

Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse Safe Routes to School Plan 2020.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States has realized steadily declining numbers of children bicycling and walking to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has observed increasing childhood obesity rates, declining physical activity, and an increase in bicycle and pedestrian accidents; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse adopted Wisconsin's first *Safe Routes to School Plan* in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse's 2007 Safe Routes to School plan is now 14 years old and is outdated, narrow in scope, and mostly implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse received a Local Studies program grant (reimbursement) for \$58,200 from the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) to conduct an update to the Safe Routes to School plan; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse per Resolution 19-0540, accepted a La Crosse Area Planning Committee Local Studies program grant to update the Safe Routes to School Plan for the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School plan update was paid for by existing bond funds allocated for Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation in the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program (Item 181) with 80% or \$58,200 reimbursed by the La Crosse Area Planning Committee Local Studies program. The City of La Crosse was responsible for the remaining 20% or \$14,300 of the \$72,500 total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the public engagement process had a robust and varied community participation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, including; La Crosse School District Principal Surveys and interviews, student focus groups, two public meetings, a community survey, demonstration projects, and a webpage with accompanying video; and

WHEREAS, the plan Consultant conducted extensive field observations of all La Crosse school's drop-off, pick-up conditions and community outreach including; staff of the City of La Crosse Planning and Development Department, the La Crosse County Health Department, the School District of La Crosse, and the City of La Crosse Engineering Department; and

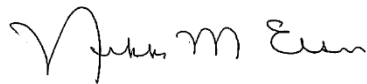
WHEREAS, at their December 14, 2020 meeting the Safe Routes to School Plan Steering Committee per Resolution 20-1759 approved the final draft of the Safe Routes to School Plan document; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Plan Steering Committee per Resolution 20-1760 tasked the City of La Crosse Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with the implementation of the Safe Routes to School plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby adopts the 2020 Safe Routes to School Plan and directs the Planning, Development and Assessment Department, and the City of La Crosse Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to work with all other City and La Crosse County Departments, to implement the plan's recommendations.

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on October 14, 2021.*



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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*