

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: 01/20/2022
TOPIC: #6.10 – Safe Routes to School Act
PRESENTER: Dan Hines, Asst. Director-Facilities
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: MN Statute §174.40 – Safe Routes to School Program

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a) In the 2019 and 2021 sessions the Minnesota legislature apportioned \$8 million to the Safe Routes to School Program established in Minnesota Statute 174.40.
- b) The funds are intended to supplement or replace aid for infrastructure projects under the federal Safe Routes to Schools Program.
- c) The Minnesota Department of Transportation is responsible for the administration of the state Safe Routes to Schools Program and makes the funds available to communities through a competitive process.
- d) This solicitation provides \$8 million in state funding for the development and implementation of infrastructure projects which will enable students to walk and bicycle to and from schools.
- e) Washington County is proposing to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation as part of the Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure 2021 solicitation for the following project:
 - i. Construction of a trail on the south side of 65th St S (County Road 74) between Meadow Grass Ave S and Hadley Ave S in the City of Cottage Grove.
- f) The aforementioned trail is a recommendation identified in Washington County's Safe Routes to School Engineering Plan (2016) for Cottage Grove Elementary School to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety near Cottage Grove Elementary School and Oltman Middle School.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a) Administration recommends approval of the resolution of support between ISD 833 and Washington County.



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WASHINGTON COUNTY’S SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that South Washington County Schools (District 833) supports Washington County’s submittal of the application listed above for Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Program funds.

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Board Chair	Date
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Board Member	Date