

SUMMARY OF ACTIVE LIVING BY DESIGN COMMITTEE ACTION

Subject: Ephesus Safe Routes to School Initiative

Meeting Date: 11 March 2005

ALbD Committee Recommendation:

The Active Living by Design Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the Ephesus Safe Routes to Schools Initiative survey/audit results be forwarded to the Town Council for their information and request that the data be distributed to appropriate Town Advisory Boards. The Committee also recommended that Priority 1, 2, and 3 Recommendations be considered by the Council for funding in the Town’s Capital Improvement Program.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations of the Safe Routes to School subcommittee (attached) and amended those recommendations to reflect currently underway projects along Legion Road.

These recommendations support a “walking school bus” program with adult volunteer “drivers” that will be conducted one week in April and one in May of this school year.

Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed

Initiative Goal: To improve the health and well-being of children by assessing and taking measures to improve walking and biking conditions on the routes to school and enabling and encouraging children to walk and bike these routes.

Ephesus Recommendations

Recommendations are based on Parent Survey and Walk Zone Audit. Results are attached.

- Requested for immediate safety improvements: Crosswalks along (not across) Ephesus Church Road & flashing lights for school zone warning treatments similar to Creekside Elementary in Durham.
- Priority 1 – sidewalk on south side of Ephesus Church Road from 15/501 to Eden Lane.
- Priority 2 – Sidewalks on one side for Eden Lane/Cypress Road/Spruce Street. Sidewalks on one side of Longleaf Drive, Churchill Drive, and Tinkerbelle Road as well.

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- Priority 3 – Sidewalks on one side at Emory Drive, Willow Drive, Ferrell Road, Landerwood Lane, Thornwood Road, Francis Street.

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