

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, IF AWARDED, FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE GRANT
PROGRAM FOR \$800,000.00. THE GRANT WOULD SUPPORT THE SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) SAN ANTONIO PROGRAM BY PROMOTING
WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL THROUGH EDUCATION,
IMPROVEMENTS TO INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ENGAGEMENT. THIS
ORDINANCE ALSO AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF ANY RELATED
DOCUMENTS UPON AWARD OF THE GRANT.**

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WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) codified Safe Routes to School (SRTS) at 23 U.S.C. 208 and expanded eligibility from kindergarten through 8th grade to kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, SRTS benefits children in primary, middle, and high schools; and

WHEREAS, its purposes include (1) enabling and encouraging children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; (2) making bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and (3) facilitating the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects and activities include infrastructure-related projects and non-infrastructure-related projects; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure-related projects include the planning, design, and construction of such projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, non-infrastructure-related projects include such activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders, traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs; and

WHEREAS, the BIL continues the Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TA) from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, and SRTS projects are eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for projects in January 2025 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the TA set-aside program; and

WHEREAS, the TA funds may be used for the development of planning documents to assist communities of any size in developing non-motorized transportation networks. The TA funds require a local match, comprised of cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), if eligible. The City of San Antonio (the City) would be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns, if any, for TA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the funding for a pilot SRTS program at Coker Elementary School, Loma Park Elementary School, and Mark Twain Dual Language Academy (K-8) to engage in eligible projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, the pilot SRTS program is intended to be a scalable model used to expand the SRTS program to include more than 300 schools throughout San Antonio; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1: The City Council approves the ordinance **authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of funds, if awarded, from the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Grant Program for \$800,000.00. This ordinance also authorizes the execution of any related documents upon award of the grant. The grant would support the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) San Antonio Program by promoting walking and biking to school through education, improvements to infrastructure, and engagement.**

SECTION 2: The City Manager, their designee, the Transportation Department's Director, or their designee is authorized to submit a grant application and accept funds, if awarded, from the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Grant Program for \$800,000.00. The City Manager, their designee, the Transportation Department's Director, or their designee is also authorized to execute any related documents upon award of the grant.

SECTION 3: The City of San Antonio supports funding this project as described in the 2025 TA Detailed Application (including the planning activities, the Texas Department of Transportation's direct state cost for oversight, and the required local match, if any) and is willing to commit to the project's development, financing, management, adoption, and implementation of completed planning documents. The City is willing and able to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation by resolution or ordinance, should the project be selected for funding.

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SECTION 4: Funds for \$800,000.00 are authorized to be applied for and received from the Texas Department of Transportation and are authorized to be appropriated in Fund TBD, Internal Order 12300000xxxx, and GL Account 4501000. Funds for the City's grant match for \$160,000.00 are available from the General fund and Advanced Transportation funds; however, the City will attempt to obtain transportation development credits instead of providing a cash match. In this case, the department will record an in-kind transaction for the credits.

SECTION 5: The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance is effective immediately if approved by eight or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective on the tenth day from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of June 2025.

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GINA ORTIZ JONES

ATTEST:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney