

# What is Safe Routes to School?



Program aimed at increasing the number of students who walk and bike to school

- Improving safety along walking and bicycling routes
- Encouraging more children (and their parents!) to walk and bike to school



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# Elements of SRTS programs

Transportation problems are complex, requiring a comprehensive approach.



- **Education**
- **Encouragement**
- **Enforcement**
- **Engineering**
- **Evaluation**



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# Role of Virginia's SRTS Program

**VDOT provides support through funding, technical assistance and other resources to promote:**

- **participation on a variety of levels**
- **strong funding applications**
- **comprehensive local programs and activities**
- **participation in urban, suburban, and rural communities**
- **sustainable local programs**
- **maximum impact of available funds**



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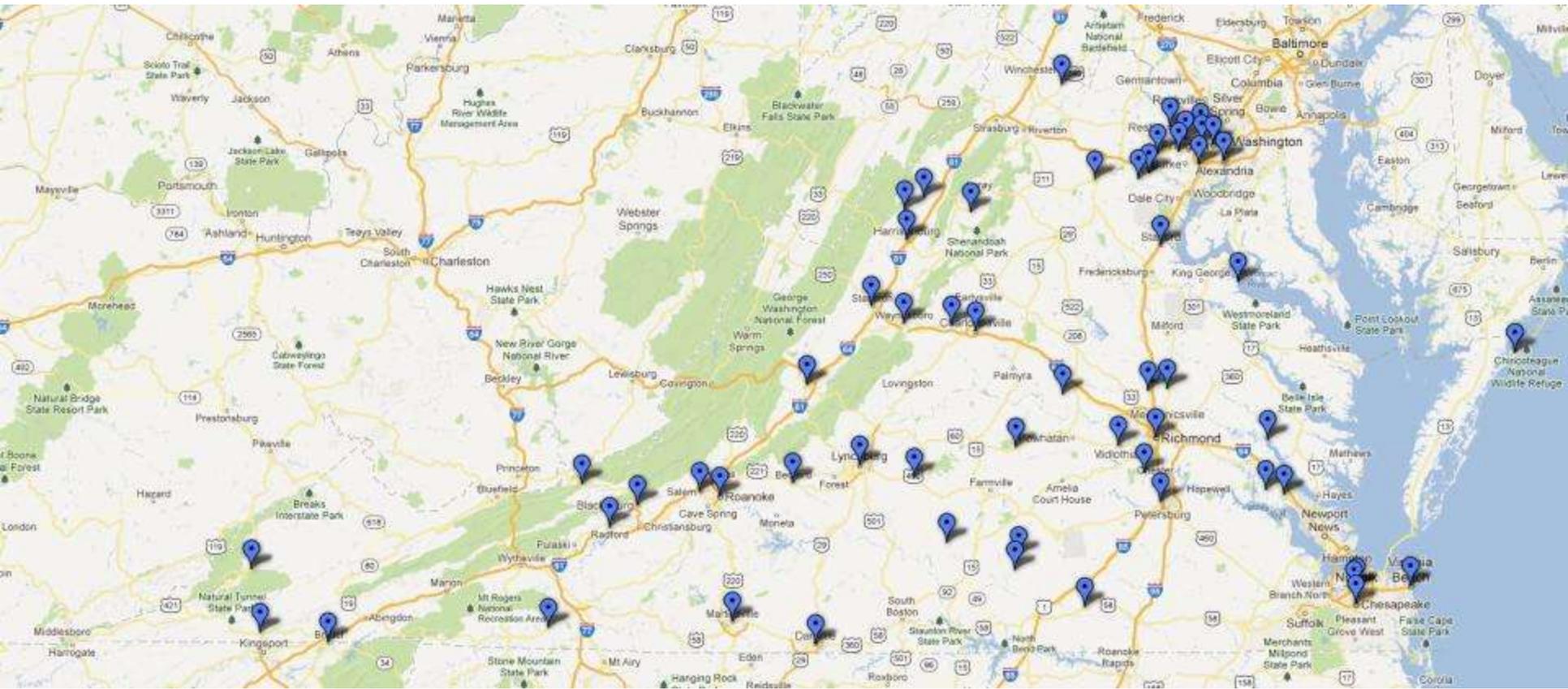
# Virginia's SRTS Program

- Approximately \$22.5 million apportioned 2005 – 2012 (SAFETEA-LU)
- Obligated through 2012:
  - 65 Infrastructure Projects
  - 39 Non-Infrastructure Projects
  - 19 Planning Grants
  - Totaling \$17 million
- \$4.3 million expected to be awarded this summer
- \$1.2 million remaining (entirely non-infrastructure)



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# Federal Legislation

SAFETEA-LU	MAP-21
Dedicated funding for SRTS	SRTS is part of “Transportation Alternatives Program”
100% federal funding	80/20 match required
K-8 <sup>th</sup> grade schools eligible	Safe Routes for “Non-Drivers”
Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure activities eligible for funding	All activities still eligible



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# Non-Infrastructure Grants

- VDOT-approved SRTS Activities and Programs Plan
  - Must be comprehensive (4 E's)
  - Schools, school divisions and non-profits can apply
  - Minimum grant is \$5,000
  - Maximum is \$100,000 if multiple schools
- ★ Winter 2013-2014



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# **QuickStart** Mini-grants

- **\$1,000 mini-grants to schools and non-profits**
- **Easy access to SRTS funds**
- **Regular application and award cycles**
- **No SRTS Plan required**
- **Typically complete funded activities within 90 days of award**

## **Next application deadlines**

 **April 18, 2013**

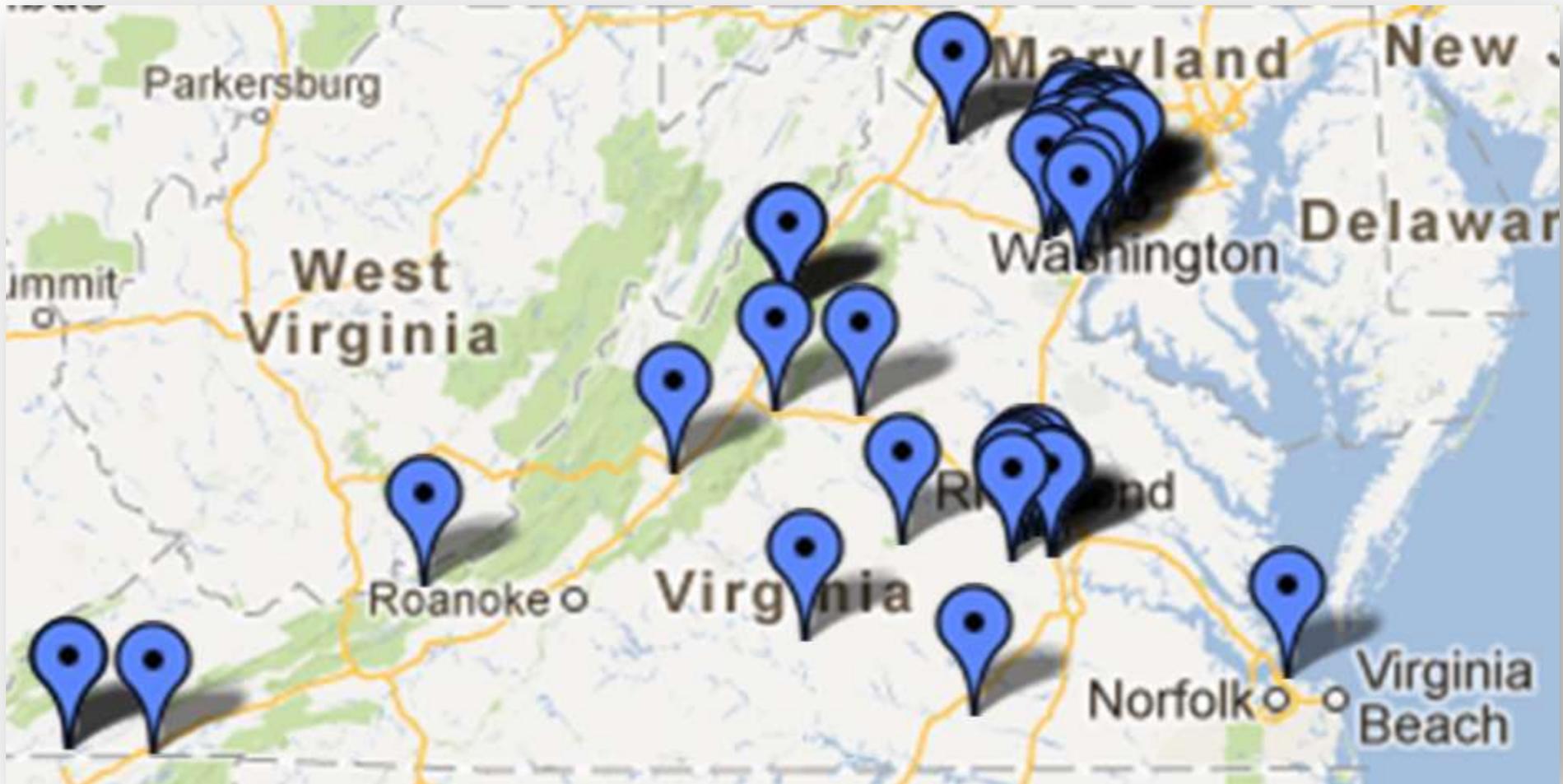
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# QuickStart Mini-grants



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