

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 7, 2015

City Council

## STAFF

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Nancy Nichols, Safe Routes to School Coordinator

## SUBJECT

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 063, 2015, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue into the Transportation Services Fund for the Safe Routes to School Program.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2015, appropriates unbudgeted funds received through a grant for the Safe Routes to School program (part of the City's FC Moves Department). The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has awarded a \$55,038 grant for implementation of a new school-rotation schedule in Fort Collins schools. This school-rotation plan ensures that students in all public schools in Fort Collins receive bike-pedestrian safety education on a regular basis.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

## ATTACHMENTS

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1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, June 2, 2015 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 063, 2015 (PDF)

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June 2, 2015

City Council

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### SUBJECT

SRreading of Ordinance No. 063, 2015, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue into the Transportation Services Fund for the Safe Routes to School Program.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request appropriation of unbudgeted funds received through a grant for the Safe Routes to School program (part of the City's FC Moves Department). The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has awarded a \$55,038 grant for implementation of a new school-rotation schedule in Fort Collins schools. This school-rotation plan ensures that students in all public schools in Fort Collins receive bike-pedestrian safety education on a regular basis.

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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide effort to get more children biking and walking to school for their health, academic achievement and the environment. SRTS focuses on the Five Es of transportation services: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. The City's SRTS program emphasizes education, encouragement and evaluation activities, while collaborating with other City departments to address engineering and enforcement issues.

In 2014, the SRTS program reached a total of 15,000 local residents with bike-ped education and encouragement programming, including 12,000 K-12 students and 3,000 parents and other adults. Of the 12,000 students, 6,500 received personal instruction on bike-ped safety from an SRTS instructor during PE class or at another school or community event.

The success of the program is based on collaborations with local partners including Poudre School District (PSD), Thompson School District, Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition, Safe Kids Larimer County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County, Bike Fort Collins, various City departments (Traffic Operations, Police, Engineering, Recreation, Streets), local businesses, individual schools and parents.

This grant supports the following City of Fort Collins plans:

**City Plan: Policy SW 2.3 - Support Active Transportation**

Support means of physically active transportation (e.g., bicycling, walking, wheelchairs, etc.) by continuing bike and pedestrian safety education and encouragement programs, providing law enforcement, and maintaining bike lanes, sidewalks, trails, lighting, and facilities for easy and safe use, as outlined in the Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Plan.

**Transportation Master Plan: Policy T 8.1 - Support Active Transportation**

Support physically active transportation (e.g., bicycling, walking, wheelchairs, etc.) by

continuing bike and pedestrian safety education and encouragement programs, providing law enforcement, and maintaining bike lanes, sidewalks, trails, lighting, and facilities for easy and safe use.

### **2014 Bicycle Plan: Recommendation 2.7 - Expand Safe Routes to School Programming**

With the assistance of local advocacy organizations and community partners, the SRTS program will educate at least 8,000 K-12 students annually by 2020. A new school-rotation schedule will ensure regular bike-ped educational opportunities for students at all public schools.

This grant funding will allow implementation of the first two years of the new school-rotation schedule without taking away from other SRTS programming. Fourteen schools are scheduled to receive programming through this grant: Linton Elementary, Tavelli Elementary, Werner Elementary, Cottonwood Plains Elementary, Coyote Ridge Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lab School, Lopez Elementary, McGraw Elementary, Zach Elementary, Kinard Middle School, Leshar Middle School, Preston Middle School and Webber Middle School.

### **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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This is the latest of several grants received by the City's Safe Routes to School program since 2007, totaling \$785,000. CDOT is providing the full \$55,038, with no matching funds required. The City can begin utilizing the funds immediately upon City Council's approval of this appropriation.

### **BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

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The Transportation Board and its Bicycle Advisory Committee receive periodic updates from the SRTS program. Both groups have shown strong support for the program's goals as well as for grant funding to support the program. The PSD SRTS Steering Committee supports implementation of the new school-rotation schedule.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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SRTS public outreach occurs on an ongoing basis through presentations to school PTOs/PTAs, school wellness teams and community groups. Public outreach is also accomplished through an SRTS annual summary and other information posted on the SRTS website, [fcgov.com/saferoutes](http://fcgov.com/saferoutes).

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. 2014 Summary of Activities (PDF)
2. School Rotation Schedule (PDF)

ORDINANCE NO. 063, 2015  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES FUND FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Program established by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is designed to promote the safety of students traveling to and from school and to encourage more students to choose walking or bicycling to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins FC Moves Department has received a federal grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in the amount of \$55,038 for the Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to implement a new school-rotation schedule which will ensure that students in all public schools in Fort Collins receive bike-ped safety education on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the following fourteen schools are scheduled to receive programming through this grant: Linton Elementary, Tavelli Elementary, Werner Elementary, Cottonwood Plains Elementary, Coyote Ridge Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lab School, Lopez Elementary, McGraw Elementary, Zach Elementary, Kinard Middle School, Leshar Middle School, Preston Middle School and Webber Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter permits the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the grant funds as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transportation Services Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Transportation Services Fund the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$55,038) for the Safe Routes to School program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2015, and to be presented for final passage on the 7th day of July, A.D. 2015.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 7th day of July, A.D. 2015.

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ATTEST:

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