

The Safe Routes to School program supports a safer and more livable region by encouraging children, including children with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. In the process, programs are reducing traffic congestion and improving physical and environmental health, making communities more livable. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) runs the program, which is funded through the federal government.

Walk to School is an offshoot of the Safe Routes to School Program. In 2009, MORPC promoted and coordinated many Walk to School efforts around the region during October, National Walk to School Month. Forty-two schools in 17 school districts in central Ohio participated. A total of 130 schools participated in Ohio. 2009 was the first year that ODOT offered a grant for schools participating in Walk to School efforts.

