



BACKGROUND:

The National Complete Streets Coalition and Smart Growth America is now accepting applications for a brand new [Safe Streets Academy](#), a program designed to help jurisdictions transform their commitment to traffic safety into practice.

The year-long Academy will bring together engineers, planners, and related professionals for an intensive, hands-on training on interventions to address traffic safety by reducing speeds on local corridors through creative placemaking, tactical urbanism, or engineering measures. Interventions will focus on engineering counter safety measures that have been recommended by the FHWA (roundabouts, road diets, medians, pedestrian crossing islands, hybrid beacons, etc).

The Academy will include three in-person workshops, one in each of the recipient jurisdictions. All members of the Academy will receive travel stipends to attend all of the trainings, with real-world examples based in each community.

Overall the Academy will focus on:

- Engineering countermeasures to reduce speed and improve safety
- Integrating land use and transportation
- Community engagement strategies
- Planning and designing for active transportation and transit
- Creative placemaking and prototyping to reduce speed
- Performance measurement
- Freight logistics
- Traffic operations overview
- Designing and operating for Vision Zero

This new, one-time opportunity is available at no cost to jurisdictions thanks to a Safe Systems Innovation Grant from the [Road to Zero Coalition](#). Three recipients will be chosen.

With commitment and a letter of support from the City, Beach Cities Health District will apply for the Safe Streets Academy on behalf of the three Beach Cities – Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Any unit or subdivision of local, tribal or regional government with a population of at least 100,000 is eligible to apply. *In partnership with Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, BCHD is a local government agency representing 122,770 residents.*
- Applicants must also have previously adopted either a bicycle and pedestrian master plan, a Vision Zero policy, a Complete Streets policy, or related design guidance. *Collectively the three cities have adopted a seven-cities South Bay Bicycle Master Plan (2011), Living Streets Policy (Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach, 2012/13), and Beach Cities Livability Plan (2011.)*
- Applicants must commit to hosting one workshop, implementing a demonstration project, working with Smart Growth America to produce a case study based on their demonstration project, and presenting recommendations for safety improvements to their DOT and local community.
- Applicants must commit to the full participation in a Beach Cities 10-person as well as agree to raise \$8,000 in funds or in-kind donations to support the demonstration project. Jurisdictions are also required to submit a letter of support from a local elected official as part of their application.

SUMMARY OF ACADEMY SCOPE & TIMELINE:

- Commit at least 2 city staff (engineer, planner or related professional) to participate in a Beach Cities Academy Cohort for one year with mandatory attendance at 3 in-person workshops (stipends cover travel expenses) and 6 distance learning sessions.
- Commitment to design and implement a Beach Cities demonstration project. Demonstration projects can be temporary installments (e.g., Open Streets event, temporary bulb-outs, etc.)
- Work with Smart Growth America to produce a demonstration project case study
- Present recommendations for demonstration project safety improvements to City Council and local community

Timeline

- [Application](#) due July 16, 2017
- City Council letter of support and application approval (Hermosa Beach, July 11; Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, July 18)
- Application review – July 2017
- Academy duration – Mid-August 2017 through June 2018

Details regarding in-person 2-day workshops:

Workshop #1 – Kick-off

Academy overview, hands-on training regarding interventions, tactical urbanism, engineering measures and practical applications.

Workshop #2 – Planning demonstration project

- Case study examples
 - Support in planning demonstration project
 - Prep for implementation
 - Training regarding community engagement
- ➔ Implement temporary project in each selected community

Workshop #3 – Train the trainer

- Each community will present their demonstration project to the cohorts
- Training for city staff on how to translate this to their projects and communicate it to constituents
- Present demonstration project to the Beach Cities community and elected officials