Safe Routes To School

City of Las Cruces

Inter-Departmental Memorandum

To: City Councillors

From: Tom Murphy, MPO Officer

Subject: August 27 Work Session

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I will be providing an overview of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program operated by the Metropolitan Planning Organization at your August 27, 2012 Work Session. The SRTS program is funded through a federal grant to the MPO.

To date the SRTS program has been heavily involved in collecting and analyzing data within the Las Cruces Public School District. The result of this effort has been the development of the Las Cruces MPO SRTS Action Plan. The purpose of this Action Plan is to evaluate the school sites and safety concerns at schools within the LC MPO area and identify potential physical improvement as well as non-infrastructural projects such as education and encouragement programs to address those concerns. The existence of the Action Plan also allows all District K-8 schools to be eligible for Phase II infrastructure funding through SRTS grants. The Las Cruces area has $500,000 available for Phase II funding.

I will also provide an update on the impacts of the new federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) on the SRTS program.

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