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GOVERNOR FLETCHER PROMOTES SAFETY IN VISIT TO BOONE COUNTY

Boone County, KY September 5, 2007 – Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher brought his message about highway safety to Boone County on Wednesday, presenting nearly \$600,000 in grants for sidewalks and law enforcement highway safety programs in Northern Kentucky.

During the event at Conner Middle School, in Hebron, the Governor also announced \$243,000 in Safe Routes to School Funding for Boone County. The Conner Campus Sidewalk Project in Boone County will serve more than 1,300 students who live within two miles of four schools: Goodridge Elementary, Conner Middle School, Conner High School and the Boone County Area Technical Center. The funding for this project will enable students to walk or ride bicycles to school without having to venture into traffic.

"This project truly does take the next step toward improving the lives of our children," said Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore. "Not only is this project creating sidewalks for children to safely walk and ride their bicycles to school, but it also will connect neighborhoods."

"Safety on Kentucky's roadways has always been one of my highest priorities," said Governor Fletcher. "Equally important are the health and safety of our school children and the support of our law enforcement. We are here today to underscore our commitment to those priorities."

Governor Fletcher also presented checks to a dozen police and sheriff's departments in Northern Kentucky with funds to help curb speeding and impaired driving. The grants are federally funded but administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

The Boone County Sheriff's Department received a \$25,000 check that they are going to use to deal with traffic problems. "Sheriff Mike Helmig recognizes that traffic issues are our number one problem," said department spokesman Deputy Tom Scheben. "Be it running stop signs, speeding in neighborhoods or speeding on the expressways.

Those cause accidents. This money is going to go a long way to helping us curb that problem."

"Fostering strong partnerships is the best approach to saving lives here in Northern Kentucky and all across the commonwealth," Governor Fletcher said, "We are constantly looking for ways to provide local law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to save lives on our highways."

"We are grateful to Governor Fletcher for his leadership and hard work. Because of his efforts, and the support of the transportation cabinet, our residents lives not only better, but safer." said Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore.

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Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore introduces Governor Ernie Fletcher to the crowd at Conner Middle School.



Boone County Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore shakes hands with Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher at a check-presentation ceremony held at Conner Middle School in Hebron.



Students at Conner Middle School pose with Principal Linda Viox, Boone County Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore, Governor Fletcher, and the First Lady Della Fletcher; the check that is being presented was for \$243,000 for the Safe Routes to School Project which will provide students with sidewalks and bike paths.



Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore addresses the crowd at Conner Middle School. Also looking on were members of the Conner Middle School Band and Choir, State Representatives Addia Wuchner and Sal Santoro, as well as the Governor and First Lady.

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