



## RESOLUTION 2023-067

### SUPPORTING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sherwood supports policies and programs that focus on health and wellness and healthier community environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the citizens of the city of Sherwood; and

**WHEREAS**, walking and biking can help enhance the health and overall physical activity of children, improve air quality and the environment, and reduce traffic congestion and speed in and around school zones; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bike to school; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, having safer routes to and from schools can decrease pedestrian and bicycling related injuries, not just for students, but for the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that the City of Sherwood recognizes the importance of making walking and biking to school a safe activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sherwood School District Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of a Safe Routes to School Program on August 16, 2023.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City will participate in and support the Safe Routes to School initiative in partnership with the Sherwood School District order to gain the benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life for Sherwood students, families, and neighborhoods.

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

**Duly passed by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.**

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Tim Rosener, Mayor

Attest:

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Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder