



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 23

DATE OF MEETING: July 8, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Kyle M. Breuer, Planning & Community Development Department/Dee Turner, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Requesting Support of Pender County's Safe Routes to Schools Application to Construct Approximately One Mile of Multi-Purpose Path and Associated Improvements, as well as a High Visibility Crosswalk Connecting North Topsail Elementary School, Hampstead Kiwanis Park and Surrounding Neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND: The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) funds are utilized for projects on or intersecting with state-maintained roads which enhance the ability to walk or bike to and from public or private schools that serves any grades K-8 within two (2) miles of the school being served. Additional outcomes of successfully implementing a SRTS project include enhancing community accessibility through an increased interest in bicycle and pedestrian accommodations throughout the community, decreasing traffic congestion which could lead to a reduction in fuel consumption and improve air quality, improving partnerships among schools, local government, civic groups, parents, etc. which could improve community safety and increase community security. SRTS projects encourage healthy and active lifestyles which improve citizen's health, particularly children's health. As shown on the attached project plan, the project will consist of an 8-10 foot wide asphalt path along the south side of Sloop Point Loop Road and the east side of Country Club Drive. This project will require ditch work, including piping and fill dirt along the route of the path followed by gravel and asphalt installation. This project will connect North Topsail Elementary School to Hampstead Kiwanis Park and will also connect surrounding neighborhoods; including Middle Sound, Bent Tree I and II, and Greenway Plantation. No matching funds are required from local governments for SRTS projects. However, local governments must enter into a contract with the State of North Carolina to maintain the multi-purpose path and adjacent grassed area. To offset this potential maintenance liability, staff will attempt to enter into an agreement with direct user groups of the park to provide the necessary maintenance.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution approving staff to proceed with a SRTS application to construct approximately one mile of multi-purpose path and associated improvements, as well as a high visibility crosswalk from North Topsail Elementary School to Hampstead Kiwanis Park.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

approval is given to proceed with a SRTS application to construct approximately one mile of multi-purpose path and associated improvements, as well as a high visibility crosswalk connecting North Topsail Elementary School, Hampstead Kiwanis Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown _____ McCoy _____ Tate _____ Ward _____ Williams _____

George R. Brown, Chairman 7/8/13
Date

ATTEST 7/8/13
Date

Hampstead SRTS Project - Pender County

