



# STAFF REPORT

DATE: JULY 05, 2011  
 TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
 FROM: ROD FOSTER, CITY MANAGER  
 PREPARED BY: AMER JAKHER, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY SERVICES DIRECTOR  
 SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached Resolution authorizing the submittal of grant application for the Safe Route to School Grant Program.

## GOAL STATEMENT

The proposed action will support the City's goal to improve the City's infrastructure and provide a safe route to school for walking students and pedestrians.

## BACKGROUND

Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), authorized the federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program in August 2005, after the success of California's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program which began in 1999. Originally a five-year program, extensions through continuing resolution have been enacted by Congress allowing the program to remain funded for the purpose of: 1) enabling and encouraging students in kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8), including students with disabilities, to safely walk and bicycle to school, 2) making walking and bicycling to school a more appealing mode choice, and 3) facilitating the planning, design, and implementation of projects that will improve safety, environment, and overall quality of life. Consistent with other federal-aid programs, each State Department of Transportation is held responsible for developing and implementing the program. CALTRANS is responsible for developing and implementing the SRTS program for California.

## ISSUES/ANALYSIS

City staff requests authorization to submit one application. The application will be for the following improvements near Alice Birney Elementary School: installation of missing sidewalk, curbs and gutter, driveway approach, and handicap ramps in the residential neighborhood near the Alice Birney Elementary School. The cost estimate for these improvements is \$260,240.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

There will be no financial impact to City of Colton by submitting the application. If awarded the grant, City Council will consider acceptance of the grant.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit "A" – Resolution

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-66-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLTON,  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE  
ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Route to Schools (SRTS) Program provides funds for safety improvements near schools to encourage students to walk or bike to school;

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) solicits Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program projects from local agencies on an annual basis;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Colton is dedicated to improving the street infrastructure.

**BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS 1** The City Council hereby authorizes the submittal of Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program application for the Cycle 3 SRTS Program for sidewalk improvements around Alice Birney Elementary School.

**WHEREAS 2** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of July 2011.

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DAVID R. ZAMORA, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EILEEN C. GOMEZ, CMC  
City Clerk