

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALEDO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALEDO
APPLICATION(S) FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING TO MAKE
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE WALKING-
BICYCLING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Aledo Independent School District supports policies and programs that enhance student health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in the rising rates of obesity and diabetes, and other health problems among children (and adults); and,

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 2009, the percentage of children nationally who walked or bicycled to school decreased from 48 percent to 13 percent; and,

WHEREAS, when it is safe, convenient, and fun to walk to neighborhood schools, our students are healthier, our streets are safer for everyone, and our communities thrive; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aledo currently is in need of additional sidewalks to allow for student opportunity to walk or bicycle to school; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy board associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council approved on December 8, 2016, approximately \$23 million for the current Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects, to fund active transportation and Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aledo intends to submit a transportation alternatives project application for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to NCTCOG prior to the February 24, 2017 deadline; and,

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School project[s] will provide much needed safety improvements in the area and will provide a safer transportation experience for students walking and bicycling to school, as well as the general population; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council requires the submittal of a resolution of support by a co-applicant governing body as part of applications for Safe Routes to School projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALEDO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

The Aledo Independent School District fully supports the City of Aledo's efforts in seeking Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program funds awarded by NCTCOG for Safe Routes to School, and will collaborate to support the goals of the project; namely, to improve safety, encourage walking and bicycling to school, and improve the walking and bicycling environment for students of the District and other users of the routes.

ALEDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Jay Stringer
President, Board of Trustees

By: _____
Hoyt Harris
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date: January 23, 2017