



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** August 12, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Consider Resolution No. 2019-031, supporting City of North Richland Hills application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2019 Safe Routes to School-Infrastructure call for projects.  
**PRESENTER:** Clayton Comstock, Planning Director

### **SUMMARY:**

Consider approval of a resolution in support of the City of North Richland Hills Safe Routes to School grant application.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The City of North Richland Hills is submitting a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Safe Routes to School program. A preliminary application was submitted to TxDOT in April 2019. As part of the final application, the City Council is requested to approve a resolution in support of the grant application.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide initiative focused on encouraging and enabling more children to safely walk and bicycle to school, thereby improving student health, traffic congestion, safety, and air quality around schools. TxDOT administers SRTS funds for locally sponsored infrastructure projects that facilitate walking and biking to school. Projects may be located anywhere in the state as long as they are within two miles of K-8 schools.

The proposed project focuses on the area surrounding North Richland Middle School. Recommended improvements include sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalk additions, improvements to existing crosswalks, and pedestrian signs on several residential streets serving North Richland Middle School, Snow Heights Elementary School and Mullendore Elementary School. Pavement markings on Vance Road are also included to implement a portion of the bicycle boulevard recommended by the Vision2030 Transportation Plan. A map showing the location and details of the proposed improvements is attached.

The estimated construction cost is \$2,428,414. The estimated costs to prepare construction plans, specifications, and estimates is \$300,000, and environmental documentation is \$20,000. The Safe Routes to School program is funded 100% through federal funds. If the North Richland Middle School SRTS project is selected for funding, the city will be obligated to pay for all design, engineering, environmental, and construction costs upfront, but all allowable costs are 100% reimbursable through the grant. Should the city receive award of this grant, staff will return to the City Council at that time for consideration of an amendment to the Capital Improvement Projects Budget.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 2019-031.