

Resolution #TC-2023-03-13

The Commission approves the projects recommended on the Fiscal year 2023 and 2024 Safe Routes to School Project List dated March 16, 2023.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on March 16, 2023.

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 federal funds to eligible projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to bicycle and walk to school; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Transportation Commission approved through resolution the continuation of the SRTS program by committing to fund the program with \$2 million for infrastructure projects and \$0.5 million for non-infrastructure projects annually, beginning in FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Transportation Commission approved through resolution that in years when funding requests in one funding category are less than the funds available, funds may be shifted between categories to meet project demand; and

WHEREAS, CDOT supports walking and biking as modes of transportation in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a national leader in SRTS, funding programs that have reached students in more than 60 percent of Colorado counties since 2005. More than 100 schools per year on average are reached and more than 430,000 total Colorado students to date (in addition to parents, teachers, drivers, and community members who are also impacted by SRTS programs); and

WHEREAS, the SRTS program has replaced vehicle trips and increased the number of children walking and biking to school by as much as 31% in some schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 95% of schools receiving SRTS funding had significantly increased rates of children walking and biking to school; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has awarded more than \$36 million in FHWA and state funds from 2005 through 2021 for SRTS program grants; and

WHEREAS, Colorado SRTS Advisory Committee was appointed by the CDOT Executive Director as per state statute to represent educators, parents, law enforcement, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transportation advisors to review all applications and to recommend projects for funding; and

WHEREAS, the SRTS Advisory Committee selected projects in January 2023 to recommend to the Commission for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission approves the 7 projects recommended on the Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Safe Routes to School Project List, dated March 16, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission directs staff to take appropriate steps to amend the STIP, if required, and budget projects to proceed with contract development.

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