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Legislation Text

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DPS WASHINGTON SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN Transportation Gary Stookey (x1306), Paul M. Rasmusson (x7868) (Revised)

Endorsing and Supporting the Washington Local School District Safe Routes to School "School Travel Plan;" and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Live Well Greater Toledo, a diverse collaboration of community leaders and organizations working together to promote policy, systems and environmental change for a healthier community, has taken a lead role in advocating for active transportation (pedestrian and bicycle transportation) in the City of Toledo and the region.

As part of its efforts Live Well Greater Toledo has taken a lead role in obtaining Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) grant funding to develop a "School Travel Plan" for the Washington Local School (WLS) District in the City of Toledo.

The City of Toledo, Washington Local School District, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) partnered with Live Well Greater Toledo in developing the "School Travel Plan".

The Travel Plan partners have collaboratively completed a review and analysis of student attendance areas for WLS District K-8 elementary schools including "walk audits" that highlighted obstacles to the use of active transportation for students to travel to school.

The WLS District "School Travel Plan" documents the results of this analysis and lists a set of infrastructure improvements and non-infrastructure education, enforcement, and encouragement solutions to overcome these obstacles to active transportation.

The City of Toledo supports completion of these improvements and supports efforts to improve and increase the use of active transportation for school students.

Having an approved "School Travel Plan" is a prerequisite to apply for funding assistance to construct recommended infrastructure improvements and to support non-infrastructure education, enforcement, and encouragement solutions to overcome obstacles to use of active transportation for students to travel to school.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the City of Toledo endorses and approves the "Washington Local Schools, District-Wide School Travel Plan."

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SECTION 2. That the City of Toledo supports the recommendations of the "Washington Local School's District-Wide School Travel Plan" and supports efforts to fund and complete these improvements.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and for the further reason that this Resolution must be immediately effective in order to expedite the establishment of a "School Travel Plan" and apply for funding assistance.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Adopted: February 25, 2020: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger Matt Cherry

Clerk of Council President of Council

Approved: March 2, 2020

Wade Kapszukiewicz

Mayor