

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO  
SCHOOL PROGRAM  
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) was established in August 2005 as a Federal-Aid program through the passage of SAFETEA-LU Act, through 2009 a total of \$612 million was allocated to provide funds to states to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students (grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>) to walk and bicycle to school safely;

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove wishes to participate in this program as the lead agency, in conjunction with the Downers Grove Park District and the Downers Grove Grade School District 58 as partners, toward providing infrastructure and educational improvements within the Village of Downers Grove to promote increased walking, bicycling, educational and enforcement training opportunities to our school children;

WHEREAS, the Village finds that the SRTS program is a beneficial means of improving childhood physical activity and exercise, reducing childhood obesity, reducing air pollution near schools, enhancing Police Department enforcement, and promoting pedestrian safety measures in the vicinity of schools;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Village is required to submit this resolution as part of the application process to IDOT;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver this Resolution substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

WHEREAS, the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the SRTS Program.

WHEREAS, all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of the Resolution are hereby repealed.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following projects are scheduled within the Village of Downers Grove:

- 1) Redesign pick-up and drop-off procedures to increase safety and access.
- 2) Teach pedestrian and bicycle safety skills to students and parents.
- 3) Install bicycle parking near schools.
- 4) Create a crossing guard training program.
- 5) Install traffic calming measures (curb extensions, speed bumps, traffic circles, raised crosswalks, narrowing lanes, etc.).
- 6) Construct, replace or repair sidewalks.
- 7) Teach personal safety skills to students and parents.
- 8) Install curb extensions to reduce the crossing distance on streets.
- 9) Educate parents and caregivers about safe driving procedures at the school.
- 10) Start a Walking School Bus program.
- 11) Start a Safe Passage or Neighborhood Watch program.
- 12) Measure parent/guardian perceptions of safety.
- 13) Utilize speed feedback trailers or signs (portable).
- 14) Create a park-and-walk program.
- 15) Lower speed limits in school vicinity.
- 16) Install new or improved signage (school zone, speed limits, crosswalk, speed feedback signs (fixed), etc).

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

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Ron Sandack, Mayor

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
April K. Holden, Village Clerk