

RESOLUTION 11 - 25

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A Resolution supporting an application for Safe Routes to School funds for an updated School Travel Plan through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Projects funding opportunity

Whereas: The Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides planning and implementation funding to help communities improve safety, increase walkability and bikeability, and support active transportation for students traveling to and from school; and

Whereas: The City of Bexley has previously participated in the Safe Routes to School program and recognizes the value of a current, data-driven School Travel Plan to guide infrastructure, enforcement, encouragement, and education strategies; and

Whereas: Existing School Travel Plan materials have become outdated and do not fully reflect current travel patterns, enrollment distribution, infrastructure conditions, or new safety challenges and opportunities; and

Whereas: An updated School Travel Plan will position the City, Bexley City Schools, and community partners to pursue future SRTS infrastructure and non-infrastructure funding, and to better coordinate safety improvements near school campuses; and

Whereas: The development of an updated School Travel Plan aligns with the City's ongoing Vision Zero commitment, the Calm Corridors initiative, and broader efforts to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety across the community; and

Whereas: The City desires to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for SRTS planning assistance funding and must demonstrate local support for the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1.

City Council hereby supports and authorizes the City of Bexley's application to the Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program for funding to develop an updated School Travel Plan.

Section 2.

The Mayor is authorized to execute and submit all necessary applications, forms, and agreements associated with the SRTS planning request and to take all actions necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

Section 3.

That this Resolution shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____, 2025

Monique Lampke, President of Council

Attest: _____, 2025

Matt McPeak, Clerk of Council

Approved: _____, 2025

Benjamin Kessler, Mayor

First Reading: December 9, 2025

Second Reading:

Third Reading: