

Resolution authorizing the creation of a steering committee, solicitation of proposals from contractors and allocation of funding for a Safe Routes to School Plan update.

## 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 twelve years old and is decreasing in relevance; and

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

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School plan update will be 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 would be responsible for the remaining 20% or \$14,300 of the \$72,500 total project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the Planning and Development Department to solicit proposals for professional services to create a Safe Routes to School plan update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby establishes the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan Steering Committee consisting of Mayor Kabat who will appoint if possible one member/representative from each of the following: City of La Crosse Engineering Department, La Crosse County Health Department, City of La Crosse Police Department, City of La Crosse Common Council, La Crosse School District, City of La Crosse Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee member, La Crosse Area Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, La Crosse County Highway, Neighborhood Association, Hmong Mutual Assistance, and one from a local business, and one from a bicycle advocacy organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Steering Committee is authorized to interview, and recommend, a firm to enter into a professional services agreement to the Common Council for approval.

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Safe Routes to School Steering Committee will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the expenditure of existing bond funds allocated for Bicycle and Pedestrian

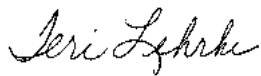
Plan Implementation in the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program (Item 181) not to exceed \$72,500 to enable the City Planning and Development Department to pay for project related costs including, but not limited to consultant costs, newspaper advertisements, equipment & supplies, meeting venues, printing, and other related costs for Public Informational and stakeholder meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Steering Committee, in addition to other City committee members, other stakeholders, and members of the general public are hereby authorized to obtain broad community engagement and shall be charged along with staff to complete this project with a hired consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Engineering & Public Works, Director of Planning & Development and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to effectuate this resolution.

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*I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on July 11, 2019.*



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*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*