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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: bike or pedestrian crashes within 2 miles, level of safety improvement, traffic speed, percentage of K-8 students expected to benefit, economic need, 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 \$190,078.25 for improved pedestrian accommodations around Longfellow Elementary School, including: new sidewalk, removal and replacement of sidewalk and ramps beyond their useful life, enhanced crosswalks and other school pavement markings, and digital feedback signage. Funding also includes improvements around Larkmoor Elementary School, including: enhanced crosswalks and other school pavement markings, and digital feedback signage. These funds are capped.

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 2024. 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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