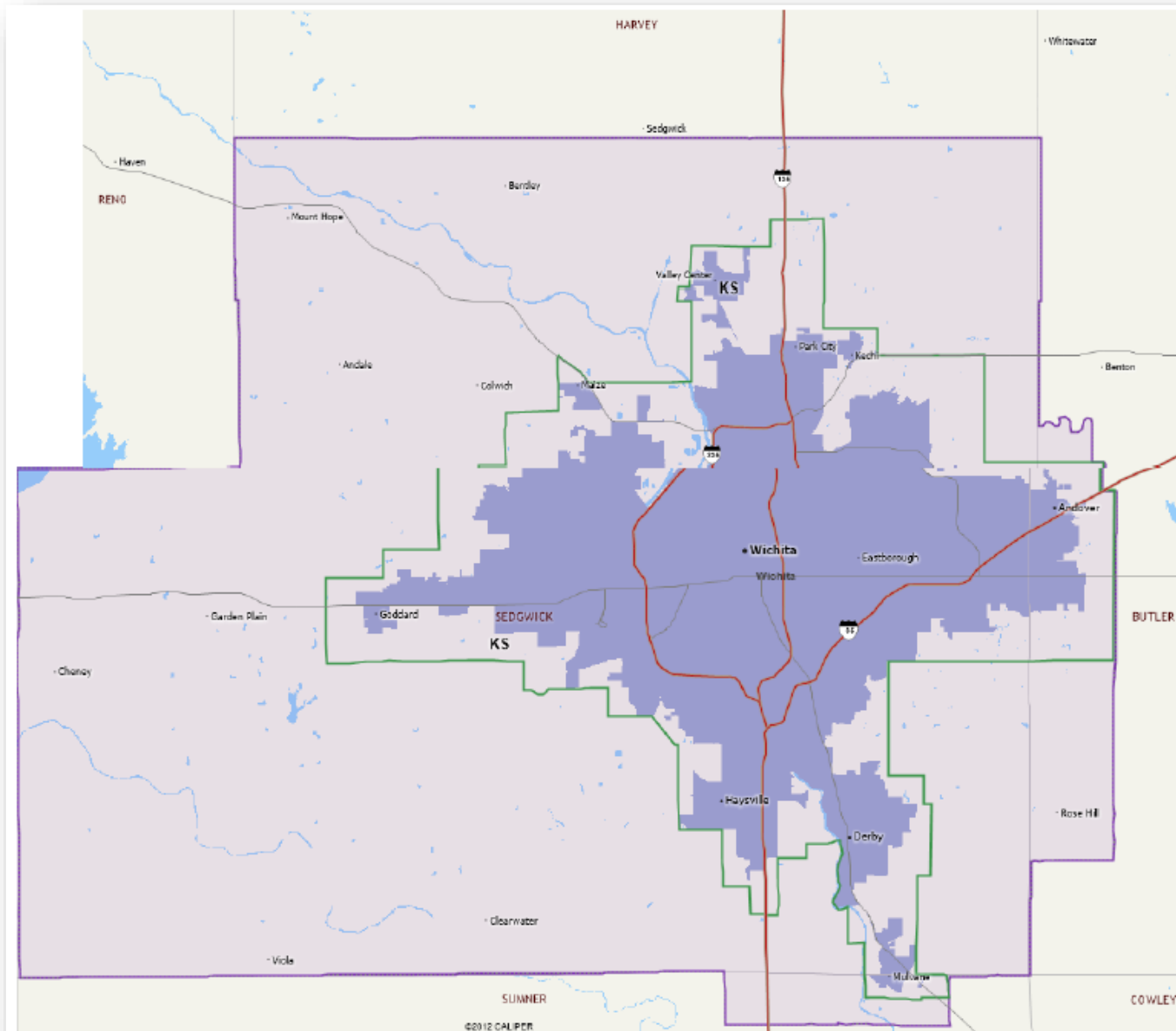


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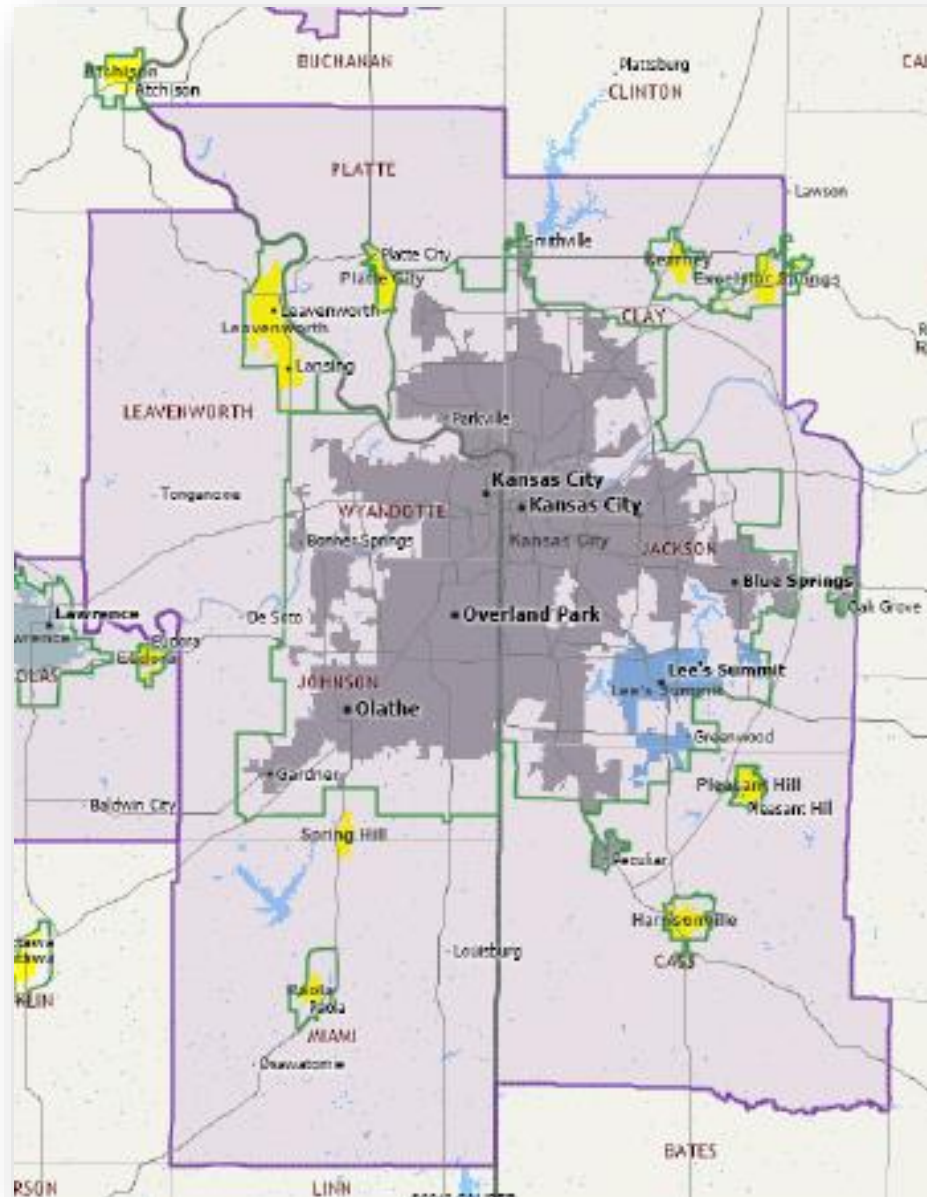
## WAMPO FHWA Adjusted MPO and Urbanized Boundaries

- Clearwater
- Rose Hill
- Cheney
- Garden Plain
- Viola
- Andale
- Colwich
- Mount Hope
- Bentley

Note: Eligible communities are those within the MPO boundary but outside the FHWA adjusted urban area

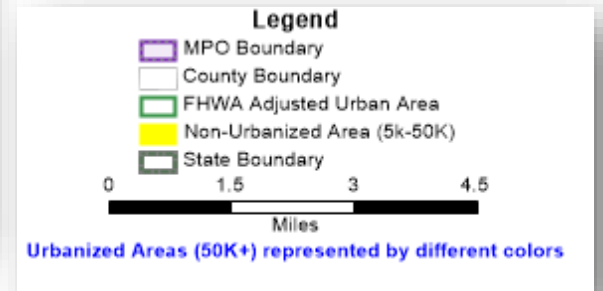


# Eligibilities



## MARC FHWA Adjusted MPO and Urbanized Boundaries

- Osawatomie
- Louisburg
- Spring Hill
- De Soto
- Tonganoxie
- Leavenworth
- Paola
- Lansing





# Eligible Projects and Activities



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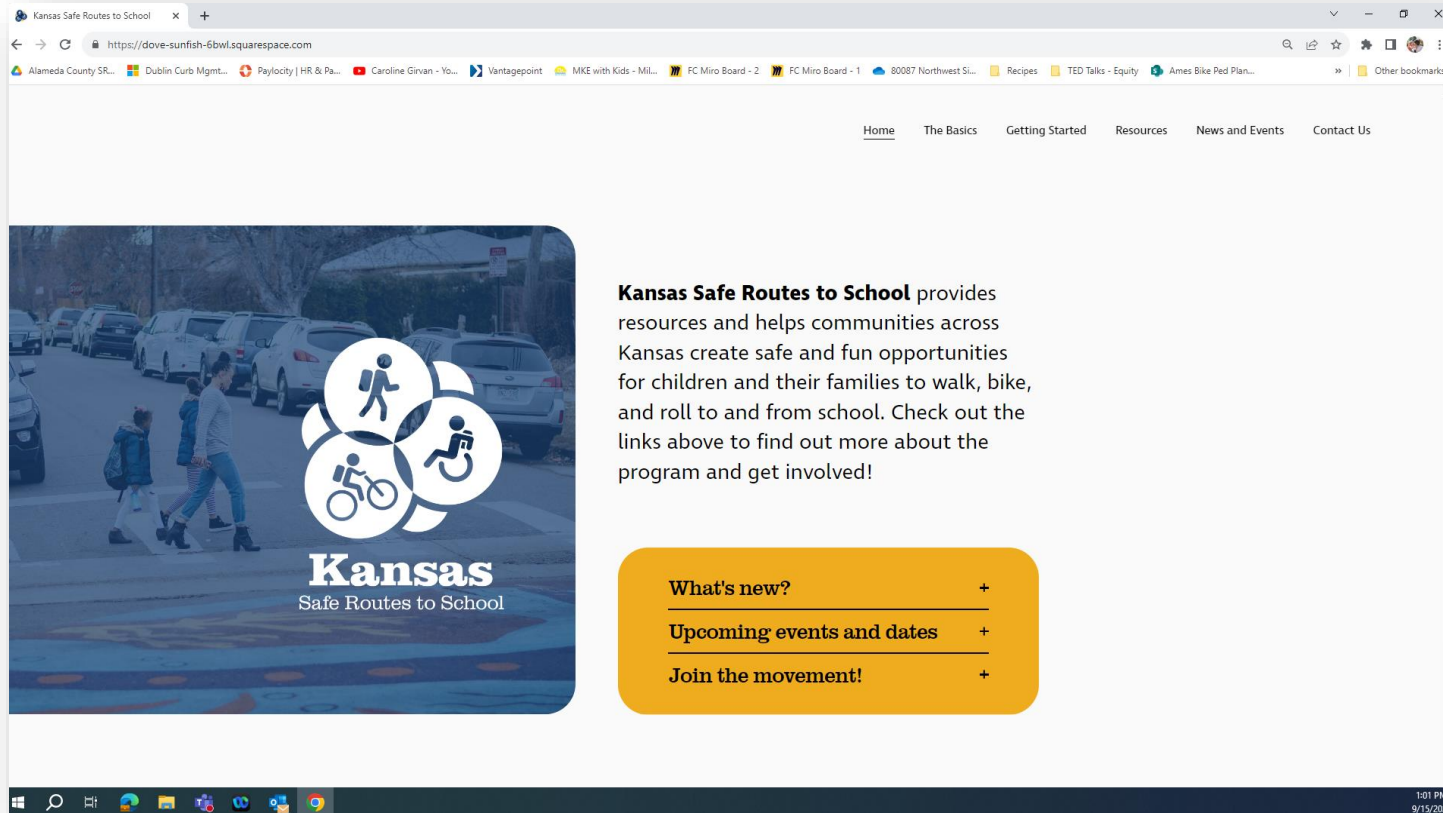
# Expenses- Allowed and Not Allowed

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Development and delivery of SRTS-related programs (walking school bus, bike trains, traffic education, crossing guards, traffic gardens, remote drop off, and more)	Projects that do not specifically serve the stated purposes of the SRTS Program
Public awareness campaigns	Food or beverage or gift cards for food/beverage
Planning and development of events or materials that promote walking and biking	Infrastructure projects that are not ADA compliant
Pop-up events or demonstration projects that could test out future walking and/or biking infrastructure	Giveaways or prizes with no safety or education value (hats, t-shirts, shoes)
Creation and reproduction of promotional and educational materials	Recurring costs. For example, SRTS funds cannot be used for crossing guard salaries, however, funds may be used for crossing guard program development (training, supplies, etc.)
Travel Passes: Transit passes	Projects that reorganize pick-up and drop-off primarily for the convenience of drivers rather than to improve safety for students walking and bicycling
Bicycle and pedestrian safety curricula, materials and trainers	Projects whose only purpose is to upgrade curb ramps to be ADA-compliant or replace school zone signage
Training, including SRTS training workshops that target school- and community-level audiences.	
Costs for data gathering, analysis, and evaluation reporting at the local project level.	
Costs for additional law enforcement or equipment needed for enforcement activities around schools.	
Equipment and training needed for establishing crossing guard programs.	
Modest incentives for SRTS contests (such as pencils, stickers, bags, etc.)	
Safety and educational tokens (helmets, reflective items, etc.)	

# Compliance

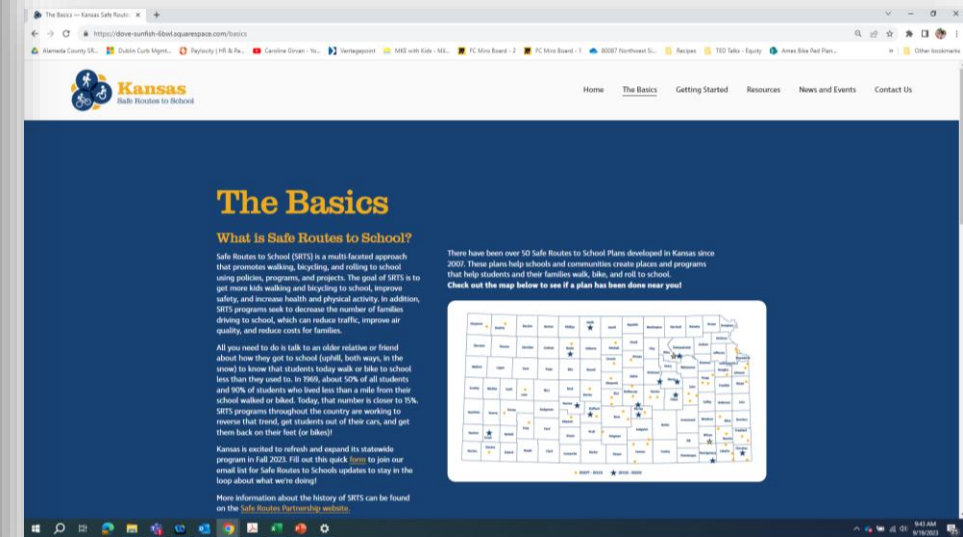
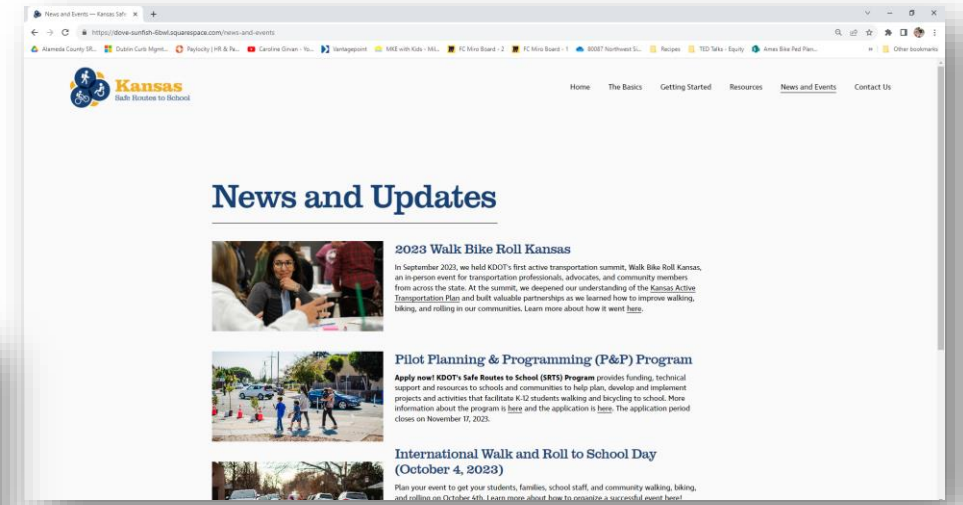
- **All projects must** meet state and federal requirements including:
  - **Public involvement** – including adjacent property owners
  - **ADA** – Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable access to project

# Website



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- What's new? +
- Upcoming events and dates +
- Join the movement! +



<https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov>



# Sign up on the email list and register your school!

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Getting Started' page of the Kansas Safe Routes to School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://dove-sunfish-6bwl.squarespace.com/getting-started>. The website header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, The Basics, Getting Started, Resources, News and Events, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large image of two cyclists on a path with the text 'Getting Started' and a call to action: 'Ready to join the movement? Get on our email list or, if you're ready to do more, register your school today!'. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column is titled 'Sign up for our e-newsletters' and describes the frequency of newsletters. Below it is a form titled 'Get Safe Routes to School updates!' with fields for Email, First Name, and Last Name. The right column is titled 'Register your school' and explains the benefits of the SRTS program. Below it is a yellow button labeled 'Register your school!'.

**Getting Started**

Ready to join the movement? Get on our email list or, if you're ready to do more, register your school today!

**Sign up for our e-newsletters**

We send out several e-newsletters a year that will have information about what we've been up to, how you can get involved, and more. Sign up below!

**Get Safe Routes to School updates!**

Stay up to date on Kansas Safe Routes to School.

\* Email

First Name

Last Name

**Register your school**

Registering your school in the Kansas Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program gets you on our email list and gives you access to SRTS resources, events, and networks to help promote walking, biking, and rolling to school.

Fill out this short enrollment form below to get started! Once we receive your information, a KDOT SRTS coordinator will reach out directly to you.

**Register your school!**





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# Q&A

To submit additional questions, email: [KATE@ks.gov](mailto:KATE@ks.gov)

