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MAYOR MINER ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$400,000 COMING FOR “SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL” PROGRAM

*New York State Department of Transportation Grant Gives
\$388,001 to City for Development of Neighborhood Greenways
Connecting Bellevue, Roberts, and Danforth Magnet Schools*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner is pleased to announce the City of Syracuse has been awarded a \$388,001 grant from the New York State Department of Transportation to develop greenways connecting neighborhoods and schools.

“This grant is a terrific opportunity to help develop this program and implement it across the City of Syracuse,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner. “I am excited to witness the development of the innovative greenways and watch our neighborhoods become more connected and our children kept safer on their walk to school.”

This funding will be used to establish 1.25 miles of neighborhood greenways—a first in the Northeast. The greenways will connect the Strathmore, Elmwood, and Southside neighborhoods, specifically connecting three schools: Bellevue, Roberts, and Danforth. Neighborhood greenways are low volume residential roads that provide a safe walking and biking route that connect to parks and schools. Traffic calming interventions are put in place to discourage cars from cutting through on these streets, keeping the streets for local car use, as well as walking and biking.

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“It’s great to see kids be able to walk and bike safely to school,” said Third District Common Councilor Bob Dougherty. “This encourages kids to get outside and exercise. I look forward to the completion of this project.”

Safe Routes to Schools is a federal transportation program to help keep access roads safer for children walking to schools. This is the second time SRTS funding has been offered. Syracuse was also awarded a grant through the previous round of funding. That money was used for pedestrian improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades, and signal upgrades around Ed Smith, Hughes, and McKinley-Brighton Schools.

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