# A RESOLUTION SUPPPORTING A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN FOR CHRISTIANSBURG PRIMARY AND CHRISTIANSBURG ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide options that allow children to walk and bicycle to school safely, and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs can address these challenges through a coordinated action plan;

WHEREAS, Congress has designated funding to develop the Nation Safe Routes to School Program;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to Schools programs use a variety of education, engineering and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school and encouragement strategies to entice more children to walk and bicycle;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program has provided localities with an annual grant opportunity for up to $500,000 to support engineering (infrastructure) projects that will increase the number of children who bike and walk to school based upon a School Travel Plan;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program is fully supported by federal funds and requires no local match;

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan supports and provides guidance for this initiative;

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort has taken place over the last year in which the Town, the New River Valley Planning District Commission, Montgomery County Public Schools, the Christiansburg Primary and Elementary School staff, and the Town of Christiansburg Police Department developed a proposal to initiate the Safe Routes to School program in 2013 at Christiansburg Primary and Christiansburg Elementary School;

WHEREAS, the School Travel Plan has been developed and submitted by The Town of Christiansburg and the New River Valley Planning District Commission, with a signature of support from the Christiansburg Town Manager;

WHEREAS, the approved School Travel Plan, allows Montgomery County Public Schools to submit and infrastructure grant application to fund engineering solutions in support of the School Travel Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Christiansburg Council supports the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan developed for implementation at Christiansburg Primary and Christiansburg Elementary Schools.

Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing resolution on a motion by _____ seconded by _____ at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held December 4, 2012, the members of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

| | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| Mayor Richard G. Ballengee* | | | | |
| D. Michael Barber | | | | |
| Cord Hall | | | | |
| Steve Huppert | | | | |
| Henry Showalter | | | | |
| Bradford J. Stipes | | | | |
| James W. Vanhoozier | | | | |

*Mayor votes only in the event of a tie vote by Council.

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Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor

A True Copy Test:

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Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council