

2026 Safe Routes to School Projects

In August 2026, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Pamela Boratyn announced nearly \$9 million in grants to improve safety for K-12 students walking and biking to and from school in 14 counties. The below list of award recipients and project descriptions was compiled by ODOT. Reporters with questions on the overall Safe Routes to School Program should contact ODOT Press Secretary Matt Bruning at 614-512-5121 or Matt.Bruning@dot.ohio.gov. Those with questions about a specific project should directly contact the entity receiving the grant.

Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Phase	SFY	Funding	
Carroll	Village of Leesville	Rockets Trail	This project will design a 2,700-foot shared use path and a flashing sign + high visibility crosswalk from the Village of Leesville cemetery to the Conotton Valley Schools campus along State Route 212. There will also be a sidewalk installed along the school parking lot up to the existing pedestrian bridge. This project is the first phase of a larger project to extend the Conotton Creek Trail in Harrison County up into Carroll County to the Village of Sherrodsville.	PE	2028	\$71,500
				DD	2029	\$107,300
				RW	2029	\$18,900
Rockets Trail Total						\$197,700
Champaign	Village of Mechanicsburg	Burg Traffic Calming	Crossing Enhancements at 3 key locations on W Main St and High Street connecting neighborhood to school. Treatments include curb extensions, rectangular rapid flashing beacon, raised crossing, and speed bump.	PE	2027	\$65,000
				DD	2028	\$85,000
				RW	2028	\$30,000
				CO	2029	\$483,000
Burg Traffic Calming Total						\$663,000
Clermont	Miami Township	Boyd E. Smith Elementary Pedestrian Improvements	The proposed project includes approximately 1,300 feet of sidewalk along Jer Les Street - the only roadway leading to Boyd E. Smith Elementary School - as well as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon and a traffic calming pedestrian refuge island at the intersection of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Jer Les Street. This project will enhance safety for students living northeast of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike.	DD	2028	\$8,423.50
				RW	2028	\$16,329
				CO	2029	\$525,062
Boyd E. Smith Elementary Pedestrian Improvements Total						\$549,814.50
Fairfield	Pickerington	Pickerington Elementary Safe Routes to School Multi-Use Path Improvements	The multi-use path project will fill in gaps in an existing path on the north side of Long Road, west of Diley Road. The new completed path will provide continuity to Diley Road where the Pickerington Elementary School is located.	CO	2029	\$1,000,000
Franklin	City of Columbus	Mobility - Livingston Avenue - Elderwood Avenue to Hamilton Road	This project will construct new sidewalks along the north side and south side of Livingston Avenue to ensure students and other pedestrians have continuous, ADA-accessible sidewalks on both the north and south sides of Livingston Avenue from Elderwood Avenue to Hamilton Road.	CO	2029	\$500,000

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Hamilton	Colerain Township	Springdale Road SRTS Improvements	Construction of 2,150 feet of new sidewalk along the south side to Springdale Road to connect Taylor Elementary to the existing sidewalk to the west just east of Loralinda Drive; installation of new crosswalks across Springdale Road near Taylor Elementary.	PE	2028	\$128,000
				DD	2029	\$192,000
				CO	2030	\$680,000
Springdale Road SRTS Improvements Total				\$1,000,000		
Licking	City of Heath	30th and Fieldpoint Drive/Wedgewood Drive Crosswalk Project	Construction of new curb ramps, a high-visibility crosswalk, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the S. 30th Street & Wedgewood Drive/Fieldpoint Road intersection. Also includes a sidewalk extension on the east side of S. 30th Street.	PE	2028	\$14,400
				DD	2029	\$2,600
				RW	2029	\$16,600
				CO	2030	\$67,500
30th and Fieldpoint Drive/Wedgewood Drive Crosswalk Project Total				\$101,100		
Licking	City of Heath	Oberlin Drive Sidewalk	Install sidewalk on the east side of Oberlin Drive from the Sheetz gas station on SR-79 to Colonial Drive. Install sidewalk on the east side of Colonial Drive from Oberlin Drive to Fieldson Drive which ties into an existing crosswalk and shared-use path that leads to Heath High School and Heath Middle School. See concept plan.	PE	2028	\$62,400
				DD	2029	\$11,100
				RW	2029	\$205,200
				CO	2030	\$293,100
Oberlin Drive Sidewalk Total				\$571,800		
Lorain	City of Lorain	City of Lorain SRTS 2029 - West Lorain	Proposed improvements include high-visibility crosswalk markings, the replacement of aged and non-ADA compliant pedestrian infrastructure along Reeves Ave, Marshall Ave, W 23rd St, Edgewood Dr, W 38th St, and W 40th St, connecting a gap in sidewalk infrastructure at Reeves Ave and W 23rd St, and the installation of a new multi-use path that provides a more direct and off-road route through a local park - Sunny Acres Park - for kids walking and biking to school.	CO	2029	\$890,379
Lorain	Lorain County Public Health	Launching Safe Routes K-12 in Sheffield-Sheffield Lake	Two-year funding for a SRTS coordinator to lead SRTS implementation projects, student and family engagement, and community-wide awareness effort at 5 schools.	N/A	2028	\$40,000
Lucas	Toledo	Shoreland Elementary Sidewalk Gap Project	Various sidewalk connections in a neighborhood south of Shoreland elementary: sidewalk on the East side of Kettukee Trail. Fill in missing sidewalk on both sides of Angel Ave., fill in sidewalk gaps along Tulane, Ruthanne Dr. and Engel Blvd. on both sides.	CO	2029	\$816,834
Stark	Canton	Glenwood SRTS		DD	2028	\$85,000

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			The project includes three improvements at and near Glenwood Intermediate School: 1. Addition of sidewalk or shared use path along the north side of 44th St. to the east of the school (Edgefield Ave. to Frazer Ave.). 2. A mid-block crossing on 44th St. in front of the school, which will include a center refuge island and rectangular rapid flashing beacon. 3. A walk on school property connecting the sidewalk on 44th St. to the main school entrance.	RW	2028	\$50,000
				CO	2029	\$640,425
Glenwood SRTS Total				\$775,425		
Summit	Summit County Public Health	Akron Public Schools SRTS Project	Two-year funding for a STRS Coordinator and SRTS activities at 15 priority schools, including walk and roll to school day events, wayfinding, safety supplies, and policy work.	N/A	2028	\$48,000
Trumbull	Howland Township	Niles Cortland Road Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase 1	Howland Township proposes to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Niles Cortland Road NE to improve pedestrian safety and access for school-aged children. The project constructs 5,931 linear feet of sidewalk between High Street and Carriage Hill, addressing the most significant gap in the corridor and establishing the foundation for full project completion.	PE	2028	\$77,000
Trumbull	City of Niles	Niles Middle School Safe Route to School Project	This project will upgrade and install new pedestrian features to main sidewalk, crosswalks, and traffic signals in the direct area of Niles Middle School.	CO	2029	\$500,000
Warren	City of Franklin	East 4th Street & Beam Avenue Student Pedestrian Safety Improvements	The East 4th Street and Beam Drive Student Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project will construct permanent infrastructure at the primary entrance serving Franklin Intermediate and Junior High. The core improvement is the installation of curb extensions on East 4th Street to reduce pedestrian crossing distance by 46% (from 45ft to 24ft). The project also includes realigning the school drive to reduce vehicle turning conflicts and filling sidewalk gaps along the frontage.	CO	2029	\$547,611
Washington	Village of Beverly	Beverly Safe Streets Part 2	The project would reestablish curb, widen sidewalks, define and reduce the number of private drives, fill sidewalk gaps, add rectangular rapid flashing beacons, add bulb outs, and implement other traffic calming concepts and lighting along WAS-60 in front of the school.	CO	2029	\$500,000
Grand Total				\$8,778,663.50		

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**Phase Abbreviations: PE = Preliminary Engineering, DD = Detailed Design, RW = Right-of-Way, CO = Construction, N/A = Non-Infrastructure / Programmatic.*