

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS (SRTS) PROGRAM AND GRANT REQUESTS FOR 2009. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE A 25% LOCAL MATCH OF FUNDS AND/OR IN-KIND SERVICES FOR GRANT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS: The safety and health of Abilene's children are of critical importance to our community; and

WHEREAS: Walking and riding bicycles to school promotes physical health, reduces traffic congestion, and has been shown to improve academic performance; and,

WHEREAS: Attractive and safe streetscapes encourages walking and bicycle ridership; and,

WHEREAS: The Safe Routes to School Program promotes healthy alternatives through the provision of infrastructure, education, encouragement and enforcement; and,

WHEREAS: The City of Abilene's Comprehensive Plan calls for and supports the creation of a mutually supportive network of interconnected streets with good pedestrian and bicycle access; and

WHEREAS: The Safe Routes to Schools Program promotes community involvement by including parents, business leaders, neighbors, teachers and administrators; and,

WHEREAS: The City of Abilene and The Abilene Independent School District (AISD) have approved a joint Safe Routes Abilene Plan calling for the provision of sidewalks and the promotion of walking and biking to school and,

WHEREAS: The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in their 2009 call for SRTS projects provides increasing incentives for projects with a local match , now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

That the City of Abilene supports the mission and goals of the Safe Routes to School Program and the Abilene projects submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2009 SRTS call.

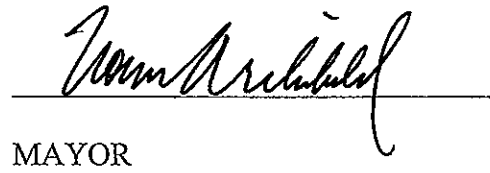
That the City of Abilene hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to include a 25% match of local funds and/or in-kind services as a part of any grant request submitted for consideration. Funds for said local match shall be drawn from the Capital

Improvements Program (CIP) Sidewalk Construction Program, donations, or from any General Obligation bond approved for the construction of sidewalks.

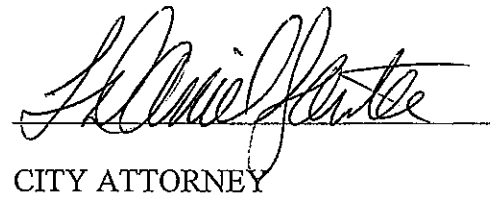
ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of December A.D. 2009

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY