

Northwest School District – Canal Fulton Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School – Travel Plan Committee needs your input to help develop the details of the NW - Canal Fulton School Travel Plan.

To add your input, please take some time before December 20, 2010 to answer these questions. Email your answers to: canalway@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov

- What are some ideas to consider including Canal Fulton – NW School District School Travel Plan?
- How can we encourage students to walk or bike to school?
- How can we encourage parent involvement?
- What are some concerns?
- What are some challenges that students might face biking or walking to school?
- What are some solutions to the concerns and challenges?

Federal funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Transportation to create a Safe Routes to Schools Program. The purpose of the Safe Routes to Schools Program is to encourage more K-8 students to walk or ride bicycles to school. Sidewalks, bike paths, street lights, cross walks; etc can be constructed as well as crossing-guard training and student education programs can be funded thru this grant program. No local tax dollars are required for these fully funded federal grants.

The City of Canal Fulton and Northwest Local School District are working together to gather the required information to submit a Canal Fulton - Northwest School Travel Plan in July 2011. A completed plan is required to apply for program funding.

The City and School District have a goal of increasing the number of students who ride bikes or walk safely to school. There is a need in the community to improve safe options so that parents, city and school officials are confident in encouraging students to walk and/or bike to school. If more students walk or bike to school it will decrease the automobile congestion at the schools which will improve safety and decrease air pollution, as well as develop healthy exercise habits in students.

