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ORDINANCE NO. 2824

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION
PROCESS FOR TWO (2) PROJECTS THROUGH THE ILLINOIS
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM**

Ronald Colyer
City Clerk

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Illinois, (hereinafter the "City"), has participated with other community partners in development of a School Travel Plan under guidelines issued through the Illinois Safe Routes To School (hereinafter "SRTS") program, a division of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT);

WHEREAS, the City has been invited to apply through the Illinois SRTS grant program for projects that will help to encourage middle school and elementary students to walk or bicycle to school by making routes safer and by educating, encouraging, enforcing, engineering and evaluating actions supporting this goal;

WHEREAS, the City has once again convened its community partners in order to select two (2) projects from Columbia's School Travel Plan for funding in the 2010 cycle:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The two (2) projects described in the attached document (titled "Project Applications – Safe Routes To School") are hereby approved as Infrastructure Projects to be included in the City of Columbia, Illinois application for SRTS grant(s) from IDOT. The Director of Community & Economic Development and the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, any and all grant application forms and other documents required to be submitted by the City in order to apply for said grant(s) and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same and affix thereto the corporate seal of the City, in as many counter parts as the Mayor shall decide.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Alderman Ebersohl moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Roessler, and the roll call vote was as follows:

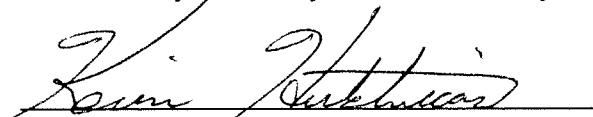
YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf and Roessler.

NAYS: None.

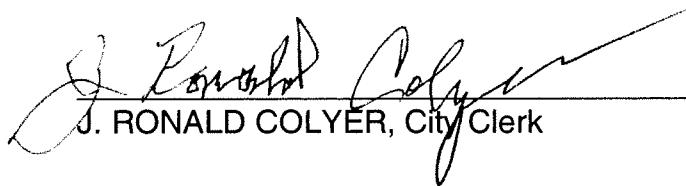
ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor, this 6th day of December, 2010.


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


J. RONALD COLYER, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Project Applications - Safe Routes To School

Illinois' Safe Routes To School (SRTS) funding is intended to address the most pressing student pedestrian and bicyclist issues as identified by the schools, governmental bodies and non-profit organizations in local communities. Grants do not require a matching contribution of funds from the local community.

Here are the projects that Columbia's local Steering Committee has identified for Illinois SRTS funding in this cycle:

Off-Road Bicycling/Walking Paths

Columbia has the vision to create a city-wide network of paths (not sidewalks) that will encourage bicycling and walking for all community residents and particularly for school-age children. Paths selected for this round of funding will connect Main St. to Parkview Elementary School & Bolm-Schuhkraft Park via Monroe St. (east-west), and connect Columbia Middle School to Eagleview Elementary School—essentially, creating safer non-motorized routes to Columbia Middle School. Where these paths run along a public street, they will be separated by a strip of grass in order to provide a measure of traffic calming. These improvements are consistent with Columbia's Bike & Greenway Plan adopted in 2006 with an update currently under review by the Plan Commission.

Needed: \$155,055

The funding guidelines set by the Illinois SRTS Implementation Committee are as follows:

- One Infrastructure and one Non-infrastructure application permitted per school district (exception for Chicago Public Schools)
- One Infrastructure Application per school district:
 - \$250,000 funding limit for total application, with up to a 3 project maximum
 - \$2,000 minimum funding per individual project
 - Associated municipality, county, township, or park district must sponsor--school districts and non-profits may not sponsor
- All infrastructure projects must be within 2 miles of a public or private school that houses any combination of students in grades K-8
- One Non-Infrastructure Application per school district:
 - \$100,000 funding limit for total application, with up to a 3 project maximum
 - \$2,000 minimum funding per individual project
 - School district, municipality, county, township, or park district or non-profit may sponsor