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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Thom Sheridan, City Manager  
**From:** Jena Stasik, Community Relations Manager  
**CC:** Greg Hannan, Community Development Director, Bradley Kosco, P.E., P.S.,  
City Engineer, Katie Behnke Economic Development Manager  
**Date:** February 10, 2025  
**Subject:** 2025 Safe Routes to Schools

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### **PURPOSE**

The Ohio Department of Transportation opened the Safe Routes to School grant application to facilitate the development and implementation of projects and activities that enable and encourage children to walk or bike to school. The program is funded at \$5,000,000 annually for projects in 5 categories: engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement, and evaluation for infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure activities. The City of Hudson plans to pursue an eligible infrastructure project:

**Infrastructure projects within two miles of schools serving K-12 students may be considered.** ODOT will reimburse up to 100% of eligible costs for all phases, including preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way, construction, and construction engineering. Project limit: \$1,000,000.

### **PROJECT AND BUDGET**

**Stow Road from Pine Trails Circle to Middleton Road** was identified from the approved 2024 Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for SRTS grant funding. The project would construct new sidewalks to improve access to Ellsworth Hill Elementary. This project is 90% complete with design and rated #1 on the City's Hike & Bike 2026-2029 Plan as well. Project estimate: \$570,000

### **CONCLUSION**

City staff recommends application submittal to the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program for Stow Road from Pine Trails Circle to Middleton Road.