



Re: Proposed Sidewalk Construction
Safe Routes to School Grant
City of Kentwood

Dear Resident:

The City of Kentwood and Kentwood Public Schools have applied for federal funding through the Safe Routes to School program for construction of new sidewalks in various locations throughout the City. One such potential location is in front of your home which would serve students walking to and from Glenwood Elementary, Meadowlawn Elementary, and Pinewood Middle School.

At this time we do not know how much the amount of funding will be, if any, and therefore the City cannot make an absolute determination at this time of exactly how many and where such sidewalks would be built. However, we have posted a series of maps and links to other information on the City's website showing where these sidewalks would potentially be constructed. Visit www.ci.kentwood.mi.us, and click on DEPARTMENTS, then ENGINEERING, then SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL. It is anticipated that any sidewalks receiving funding would be built during the summer 2010 construction season. We expect to hear on the award of this grant sometime in April, and we will let you know the outcome.

All potential sidewalk construction would be within the public street right of way and not on any private property. There would be no cost assessed to individual homeowners for this project, as construction of these sidewalks would be paid for through a 100% federally-funded grant.

One of the requirements of the grant application is that we solicit written citizen input regarding this program. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, you are encouraged to send us an email at eEngineering@ci.kentwood.mi.us on or before March 17, 2010. We will respond via email to all questions and concerns received.

If you have any questions regarding the Safe Routes to School program in Michigan, please visit www.saferoutesmichigan.org.

Sincerely,

CITY OF KENTWOOD
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
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