

Resolution #TC-15-2-8

Approval of the FY2015 Safe Routes to School Project List

Approved by the Transportation Commission on February 19, 2015

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 2014, Colorado State Legislators passed HB14-1301 allocating \$700,000 in state general funds to SRTS for FY15; and

WHEREAS, Colorado SRTS rules changed in 2014 to allow for distribution of state funds; 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 more than 936 schools statewide since 2005. This is more than 100 schools per year on average and more than 375,000 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 \$17.4 million in FHWA funds from 2005 through 2014 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 2015 to recommend to the Commission for approval:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission approves the 13 highlighted projects recommended on the Fiscal Year 2015 Safe Routes to School Project List, dated February 19, 2015

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

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Transportation Commission of Colorado

3-4-15
Date