

**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE**

August 28, 2007

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To: School Principals (K through 8) within the City of Rochester Hills

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Avondale Middle  
Brewster Elementary  
Brookfield Academy  
Brooklands Elementary  
Deerfield Elementary  
Hamlin Elementary  
Hampton Elementary  
Hart Middle  
Holy Family  
Long Meadows Elementary

McGregor Elementary  
Meadow Brook Elementary  
Musson Elementary  
North Hill Elementary  
Oakland Steiner  
Reuther Middle  
Rochester Hills Christian  
University Hills Elementary  
Van Hoosen Middle  
West Middle

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**Re: Michigan's Safe Routes to School Program – City File #E07-018**

Dear Principal:

On behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, I recently attended the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) sponsored workshop regarding the implementation process for the *Michigan Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program*. As part of the recent federal transportation funding program *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU), federal dollars have been earmarked toward funding both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects to promote and enhance the health and safety of school children. The total estimated dollars that will be available to Michigan through the SR2S Program is \$16,000,000, through 2009.

Federal funding is available to all schools (public, private, parochial, charter, etc.) that have at least one (1) grade in the kindergarten through eighth grade levels. Attached for your review is a brief outline of the program, and what types of projects are eligible. Example projects include sidewalks, traffic calming, public awareness campaigns, traffic enforcement, etc. The initial step in the funding application process requires that each individual school become officially registered through the SR2S. A copy of the registration application is attached for your review; and must be completed and submitted by the individual school's principal.

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**The Rochester Hills engineering staff is offering to assist your school in defining potential projects and submitting them for grant funding approval. Please note that approved projects are funded 100% by federal monies, and do not require a local match. Funds do not cover preliminary design or construction engineering costs.**

Additionally, the SR2S is providing a three (3) day workshop from November 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Dearborn Inn to cover a wide range of topics and provide further information to all interested stakeholders regarding the program. A copy of the workshop agenda is included for your reference.

If you are interested in learning more about the SR2S Program or have any questions, please contact me at (248) 656-4640 or at: [shumejkop@rochesterhills.org](mailto:shumejkop@rochesterhills.org), so that we may discuss it further. Also, I would like to coordinate and schedule a meeting among interested schools and provide assistance with completing the initial registration application form to initiate the process. Additional information regarding this program is also available at: [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org). A copy of the SR2S Handbook request form is attached for your review.

Sincerely,



Paul G. Shumejko, P.E., PTOE  
Transportation Engineer

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Attachments: As noted

- c: Mayor Bryan K. Barnett
- City Council Members
- Roger H. Rouse, DPS Director
- Paul M. Davis, P.E., City Engineer
- Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry
- Department Directors
- Advisory Traffic and Safety Board Members
- Captain Smith, OCSD
- Chief Ron Crowell, RHFD
- (Include attachments for all above)
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