

RESOLUTION 12-32

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our children is of highest concern to the citizens of City of Spring Hill; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, being able to walk or bicycle to school along safe routes offers an opportunity for our children to build healthful physical activity into daily routine and arrive at school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School programs are recognized nationally and across the State of Tennessee as effective tools to enable and encourage students to walk and bicycle safely to school when a comprehensive approach that includes the “Five E’s” (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement and Evaluation) is utilized; and

WHEREAS, certain Federal Highway Administration funds are available through the Safe Routes to School Program administered by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen has demonstrated a commitment to develop and construct Greenways and Multi-Use Trails, as evidenced by the adopted Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2011/2016 which includes \$100,000 budgeted annually beginning in FY 2012/2013, continuing each year through FY 2015/2016, for a total of \$400,000, for the express purpose to construct and develop Greenways and Multi-Use Trails; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill Parks and Recreation Department has identified a Multi-Use Trail Connection to Longview Elementary School project that would be used by children that attend Longview Elementary School and reside in the vicinity that do not currently have facilities that provide for safe bicycling and walking to school.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby affirms and pledges its full support and endorsement of the Multi-Use Trail Connection to Longview Elementary School project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen expresses its intent to provide funding to ensure completion of this project through funds received in Grant awards, funds budgeted in the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for the

City through annual Operating Budget appropriations, and funds received through financial support raised in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen expresses its intent to provide administration of the construction of this project through its completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen expresses its intent to provide funding for ongoing maintenance for the facilities constructed as a result of this project through annual Operating Budget appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen expresses its intent to partner with Williamson County Schools to provide support for these projects through a comprehensive approach that incorporates the "Five E's" (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement and Evaluation); and

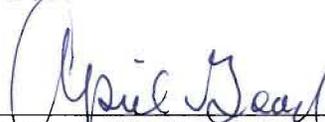
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to this application.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 19th day of March, 2012.



Michael Dinwiddie, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Timothy P. Underwood, City Attorney