



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Presentation by UNT Masters in Public Administration students on Safe Routes to Schools

PRESENTER: Clayton Comstock, Planning Manager

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This past July, the Planning & Zoning Department was contacted by the Chair of the Department of Public Administration at the University of North Texas, Dr. Abraham Benavides, about any possible “service learning” projects that might be available for students enrolled in an “Introduction to City Planning” course to participate in. Knowing that the Transportation Plan project was on the horizon for the City, staff agreed to a student group setting the stage for a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Plan element to the Transportation Plan.

The group will give the attached presentation to the Commission, explaining the Safe Routes to Schools initiative and grant funding opportunities. They will also present their findings and recommendations on three Birdville ISD campuses within North Richland Hills and other policies that should be considered moving forward.

The Planning & Zoning Department and the City of North Richland Hills is appreciative of this group’s time and work on this project. Their work is intended to be the foundation of a larger Safe Routes to Schools Plan element to the Transportation Plan being developed in 2017 and they will be given public credit at the time the Transportation Plan is adopted and published.