

**RESOLUTION #24-12-16-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING MNDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) INFRASTRUCTURE  
SOLICITATION GRANT APPLICATION AS A SPONSORING STATE AID CITY FOR  
NEW PRAGUE AREA SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, up to \$8.5 million in SRTS funding is available, with a minimum of \$50,000 and a cap of \$1,000,000 for each project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City understands that since the 2023 referendum for an operating levy failed, walking distances for students were increased and bus routes were reduced. New Prague Area Schools is applying for the MnDOT SRTS grant to fund multiple infrastructure improvements to enhance walkability around Falcon Ridge Elementary, Raven Stream Elementary, and New Prague High School. These improvements include the construction of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, a trail extension, a woodchip path, and stairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, non-state aid cities, townships, and school must have a project sponsor; and,

**WHEREAS**, New Prague Area Schools requested the City of New Prague to act as a sponsor agency for the project; and,

**WHEREAS**, New Prague Area Schools understands that it will be responsible for all costs not covered by SRTS including but not limited to consultant engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction administration and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the SRTS infrastructure grant amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Prague City Council fully supports the application for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Solicitation Grant funds; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of New Prague, Minnesota, that:

1. The City agrees to act as project sponsor for the project should New Prague Area Schools (NPAS) be selected to receive SRTS funds, and that sponsorship should include the following responsibilities of serving as the fiscal agent on behalf of NPAS, request an SAP/SP number for the project, ensure the project meets scheduled milestones, provide any required environmental documents and permits, and develop and review construction plan.

2. Full support is given to the application for the SRTS Infrastructure grant and construction of the project.

Passed this 16th day of December, 2024.

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Duane J. Jirik, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua M. Tetzlaff, City Administrator