Developing a Safe Routes to School Program in Your Community

April 17, 2008 - Vernon, CT
8:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m. - Skinner Road School

April 30, 2008 - Thomaston, CT
8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. - Thomaston Center School

Join community leaders, school officials, health and transportation professionals, law enforcement officers, parents and neighborhood activists for this opportunity to learn more about how to make SRTS happen in your community.

Communities across the country are using Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Programs to make it more safe and appealing for children to walk and bicycle to school. Federal legislation has recognized the value of SRTS Programs and has provided the states with funds to support SRTS. The Connecticut Department of Transportation has established a program to support SRTS initiatives throughout the state.

SRTS Programs grow from community concerns about safety, health and traffic. A combination of education, encouragement, engineering and enforcement strategies are used to address these concerns and make Safe Routes to School a reality.

This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to develop sound SRTS Programs based on community needs and conditions, best practices and responsible use of resources.

OVERVIEW OF COURSE AGENDA:

- Why safe routes to school matters: safety, health and transportation issues
- Field exercise of school campus and surrounding area (comfortable attire is recommended)
- Perspectives from local stakeholders
- Engineering, education and encouragement strategies
- Pick up and drop off area strategies
- Identification of problems and solutions
- Enforcement strategies
- How communities are making it happen
- Developing an action plan

This course is offered free of charge with lunch and snacks provided. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Course size is limited, so please register early by sending the attached registration form to:

Vivian Castelli
Email: vivianc@ engr.uconn.edu
Fax: (860) 486-2399

For more information on Connecticut’s Safe Routes to School Program, visit the website at www.ctsaferoutes.org
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Please reply by April 10, 2008

I will attend:  ____ April 17, 2008 – Vernon  ____ April 30, 2008 – Thomaston

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Fax: _____________________________

e-mail: __________________________________________________________

Agency / Municipality / Other: _______________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________ Zip: __________

Are you currently affiliated with an existing SRTS Program?  Yes  No
If yes:  name of program / school: ____________________________________
Primary contact for program: _________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ email: ___________________________

_____ Please add me to the Safe Routes to School Listserv (email address required)

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES.**

Fax Form To: (860) 486-2399  Email to vivianc@engr.uconn.edu

or mail registration form to:

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179 Middle Turnpike  Unit 5202
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If mailing your registration, please be sure to also fax your registration to secure a space.

If you have any questions regarding this workshop, please contact Mary McCarthy at (860) 486-1384.

Please be sure to notify us of any dietary restrictions or special accommodations you may need.

Photographs will be taken for promotional and training purposes.

Please notify us during registration if you do not wish to be photographed.