

February 26, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Resolution Regarding Funding for
Safe routes to School Projects

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for funds under the Safe Routes to School Program. The program is intended to get more children in kindergarten through 8th grades walking or biking to school rather than riding in busses or cars. Attached is a copy of the news release and application guidelines.

The Department of Public Works intends to submit applications for the following projects:

1. 21st Street School
Curb extensions and a new traffic signal at West Center Street and North 21st Street.
2. Hopkins School
Neighborhood traffic circles.
3. Sherman School
Student drop-off plan/implementation and school zone signage improvements.

The successful grant applications are expected to be announced in early summer. All projects will be funded 100 percent by the grant. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution authorizing the Department to apply for these grants. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment