

## **Transportation and Air Quality**

### **Measure 42 – Community “Safe Routes to School Program”**

**5 Points**

Implement a “Safe Routes to School” program to promote walking and bicycling to school.

#### Discussion:

Cobb County is in the process of developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan (BPIP) to improve biking and walking conditions in the County. The 15 month study, which began in the fall of 2008, is scheduled to be completed and presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration in October 2009. Development of a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan is a key component of the overall study.

The Safe Routes to School Plan was scheduled as an early deliverable of the BPIP. A draft plan has been prepared by the consultant and is under staff review. In the interim, the Board of Commissioners has approved an interim plan to facilitate implementation in advance of the beginning of the 2009 school year. Under the interim Plan, five schools will be identified and Pilot Programs will be developed.

Last fall, Cobb Department of Transportation worked with several schools to develop and submit an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for funding under the SRTS program.

Currently Addison Elementary is participating in the SRTS program, with 5 additional schools to be added to the pilot.

#### Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application

- Agenda item approved at the February 24, 2009 BOC meeting accepting the Interim SRTS plan.
- Copy of the Interim SRTS Plan approved.
- Public information flyer promoting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan (which incorporates SRTS) and inviting public participation in plan development.