

RESOLUTION No. 3 6 8 4 8

Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Portland Public Schools to review, prioritize, and implement transportation safety improvements concerning District schools (Resolution)

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City initiated the Schools and Parks Conditional Use Code Refinement Project to address concerns regarding the regulation of schools and parks; and

WHEREAS, through this process the Planning Commission raised a concern about the adequacy of transportation infrastructure near schools with younger students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to other recommendations, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that a Type III Conditional Use Review be required when grades K-5 are added to a school containing grades 6-8; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission's intent of the requirement was to "allow for a public review of the safety of adding younger children to a school (and transportation system) designed for older students"; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sam Adams proposed an alternative to regulating three school levels and requiring a Type III CU when adding lower grades to a middle school; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sam Adams proposed regulating school levels K-8 and 9-12, and proposed addressing the Planning Commission's concern regarding the transportation needs of lower grade student through a robustly-funded and more comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, many impediments and barriers to transportation safety occur in the public-right-of way, and the Portland Public Schools (PPS) and City have a strong interest in identifying and addressing impediments to ensure the safety of District students and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, barriers to safe transportation may include needed physical improvements to eliminate safety hazards or lack of knowledge of alternative transportation options or routes; and

WHEREAS, school administration, teachers, parents, and students are well positioned to identify transportation barriers because they live with the consequences of the barriers every day, and Portland Bureau of Transportation staff possesses expertise related to the tools available to remove those barriers; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of students brought to school in private vehicles mutually benefits the City, the District, and the community by decreasing traffic and parking congestion, reducing traffic and parking complaints, increasing efficiencies, reducing environmental impacts and creating safer traffic flow around schools; and

WHEREAS, PPS and the City intend to use the City's existing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to prioritize needed transportation improvements district-wide; and

WHEREAS, this proposal allows decisions of when and where to devote limited capital resources to transportation safety improvements to be based on an evaluation and prioritization of needed transportation improvements District wide; and

WHEREAS, PPS and City intend to pursue, obtain, and leverage additional stable funding for the SRTS program to make transportation safety improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding attached is accepted by the City Council as a framework for negotiating an Intergovernmental Agreement with PPS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Transportation, with assistance from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and other affected City bureaus, is directed to proceed with negotiating an Intergovernmental Agreement with PPS to be approved by the City Council and signed by both parties no later than June 1, 2011.

Adopted by the Council: MAR 02 2011

Mayor Sam Adams

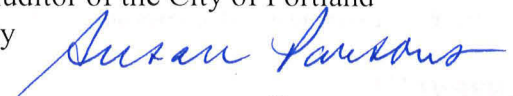
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Auditor of the City of Portland

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| <p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams</p> <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration: <u>Adams</u></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p> <p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Bureau Head:</p> <p>Prepared by: Amy Ruiz Date Prepared: February 24, 2011</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date 3/2/2011</p> <p>City Attorney Approval <u>D.A.</u></p> | <p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>FEB 25 2011</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u>Susan Parsons</u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> |
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| AGENDA |
| <p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p> <p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>5</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p> |

| FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA | COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS: | |
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| | YEAS | NAYS |
| 1. Fritz | | ✓ |
| 2. Fish | ✓ | |
| 3. Saltzman | ✓ | |
| 4. Leonard | ✓ | |
| Adams | ✓ | |