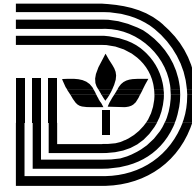


Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 5, 2007

TO Transportation and Environment Committee Members:
Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry Allen, Carolyn Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Pauline Medrano and Ron Natinsky

SUBJECT Grant Award for Safe Routes to School Program

In May, the City of Dallas submitted applications for "Safe Routes to School" federal grant funds. On September 27th, the Transportation Commission approved approximately \$24.7 million for 244 projects in more than 66 communities. Every application submitted by the City was selected resulting in more than \$2.5 million in federal funds.

A list of the school selected is shown on slide 17 in the attached May 2007 TEC briefing on the Safe Routes to School Program. In summary:

- 15 schools were selected for infrastructure (sidewalks and crosswalks) and non-infrastructure funding (public information and education programs).
- 14 schools were selected for funding to identify needs and prepare a Safe Routes to School plan identifying infrastructure and non-infrastructure needs. These plans will be used to submit for future Safe Routes to School calls for projects or consideration in future bond programs.

The City will need to establish an interlocal agreement with TxDOT to obtain reimbursement for program implementation costs. Staff will be preparing a Council item for your approval, requesting authority to establish this contract.

The Public Works and Transportation Department would like to thank the Council for approving the Safe Routes to School Coordinator Position funded in the FY07-08 Budget. This position will be coordinating the implementation of infrastructure and public information/education programs funded through this grant program.

These grant funds will provide the monies needed to kick-off a Safe Routes to School Program in Dallas. We are very excited to begin the program and look forward to the positive outcomes that have resulted from Safe Routes to School programs implemented in other cities across the nation.

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Attachments