

Gadsden County Board of County Commission Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 1, 2014

Date Submitted: March 17, 2014

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Justin Ford PE, Preble Rish, Inc.
Tracy Smith, Community Transportation Safety Team

Subject: Approval of Resolution 2014-008 Supporting the Community Transportation Safety Team (CTST) to Apply for Transportation Enhancement Funding Through the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval and signature by the chairperson in support of the CTST applying for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

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 and state agencies, as well as private industry representatives and local citizens.

Over the past two years Chief Beech and his successor, Chief Smith, have advocated for a sidewalk connecting a densely populated neighborhood of Havana to Havana Middle School. With the relocation of Havana Elementary School to the Middle School site, this project is even more important as the number of students that would utilize the route will increase.

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 2014-008 supporting an application for Transportation Alternative, Safe Route to School Funding through the CRTPA and authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.
2. Don't approve Resolution 2014-008 supporting an application for Transportation Alternative, Safe Route to School Funding through the CRTPA.
3. Provide direction

County Administrator's Recommendation

Option #1

Attachment(s):

Resolution #2014-008

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-008

A RESOLUTION BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK LINKING THE HAVANA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE RELOCATED HAVANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE CITY OF HAVANA URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE WEST

WHEREAS, walking helps meet the goals of Chapter 339.175 Florida Statutes – the Capital Region 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 Traffic Safety Team proposes a sidewalk linking the Havana Middle Schools and the new Havana Elementary School on Kemp Road (CR12a) to the City of Havana urban center 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, CDC 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 a sidewalk linking the Havana Middle School and Havana Elementary Schools, located on Kemp Road, to urban neighborhoods as submitted by the Community Traffic Safety Team in year 2014.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Attest:

Eric Hinson, Chairperson
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners

Nicholas Thomas
Gadsden County Clerk of the Court