

Council Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

CITY OF WELLS
RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 02

**AUTHORIZE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, a new United South Central School is planned to be constructed to the west of State Highway 22, south of 9th St SW in 2014; and

WHEREAS, there are important gaps in the sidewalk system along 4th Ave SW, 3rd St SW, 6th Ave SW, 7th St SW and State Highway 22 (2nd Ave SW) to the new USC school site; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalks in select locations along 7th St SW, 3rd St SE and 4th Ave SW to the new USC school site are in need of upgrades to encourage student pedestrian and bicycle use and to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross State Highway 22 due to the amount of vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the new United South Central School location will shift the location where the majority of student pedestrians and bicyclists will cross State Highway 22; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$3,000,000 has been authorized for Minnesota’s Safe Routes to School Program in the Federal Transportation bill to improve conditions and quality of bicycling and walking to school; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is accepting grant applications for authorized funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wells has identified and supports the need to provide safe walking and bicycling routes for students to the local schools; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements identified in the City of Wells’ Safe Routes to School Grant Program will work towards increasing safety for students to walk or bicycle to school; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wells as follows:

1. The City Council hereby supports the application to MnDOT for a Safe Routes to School Grant Application to facilitate the construction/reconstruction of the following improvements identified through a comprehensive process involving parent/student Safe Routes to School Surveys and field observations:
 - a. Sidewalk construction to fill gaps in the sidewalk system along 4th Ave SW, 3rd St SW, 6th Ave SW, 7th St SW and State Highway 22 (2nd Ave SW) to the new USC school,
 - b. Sidewalk reconstruction for sidewalks in need of repair along portions of 7th St SW, 3rd St SE, and 4th Ave SW to the new USC school,
 - c. A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of State Highway 22/7th St SW to enhance safety by increasing driver awareness of the presence of pedestrians at this priority student pedestrian/bicycle crossing location.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Wells, on January 14, 2013.

By: _____

Ronald Gaines, Mayor

Attest:

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Stephen P. Bloom, City Administrator