

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village
10/12/2021

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
2021 Safe Routes to School Grant Program	Andy Sikich Public Works Director

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to authorize participation in the Illinois Safe Routes to School grant program through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2021 to 2023 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability and Top Quality Infrastructure*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed FY22 budget includes funding for the entire project in the Capital Fund, as this is a reimbursable grant, should the Village be awarded monies.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the October 12, 2021 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the program is to provide funding to improve the safety of K-8 students who walk or bicycle for their trip to and from school. If selected for grant funding, the Village will be required to approve a local agency agreement with IDOT supporting infrastructure costs.

This Safe Routes to School application is for sidewalk on the east side of Blodgett Avenue from 59th Street to 61st Street, adjacent to Fairmount Elementary and O'Neill Middle Schools. This application does not guarantee funding, but is the first step in the process. This sidewalk segment is included in the [District 58 Sidewalk Plan](#), approved by the Village Council on March 16, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program was originally established in August 2005 as a Federal-Aid program through the passage of SAFETEA-LU Act and re-established as part of the TEA-21 program to provide funds to states to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students (grades Kindergarten through 8th) to walk and bicycle to school safely;

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove wishes to participate in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program as the lead agency, in conjunction with the Downers Grove Grade School District 58 as partners, toward providing infrastructure and educational improvements within the Village of Downers Grove to promote increased walking, bicycling, educational and enforcement training opportunities to our school children;

WHEREAS, the Village finds that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is a beneficial means of improving childhood physical activity and exercise, reducing childhood obesity, reducing air pollution near schools, enhancing Police Department enforcement, and promoting pedestrian safety measures in the vicinity of schools;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Village is required to submit this Resolution as part of the application process to IDOT;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver this Resolution substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

WHEREAS, the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to participate in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program for the construction, replacement and repair of sidewalks on Blodgett Avenue between 59th Street and 61st Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Village staff take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of the Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest:

Village Clerk