

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294835

ADOPTED ON MAY 15 2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN  
DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND  
EXECUTION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program is in its second year of a two-year demonstration period that resulted from the passage and signing of Assembly Bill 1475 (Soto) in 1999; and

WHEREAS, AB 1475 calls for Caltrans, in consultation with the California Highway Patrol, to “Establish and administer a ‘Safe Routes to School’ construction program. . .and to use federal transportation funds for construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming projects;” and

WHEREAS, under the program, the State of California will make grants available to local governmental agencies under the program based on the results of a statewide competition that requires submission of proposals for funding. Eligible applicants for the funds must be an incorporated city or county within the State of California. The funds are available on a competitive basis and will be awarded to the most meritorious projects. Proposals are rated on their effectiveness in improving pedestrian and/or bicycle safety near schools and may include sidewalk, pedestrian crossing and bikeway improvements, traffic calming and diversion and other measures; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that community groups in San Diego were aware of the program, as well as to set up a process for inclusion, the City of San Diego distributed a letter (Attachment 1) on June 7, 2000, to the Mayor, the eight council district offices, relevant City staff, all community planning groups, and all the business improvement districts. The letter described the program and requested that applicants submit their proposals to the City of San Diego Transportation Department by August 15, 2000; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed proposals to select projects that were most responsive to the grant criteria. In addition, Long Range Planning and Economic Development and Community Services staff reviewed the proposals to ensure consistency with community plans, revitalization plans, and other relevant policies and plans. Traffic Engineering reviewed projects to verify cost estimates and project feasibility; and

WHEREAS, based on this analysis, staff recommends the following projects for submittal to Caltrans based on feasibility, city policy, and competitiveness:

- **Jefferson Elementary School (Greater North Park)**

The requested improvements include new sidewalks in the vicinity of the school, pedestrian oriented lighting on Utah Street as well as North Park Way (a major pedestrian approach to the school) and pedestrian bulb-outs to better define the primary school bus pick-up and drop-off point. The total project cost is \$425,000. The improvements are located in Council District 3.

- **Birney Elementary School (Uptown)**

Safe Routes to School program funds would be used to construct curb extensions located at one intersection; replace six blocks of sidewalk, and ten ADA curb cuts; install seven pedestrian streetlights; install one traffic signal with pedestrian crossing enhanced walk lighting; and, create a bus and pedestrian mid-block crossing with lighting safety features in front of the school. An outreach and educational program with written materials and on-site instruction will be coordinated with the Birney School principal, teachers, students and parents. The total project cost is \$500,000. The proposed improvements are located in Council District 2 and Council District 3.

- **Adams Elementary School (Normal Heights)**

Safe Routes to School program funds would be used to construct curb extensions located at six intersections, develop enhanced crosswalks, erect bicycle lane signage, create bicycle lane striping and provide outreach and educational materials to parents of school children attending Adams Elementary School. The total project cost is \$485,000. The proposed improvements are located in Council District 3.

- **San Pasqual Union School (San Pasqual)**

Proposed improvements include installation of a flashing yellow beacon in both directions at the school entrance on Rockwood Road, sidewalk widening on the north and south side of Rockwood Road between 8 to 10 feet wide, and installation of a wood safety fence along the north side of the road to separate the pedestrian walkway from the street traffic. The improvements will be installed along approximately 460 feet of Rockwood Road. The total project cost is \$90,000. The proposed improvements are located in Council District 5.

- **Del Mar Heights Elementary School (Torrey Pines)**

Proposed improvements include installation of approximately 1000 feet of sidewalk along surrounding residential streets within the vicinity of the elementary school. The improvements include handicap ramps. There are currently gaps in the sidewalks or no sidewalks along routes which school children use to walk or bike to school. The total project cost is \$175,000. The proposed improvements are located in Council District 1.

- **Euclid Avenue Elementary School (City Heights)**

Proposed improvements include the installation of curb extensions and enhanced pavement markings at key intersections; installation of a protected left turn signal as well as the installation of a pedestrian activated traffic signal. All improvements are located within one quarter mile of the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Orange Avenue. The

total cost of the proposed improvements is \$485,000. The proposed improvements are located in Council District 3 and Council District 7; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the City Manager or his duly designated representative is authorized to apply to the State of California for the second round of the Safe Routes to School program [Project] for the above described projects.

2. That the City Manager or his duly designated representative is authorized to take all necessary actions to secure funding from the State of California for the above described projects.

3. That the City Manager or his representative is authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

4. That the City Manager or his representative is authorized, for and behalf of the City , to accept, appropriate, expend, and administer the grant funds, if the grant is awarded, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the approved grants.

5. That the City Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to establish special interest-bearing fund for the grant, if awarded.

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