



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Administration & Public Works Committee

From: Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works
Homayoon Pirooz, P.E., Assistant Director, Infrastructure & Engineering
Rajeev Dahal, Senior Project Manager, Traffic

Subject: Resolution 7-R-14: 2014 Safe Routes to School Grant Application

Date: January 7, 2014

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council approval of resolution 7-R-14 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the 2014 Safe Route to School (SRTS) program. An approved grant will pay for 80% of the cost for the installation of 20 Electronic Vehicle Speed Feedback signs as shown on the attached location map.

Funding Source:

The total project cost is estimated at \$110,000 of which 80% or \$88,000 will be paid for by the grant if approved, and the remaining 20% or \$22,000 will be our local share. The local portion of the project cost will be financed from the 2014 CIP Pedestrian "Safety-Pavement Markings-Street Lights Fund" which has a budgeted amount of \$150,000.

Background:

The Electronic Vehicle Speed Feedback (EVSF) signs are effective tools for showing the automobile drivers the speeds that they are driving at any given time, and assist them to better comply with the posted speed limits. The proposed locations are recommended based on designated school crossing locations and/or traffic citations. We have installed similar radar signs throughout the City on temporary basis with success. If approved, the new signs will provide the opportunity for the installation of the new signs to calm the traffic near the locations where school children walk. The SRTS Program is federally funded and administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Local agencies may apply for the grant to pay for up to 80% of the project cost. At an estimated cost of \$5,500 per EVSF sign, \$110,000 will pay for 20 signs.

Attachments:

Resolution 7-R-14
Location Map

7-R-14

A RESOLUTION

**A Resolution in Support of the City of Evanston and
School District 65 Safe Routes to School Program**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston and the Evanston/Skokie School District 65 in the interest to promote safe and healthy walk routes to schools, have partnered to complete a School District wide School Travel Plan; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are desirous to implement infrastructure improvements and conduct educational, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation programs for the health benefit of school children; improve safety, and lessen traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Evanston is pleased to support the Safe Routes to School program and is committed to provide necessary support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston wishes to avail themselves of funds from the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program for the purpose of safety improvements to install vehicle speed flashback signs on major street locations which school students need to walk across; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has available the funds to finance the improvements until reimbursed by the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program, and the financial capability to maintain and manage the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for the public use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: The City of Evanston applies for assistance from the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program for the purpose of installing vehicle speed feedback signs on major street locations which school students need to walk across.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution 7-R-14 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: _____, 2014

Proposed Speed Feedback Sign Locations

