## RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 2010

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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ENGINEERING PORTION OF THE LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

WHEREAS, West Chester Township acknowledges the significance of multi-modal transportation and supports all entities encouraging transportation for wellness; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees adopted the West Chester Connections Plan on August 11, 2009 embracing the philosophy of "connecting people and places"; and,

WHEREAS, the West Chester Connections Plan utilizes a variety of pedestrian connection options including separate paths, sidewalks, and wide shoulders; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of creating safe routes to school and applauds the Lakota Local School District for gaining momentum on this significant community endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from West Chester Township, Liberty Township, the Lakota Local School District, Butler County, parents, students, and residents of the West Chester and Liberty Township communities have come together to form a committee to work on the development of a School Travel Plan; and,

WHEREAS, this committee has determined that requesting funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the engineering portion of the School Travel Plan is necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the engineering portion of the plan includes the following schools located in West Chester Township and an area up to 2 miles from the school building:

- ♦ Adena Elementary North of Dimmick Road, South of West Chester Road and West of Route 42
- ♦ Freedom Elementary and Ridge Junior Along Beckett Ridge Boulevard in front of schools, Beckett Pointe Drive, Beckett Station Drive, North Eagle Ridge Drive, and surrounding areas without sidewalks
- Heritage Elementary South of Hamilton-Mason Road on Walnut Creek Drive and Wethersfield Drive
- ♦ Hopewell Elementary and Hopewell Junior The area South of Tylersville Road and North of Barret Road, and East of Cox Road and West of Butler Warren Road

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the West Chester Township Board of Trustees does hereby agree to:

**SECTION 1.** Support the request for funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the engineering portion of the Lakota Local School District Travel Plan and understands that this support does not constitute financial commitment on the part of West Chester Township.

**SECTION 2.** Continue to work towards completion of the School Travel Plan for safe routes to school in our community.

Adopted this <u>25th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2010.

Lee Wong, President

George Lang, Vice President

Catherine Stoker, Trustee

Yes / No

Yes / No

YES

Yes / No

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

Patricia Williams, Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Donald L. Crain, Law Director