

(Synopsis: Approval of this resolution would support a Safe Routes to School grant request to construct new sidewalk on Bobolink Drive and Eagle Avenue near Central Schools.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ILLINOIS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 51**

WHEREAS, the City of Washington proposes to apply for assistance from the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on Bobolink Drive from Elgin Avenue to Central Intermediate School and to complete sidewalk gaps on Eagle Avenue; and

WHEREAS, while no local funding match is required, the City of Washington has the funds available to pay up to \$200,000, which is the maximum grant request, prior to reimbursement by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has the financial capability to operate, maintain, and manage the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for the public's use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington desires to provide a safe transportation system for pedestrian and bicycling traffic; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the students in School District 51 is of the highest concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, in coordination with the Washington Police Department and the staff of Central District 51, plans to educate the District 51 students and enforce the observance of all traffic laws nearby; and

WHEREAS, all of the necessary right-of-way has been acquired to construct the sidewalks on Bobolink Drive and Eagle Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has determined that the pursuit of an Illinois Safe Routes to School Program grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation will help meet these objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

That the City supports the grant request to construct approximately 1,000 lineal feet of sidewalk from Elgin Avenue to Central Intermediate School along Bobolink Drive and to construct approximately 500 lineal feet of sidewalk on Gillman Avenue adjacent to and near Central Intermediate School.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk