

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STILLMAN VALLEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Meridian Community Unit School Board District 223, and Board of Commissioners of the Village of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program was originally established in August 2005 as a Federal-Aid program through the passage of SAFETEA-LU Act and reestablished as part of the TEA-21 program to provide funds to states to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students (grades Kindergarten through 8th) to walk and bicycle to school safely; and

WHEREAS, SRTS funding can be requested to improve the conditions for the walk or bike to school; and

WHEREAS, the entities wish to participate in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program as partners, toward providing infrastructure and educational improvements within the Village of Stillman Valley to promote increased walking, bicycling, educational and enforcement training opportunities to our school children; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned find that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is a beneficial means of improving childhood physical activity and exercise, reducing childhood obesity, reducing air pollution near schools, enhancing Police Department enforcement, and promoting pedestrian safety measures in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the City is required to submit this Resolution as part of the application process to IDOT; and

WHEREAS, the proper officials, agents and employees of the entities are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments with the provisions of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to participate in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program for the construction, replacement, and repair of sidewalks on Pine Street to Highland Elementary and Stillman Valley High School.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the, The Meridian School Board District 223, and Board of Commissioners of the Village of Stillman Valley, Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

- Collaborative work with the Village of Stillman Valley and Meridian CUSD #223 to construct and submit an application for the above mentioned grant
- Financial costs associated with the Safe Routes to School Grant will be shared among MCUSD #223 and the Village of Stillman Valley

Section 1. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education on September 3, 2025.

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absences _____

Passed:

Attest: _____