

Board of County Commission Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: December 6, 2016

Date Submitted: November 15, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Curtis Young, Public Works Director

Subject: Approval of Resolution 2016-028 supporting the Gadsden County Community Transportation Safety Team (CTST) to apply for Transportation Enhancement Funding through the Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS)

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval and signature by the Chairperson in support of the Gadsden County CTST applying for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program funding for the County Wide School Zone Improvements project.

Background:

The CTST is a locally based group of highway safety advocates who are committed to solving traffic safety problems through a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach. Members include local city, county, state agencies, as well as private industry representatives and local citizens.

The CTST has identified a safety issue regarding school zones throughout the county. The proposed project will include new flashing school zone signs and improved pavement markings in the areas of need.

The CTST is seeking funding for this project through the SRTS program. If successful, the project would be awarded to Gadsden County as a “LAP” (Local Agency Program) project. The County would then select the design engineer and ultimately bid the construction of the project on a reimbursement basis with FDOT.

Fiscal Impact:

None. Should the project be selected for funding, FDOT will fund 100% of the project costs.

Options:

1. Approve Resolution 2016-028 supporting the Gadsden County CTST to apply for Transportation Enhancement funding through the Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS) and authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.
2. Do not approve.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1

Attachment:

1. Resolution 2016-028

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-028

A RESOLUTION BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY WIDE SCHOOL ZONE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, walking helps meet the goals of Chapter 339.175 Florida Statutes – the Capital Regional Transportation Agency (CRTPA) (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to serve the mobility needs of people while minimizing transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Community Safety Team proposes a County Wide School Zone Improvements project to improve school safety; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) encourages people to walk for fitness, transportation and fun; and

WHEREAS, MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012, to address growing concerns about air quality, open space, and traffic congestion. The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) strengthens the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the Nation's intermodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Objective 10.4 of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan, the County encourages schools to be located in areas where infrastructure exists with available capacity, including where existing pedestrian systems are in place to encourage bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, this support is consistent with the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan, the CTST, the CRTPA, the FDOT, CDE and MAP-21 policies supporting alternative means of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that: they continue to support the construction of the County Wide School Zone Improvements Project, as submitted by the Community Traffic Safety Team in year 2016.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.

Attest:

**Brenda Holt, Chairperson
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners**

**Nicholas Thomas
Gadsden County Clerk of the Court**