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Dear Ms. Newsome,

Thank you for your interest in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The decision-making process was difficult as every project competing for limited SRTS funds is needed to improve biking and walking to school. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that your Safe Routes to School infrastructure application was selected for full funding.

Projects were ranked based on many factors including: proximity to a bicycle or pedestrian crash, traffic speed, percentage of K-8 students expected to benefit, and the community's commitment to SRTS. Once ranked, final selections were determined by a committee comprised of ODOT staff, along with representatives from education, health, and advocacy. ODOT will provide up to a maximum of \$396,554.37 to improve pedestrian accommodations at 3 elementary schools: Admiral King, Hawthorne, and Garfield. These improvements will include:

- Removal and replacement of sidewalks that are beyond their useful life and/or are not up to current design standards
- Removal and replacement of non-compliant ADA curb ramps
- Installation of red colored concrete stamped brick crosswalks edged with 8" thick crosswalk paint; MUTCD compliant
- Installation of new "SCHOOL" crossing paint
- Installation of word on pavement "SLOW" at midblock of school sites
- Update existing school zone signage to meet new Ohio MUTCD standard
- Installation of new digital speed limit signs prior to school zone areas

The funding is contingent on completion of a final scope meeting with ODOT district representatives and the project sponsor. Please contact me to schedule this meeting. Construction funds for the project are available during State Fiscal Year 2023. Please complete all preliminary development prior to that time.

We look forward to working with you as you continue to develop safety improvements for the K-8th grade students who walk and bike to school in the City of Lorain. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 419-207-7186 or by email at [jeremy.adato@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:jeremy.adato@dot.ohio.gov).

Respectfully,

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