

Resolution # TC-17-4-3

Authorizing Safe Routes to School Funding

Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 20, 2017.

WHEREAS, in 2004, C.R.S. 43-1-1604 required the Transportation Commission of Colorado to establish and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to administer a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to distribute funds to eligible projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to bicycle and walk to school; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, Colorado has been a national leader in SRTS; funding programs that have reached more than 1,000 schools and more than 400,000 students statewide; and

WHEREAS, a study of Colorado schools found SRTS programs or projects increased the number of students walking and biking to school from 21% to 25%; and

WHEREAS, schools with SRTS programs have also demonstrated a drop in the number of children arriving at school by car from 49% to 45% as compared to an increase nationally from 51% to 55%; and

WHEREAS, successful SRTS programs are designed around the 5 Es of engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, SRTS has been a strong component of CDOT's commitment to multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, SRTS equitably supports the diverse transportation needs of Colorado youth at all abilities, income levels, races and national origins.

WHEREAS, SRTS contributes to Colorado's quality of life through healthier lifestyles, expanded commuting options, and easier access to schools and neighborhoods; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission approves the continuation of the SRTS program by committing to fund the program with \$2.5 million annually, beginning in FY 2016, with a target of \$2 million for infrastructure projects and \$0.5 million for non-infrastructure projects. In years when funding requests in one category are less than the funds available, funds may be shifted between categories to meet project demands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution supersedes TC Resolution 15-9-8 approved by the Transportation Commission in September 2015.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date