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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; RELATING TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STUDY, ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT DOCUMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT FINDINGS, FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization on February 10, 2010 for the development of a Safe Routes to School Study; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the Village's needs, the Department of Public Works proceeded to enter into an agreement with one of the prequalified Transportation Engineering firms to develop the Safe Routes to School Study and implement the provisions of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Interlocal Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to Schools is a federally mandated program emerging from the latest Federal transportation authorization, Safe Accountable Flexible Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFTEA-LU); and,

WHEREAS, the study facilitates the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities to improve safety, reduce traffic conflicts, and mitigate environmental considerations; and,

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School study was developed based on guidelines contained in the Safe Route to School, Procedure Manual developed by Miami-Dade County MPO in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the developed study prepares safe routes to school plans, identifies a safe route within the school attendance boundary, recommends infrastructure improvements and cost estimates, prepares an FDOT "Safe Routes to School" infrastructure funding applications, is encouraged by the Safe Accountable Flexible Transportation Equity Act (\$600 M), and implemented by MPO's and FDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the desired outcomes for the Safe Routes to School study is to increase in Bike/Pedestrian safety, more children walking and biking to school, decreased traffic congestion, improved childhood health, reduced childhood obesity, and reduced fuel consumption; and,

WHEREAS, following this process, various project types for Safe Routes to School consisting of sidewalks speed flashback signs, safer crosswalks, school zone signing, flashing signals, and pedestrian signal push buttons were recommended and developed for each school; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, now that the safe routes to schools have been identified, the Village will be
2 able to implement the route improvements as part of its Capital Improvement Plan; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, once the SRTS has been accepted by the Village Council, the Village will be
5 eligible to apply for FDOT "Safe Route to School" infrastructure funding to support construction
6 efforts of the recommended improvements; and,
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE**
9 **COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

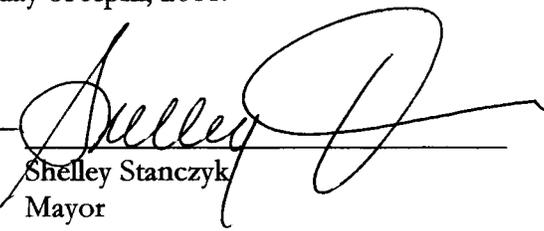
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11 **Section 1:** The Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida accepts the final report and authorizes its
12 implementation as a guide to safe routes to school within the Village.
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14 **Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.
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16 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 4th day of April, 2011.
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20 ATTEST:

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22 Meighan Alexander
23 Village Clerk

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25 Shelley Stanczyk
26 Mayor

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28 **READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
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31 Eve Boutsis
32 Village Attorney
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34 **FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**
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36 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES
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38 Vice Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
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40 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
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42 Council Member Howard J. Tendrich YES
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44 Council Member Joan Lindsay YES
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