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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 partial 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 \$185,553.97 to install Sidewalk on West 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Leavitt Road to Oakdale Avenue.

The selection committee felt as though there was not enough local support for the bike lanes at this time. Additionally, the striped bike lanes with no separation did not present the most appropriate project to enable the K-8 population to bike to school. Consider applying for TLCI funding or, if documented crash history, Safety funds for road diet projects that could connect critical bicycle networks in the City of Lorain. For future SRTS applications, consider including priority projects that would specifically accommodate K-8 students in walking and biking.

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 2021. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adato".

Jeremy J. Adato  
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cc: Cait Harley - ODOT SRTS Program Manager