RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 162

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL AID UNDER THE 2014 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has announced that applications are being accepted for the 2014 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program; and

WHEREAS, the SRTS program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, funding for the 2014 program is available for the construction of infrastructure projects, including the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, multi-use paths, traffic calming measures, and other means to ensure the ease and safety of children walking or biking to school; and

WHEREAS, projects must be located within two miles of a school that serves students in grades K-8; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Vineland that an application be made to complete infrastructure improvements for the two-mile circumference of streets and sidewalks surrounding Gloria Sabater Elementary School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vineland formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SRS-I-2014-Vineland City-00024 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Vineland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Vineland and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement as well as the City of Vineland's commitment to ownership and maintenance of the infrastructure improvements constructed under the project for the useful life of the project after the construction is completed.

Adopted:		
		President of Council
ATTEST:		
	City Clerk	



Memorandum

To:

William Lutz, Business Administrator

Denise Monaco, Assistant Buşiness Administrator

From:

Brian Myers, City Engineer

Date:

April1, 2014

Re:

NJ Department of Transportations; Safe Routes To School

Infrastructure Grant Program

Attached please find the information necessary to apply to NJ Department of Transportations, Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant Program. In partnership with the Health Department we are joining efforts to apply for funding up to \$1,000,000 to complete infrastructure improvements for a two miles circumference of streets and sidewalks surrounding Gloria Sabater Elementary School. Attached please find the SRTS grant guidelines for detailed information.

Thank you.

C: Dale Jones, Health Director



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION P.O. Box 600 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600

CHRIS CHRISTIE

Governor

JAMES S. SIMPSON Commissioner

KIM GUADAGNO

March 11, 2014

Re: Safe Routes to School Request for Applications

Dear Applicant:

On behalf of Governor Chris Christie, I am pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2014 Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). The SRTS program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program and is being administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

The objectives of the SRTS Program are:

- To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- To facilitate the development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of New Jersey's primary and middle schools (Grades K-8).

Projects must be located within two miles of a school that serves students in grades K-8. Funding for the 2014 SRTS Program will be available for the construction of infrastructure projects only. Infrastructure projects may include the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, multi-use paths, traffic calming measures, and other means to ensure the ease and safety of children walking or biking to school.

For this solicitation, Urban Aid Communities determined by the Department of Community Affairs, and municipalities containing Schools Development Authority (SDA) Districts outlined by the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, may apply for design as well as construction funds.

Any municipality, school district, or county is eligible to apply for funding. Non-profit organizations are not eligible as direct grant recipients for this solicitation.

However, non-profit organizations may partner with a local public agency that will assume responsibility and administration for the grant.

As with all federally funded programs, the funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. The award of SRTS grants will be contingent upon the recipient's ability to comply with all applicable federal financial management, project implementation, and oversight regulations. Before applying, applicants should assess their capability to comply with state and federal requirements for the administration of federal-aid highway grants set forth in Title 23 - Highways, 48 CFR-Federal Acquisition Regulation; and 49 CFR 18-the Common Grant Rule.

Public rights-of-way and facilities are required to be accessible for all users through the statutes regardless of funding source. Recipients of federal and state grants will be required to comply with the provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Applications for the SRTS Program are due on or before May 15, 2014 and must be submitted online through NJDOT SAGE at:

https://enterprisegrantapps.state.nj.us/NJSAGE/

Additional information on the SRTS Program is available at:

http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/srts.shtm

I recommend that you consult your Local Aid District Office and your corresponding Metropolitan Planning Organization for assistance in preparing applications for this program. Contact information is included.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to improve the safety of New Jersey's school children. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James S. Simpson Commissioner

James S. Simpson

Enclosure

c Municipal Clerk Municipal Engineer County Engineer