

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Shore MPO supports policies and programs that focus on health and wellness and healthier community environments; 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 Eastern Shore MPO recognizes the importance of making walking and biking to school a safe activity; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Shore MPO will participate in and support Safe Routes to School initiatives in order to gain the benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life for students, families, and neighborhoods.

The foregoing resolution was adopted and approved on the 26th day of October 2022, by the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.


Date: 10/26/22
Michael McMillan, Acting Chairperson

ATTEST:


Date: 10/26/22