**Developing a Competitive SRTS Application**

It is essential that you engage your SRTS grant coordinator at the beginning of your process to ensure a competitive application. The most competitive SRTS applications will include activities that:

* Are reflective of the action plan, including the underlying survey data from parents and students and walking/biking assessments.
* Support appropriately prioritized outcomes from the SRTS school-based action planning process.
* Show a balanced approach between infrastructure and non-infrastructure activities to educate and encourage nonmotorized transportation between home and school.
* Demonstrate a strong user base who will utilize the infrastructure.
* Other factors making a project competitive for TAP-SRTS funding include:

**Financial factors:**

* Realistic expectations and cost
* Local match (minimum requirement = 20%) is available & committed
* Non-participating work is determined to be a benefit to the SRTS project

**Public input:**

* Project identified as a result of a community’s stakeholder involvement process
* Project receiving a high level of public input from multiple partners
* Project utilized a process to notify those directly impacted by the project (e.g. homeowners impacted by new sidewalk construction), and feedback was taken into consideration

**Coordinated efforts:**

* Projects supporting a community’s Complete Streets policy, or is part of a statewide initiative such as placemaking or statewide, or regional, trail connectivity
* Paired with other infrastructure work
* Part of an economic development or community improvement initiative

**Constructability:**

* Project design will utilize industry design standards and can obtain all necessary permits, required right of way, and approvals

**Maintenance factors:**

* A maintenance plan that includes tasks, schedule, cost, source of maintenance funding, and responsible parties has been developed
* Timely implementation and maintenance on previous federal aid funded transportation projects