

November 1, 2017

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair  
House Transportation Finance Committee  
381 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
3105 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Linda Runbeck, Chair  
House Transportation & Regional Governance Policy  
Committee  
417 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
2213 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead  
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee  
243 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Connie Bernardy, DFL Lead  
House Transportation & Regional Governance  
Policy Committee  
253 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: 2016-2017 Report on Safe Routes to School

Dear Legislators:

In accordance with [Minnesota Statutes 174.40, subdivision 8](#), the Minnesota Department of Transportation is submitting its Safe Routes to School program report for 2016 and 2017.

Since 2005, MnDOT has awarded more than \$30 million to Minnesota communities for SRTS projects. These projects will reach more than 700 schools.

In late 2015, the SRTS steering committee and partner organizations finalized the statewide SRTS strategic plan that guides work by MnDOT and partner organizations through 2020. This has led to the ongoing improvement of the SRTS Resource Center, training of over 500 educators on how to teach pedestrian and bicycle safety in the classroom, the development of SRTS plans for hundreds of schools, and the implementation of dozens of SRTS infrastructure projects.

Please contact me with any questions you may have, or you may contact Dave Cowan, SRTS Program Coordinator, at [dave.cowan@state.mn.us](mailto:dave.cowan@state.mn.us) or (651) 366-4180.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Zelle  
Commissioner