

Locally Selected Community Transportation Planning Studies

Applications Available!

Deadline Set for May 7!

The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) receives planning funds from the Federal Highway Administration to carry out their core planning responsibilities as well as studying a number of other issues countywide and within our local communities.

These studies can include a variety of transportation issues including safety, economic development, accessibility and multi-modal needs, historic and environmental transportation related issues, improving the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system, reducing or mitigating storm water impacts of surface transportation and enhancing travel and tourism.

A previous study in Brewster, which reviewed proposed connections between the Village, Fairless Schools and the planned county-wide trail and greenway plan, resulted in Fairless Schools being



awarded up to \$150,000 from ODOT's Safe Routes to School Program. The grant will provide a safe connection between the schools, creating a shared path along US 62. (pictured above) This section of US 62, with a speed limit of 35 mph, currently has no pedestrian facilities, forcing children to walk on the berm of the state route. These funds will be available in FY 2022 (after July 1, 2021) which means construction could begin this summer.

Examples of types of studies that can be done include:

- Analyses of high accident intersections;
- Safe Routes to School Travel Plans (SRTS) per the example above. An approved School Travel Plan is required to apply for ODOT grants. ODOT is also funding SRTS studies;
- Development of multi-modal plans for assisting ADA, pedestrian, transit, and cyclist access;
- Economic development planning to improve travel and tourism and shipping access and/or to mitigate congestion;
- Planning to modify roads to meet modern needs as well as their resiliency and reliability;
- Find solutions to preserve historic transportation resources or improve environmental impacts, including storm water from transportation related projects.

Applications are due May 7, please go to:

<https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/transportation/programs/community-transportation-planning-studies>

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