



## STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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*Safe Routes To Schools...*

### **STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS**

ATLANTA – Georgia Twelfth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Bobby Parham today announced almost \$500,000 federal funds for Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) projects for Blandy Hills Elementary, Creekside Elementary, Eagle Ridge Elementary and Midway Elementary Schools to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for their students.

In conjunction with the Georgia DOT, the Baldwin County Board of Education which sponsored the projects will construct 3 mile multi-use trail to connect to an existing trail serving the schools, Board of Ed office, Early Learning Center and community at large. Access from residential communities will be provided directly to the school properties. This will make it easier and safer for students and teachers to walk or bike to class.

“SRTS is a very worthwhile program from many perspectives,” Mr. Parham commented. “It helps our children stay safe, active and physically fit.”

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded, national program to reduce congestion, improve safety and promote the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. With the support of parents, schools, community members and government, the program evaluates school area environments; conducts activities; and funds projects that improve safety, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the surrounding community - making walking and bicycling to school a safer and more appealing transportation option.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia’s Department of Transportation. The Board’s 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).