

A Resolution

NO. _____

**SUPPORTING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
THE WALK FORT WORTH PLAN, AND THE BLUE ZONES PROJECT™**

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan supports policies and programs that focus on health, wellness, and healthier built environments, including pedestrian safety programs such as Safe Routes to School; and

WHEREAS the Walk Fort Worth Plan supports coordination with school districts to create and implement Safe Routes to School plans; and

WHEREAS on January 28, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution 4278-01-2014 supporting the Blue Zones Project to improve well-being and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS on May 12, 2015, the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education adopted a resolution to partner with the City of Fort Worth through the Blue Zones Project in order to participate in the Safe Routes to School initiative, to conduct walking audits for all elementary schools by 2018, and to apply for funding to improve school travel routes; and

WHEREAS Safe Routes to School initiatives strengthen connections between schools and neighborhoods by creating beneficial interactions between children and adults and by removing barriers to walking and bicycling to school through improvements to the built environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The City of Fort Worth affirms its support for pedestrian safety programs in all sixteen of the school districts serving citizens of Fort Worth; and
2. The City will assign high priority to school pedestrian routes in the allocation of 2014 bond funds for sidewalks and school safety zones; and
3. The City Council requests that the City Manager or his designee support the Fort Worth Independent School District and other school districts in their efforts to prepare Safe Routes to School master plans and to secure grant funds to implement those plans.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2015.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary Kayser, City Secretary

