

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT TO  
HOLD TWO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL EVENTS  
Resolution No. 142/2009-10

WHEREAS, walking to school in the United States has declined from 48 percent in 1969 to 12 percent in 2009, according to the National Center for Safe Routes to School; and

WHEREAS, childhood obesity “has more than tripled in the past 30 years”, increasing from 6.5 percent in 1980 to 19.6 percent in 2008 among children from 6 to 11 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County, 35.7 percent of children aged 5 to 11 are overweight or obese, according to Orange County’s State of the County Health Report (2009); and

WHEREAS, encouraging walking and bicycling to school can help promote an active lifestyle among Carrboro children; and

WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020* states that the “safe and adequate flow of bus, auto, bicycle and pedestrian traffic within and around Carrboro is essential”, and *Vision 2020* Policy 3.25 encourages pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan of 2009 recommends implementing Safe Routes to School planning activities and events; and

WHEREAS, the federal Safe Routes to School program was created in 2005 in the Federal Highway Administration to provide support for Safe Routes to School planning, projects, and promotions nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2009, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) awarded the Town of Carrboro a “non-infrastructure” grant to support two walk/bike-to-school events;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board of Aldermen approves the Municipal Agreement with NCDOT to hold two Safe Routes to School events and authorizes the Town Manager to execute the Agreement.