



City of Rochelle
Engineering Department

Memo

To: Ken Alberts, City Manager
CC: Curt Ward, Engineering Technician
Don Elliott, Supt. of Street Division
Chris Limas, Community Development Director
Chris Frye, Finance
Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

From: Sam Tesreau, PE - City Engineer

Date: December 6, 2010

Re: Safe Routes to School Program funding application

Enclosure (1): Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for May Elementary School

Enclosure (2): Resolution of support for the Safe Routes to School project for May Elementary School.

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1. The Illinois Department of Transportation announced a new Safe Routes to School (SRTS) application cycle for funding in 2011. Up to \$15 million is available to fund the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program . SRTS is a program of the US Dept. of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, administered by the State Departments of Transportation. The program is designed to help communities/school districts to develop and implement projects and programs to enable and encourage children to walk/bike to school as well as facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety in the vicinity of primary and middle schools (grades K-8). Program funds may be used for infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects. The City was approved for funding of approximately \$216,000 in the 2007/2008 cycle for the Tilton School travel plan. Unfortunately, funding was not approved for the May School travel plan in the 2008/2009 funding cycle.
 2. City staff has been working with the local School District officials in developing the May school travel plan over the past 2 years. On October 1, 2010 the "call for projects" was

opened up once again for which a school travel plan is necessary. Engineering staff again submitted the updated School Travel Plan for May Elementary School (enclosure 1) to the IDOT SRTS coordinator at the end of October 2010. Now that the School Travel Plan has been submitted it is necessary to proceed forward with the funding application. However, for infrastructure funding applications, the sponsoring municipality (City of Rochelle) or governmental unit having jurisdiction over the relevant infrastructure must approve and submit a resolution in support of the projects as outlined in the School Travel Plan for May Elementary School. Likewise, the local School District will need to submit a resolution and/or letter of support for the infrastructure projects. Eligible infrastructure projects incorporated into the School Travel Plan include, but are not limited to, sidewalk improvements, pavement marking enhancements and other related items. The cost for the improvements are estimated at \$227,000. Funded projects will be announced late 2011.

3. Please consider approval of the resolution of support for the Safe Routes to School project (enclosure 2).

May School SRTS
Proposed Sidewalk Improvements

