

Resolution # TC-15-9-8

Funding for Safe Routes to School

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 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 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 790 schools and more than 300,000 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

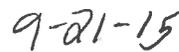
WHEREAS, SRTS equitably supports the diverse transportation needs of Colorado youth at all abilities, income levels, races and national origins.

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 million for infrastructure projects and \$0.5 million for non-infrastructure projects annually, beginning in FY 2016.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date