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Dear Metropolitan Planning Commission,

For six years, Springfield Public Schools has supported the Springfield Safe Routes to School program to do the important work of encouraging students to walk and ride to school safely, identifying infrastructure needs and advocating for improvements, and building important partnerships to facilitate this work.

Springfield Public Schools (SPS) has supported the position financially by providing an office, access to district vehicles and staff to transport the Bicycle Safety Trailer, and by matching the program with .5 FTE to create a full-time coordinator position. The decision to support the program stemmed from the understanding that Safe Routes to School (SRTS) supported a number of core values of SPS including increasing student safety and physical activity.

Beyond the specific SRTS work that the program brings to the district (The Six E's of SRTS: Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, Engineering, Equity), the coordinator is able to support the district in a number of important parallel ways.

1. Assists with connecting bus ineligible students and their parents with information on available transportation options (e.g. safe walking routes, transit, etc.)
2. Educate parents and students about pedestrian safety
3. Supports the Districts crossing guard program
4. Notifies the City of Springfield and Lane County when there is a need for tree limb work along school bus routes and walking/biking routes
5. Serves on the District's Safety and Wellness Committees as the Transportation liaison
6. Serves as a District Liaison on the City of Springfield's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
7. Helps update the District's Hazardous Busing Plan (Supplemental Plan) as needed
8. Safe Routes to Schools work supports the District's goals around wellness and student safety.

The SRTS Coordinator position supports the Districts transportation work by advocating for transportation options to over 7,000 K-12 students and adds capacity to the SPS Transportation Team. The Springfield Public School District plans to continue to support this important work.

Sincerely,

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