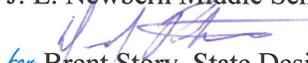


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT
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FILE P.I. #0010379 **OFFICE** Design Policy & Support
Lowndes
GDOT District 4 - Tifton
Lowndes County **DATE** May 17, 2012
J. L. Newbern Middle School - SRTS

FROM *for*  Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

TO SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT APPROVED CONCEPT REPORT

Attached is the approved Concept Report for the above subject project.

Attachment

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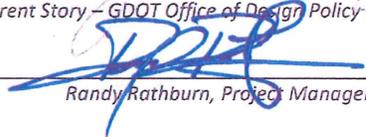
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CONCEPT REPORT

Project Type: Safe Routes to School P.I. Number: 0010379
GDOT District: 4 County: Lowndes
Federal Route Number: N/A State Route Number: N/A

City of Valdosta Public Schools
W.G. Nunn Elementary School and J. L. Newbern Middle School

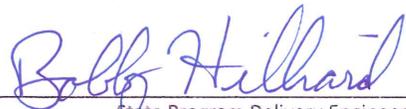
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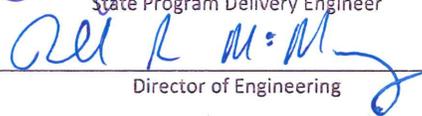


for Brent Story - GDOT Office of Design Policy & Support DATE: 4/27/2012


Randy Rathburn, Project Manager DATE: 5/3/2012

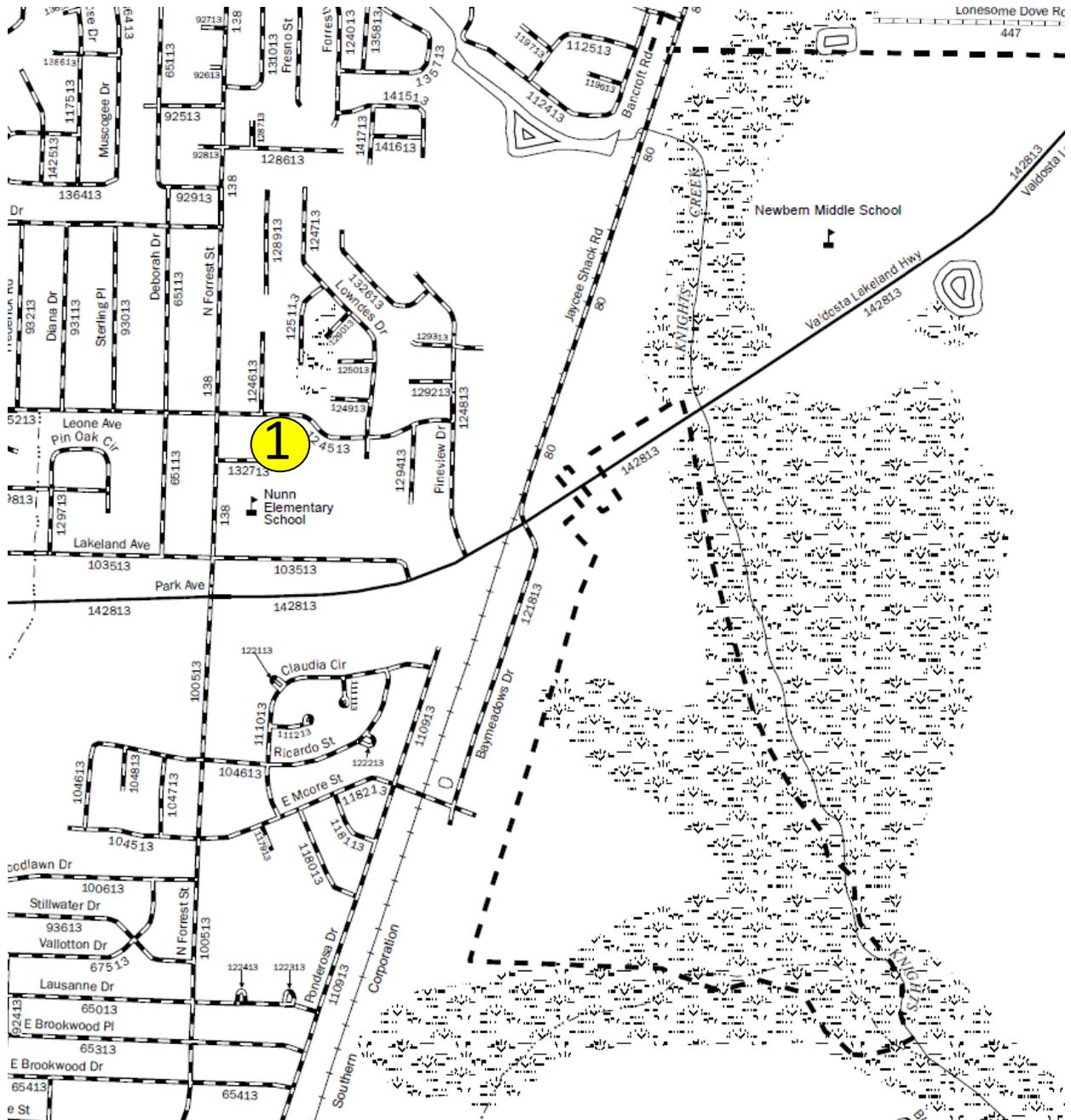
Approvals:

Concur: 

Bobby Hilliard State Program Delivery Engineer DATE: 5-11-2012
Approve: 

Allie M. M. Director of Engineering DATE: 5/16/12

PROJECT LOCATION: CITY OF VALDOSTA, GA.



1. W.G. Nunn Elementary School

PLANNING & BACKGROUND DATA

Project Justification Statement:

This project is a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure project that will improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility for students within a 1 mile radius of W.G. Nunn Elementary School and J. L. Newbern Middle School in Valdosta Ga.

The Federal SRTS program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed into public law (P.L. 109-59) on August 10, 2005. As a result of this legislation, every state now has dedicated dollars to help with infrastructure improvements (e.g. new sidewalks and traffic calming projects) and non-infrastructure activities to encourage and enable students to walk and bicycle to school.

The SRTS infrastructure program administered by the Federal Highway Administration is intended to promote walking and bicycling by students living within a two-mile radius of a school. The desired outcomes of the SRTS infrastructure program include increased health and fitness for students, as well as accessibility and environmental benefits for the community at large.

The Lowndes County School District applied for, and was awarded, SRTS funding in response to a GDOT call for SRTS applications (see application attached).

Due to nonexistent sidewalks, students walking or bicycling to school must do so using an existing narrow shoulder along portions of East Park Avenue from North Forrest Street to J. L. Newbern Middle School. The SRTS project would improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and connectivity by adding sidewalks.

Description of the proposed project:

This project consists of sidewalk construction along the north side of East Park Avenue (approximately 2500 feet long) from North Forrest Street to Pineview Drive. This project would also construct sidewalk with curb and gutter along the east side of North Forrest Street (approximately 280 feet long) from East Park Avenue to Lakeland Avenue, to meet current ADA requirements. This project would also include upgrading the signal at the intersection of East Park Avenue and North Forrest Street, and would add school crossing flashing beacons at the intersection of Lakeland Avenue and North Forrest Street for the existing crosswalk. All improvements would be constructed within the existing right-of-way.

Map detailing proposed improvements for the school listed above is included in the attachments.

Federal Oversight: Full Oversight Exempt State Funded Other

MPO: N/A MPO - Valdosta - Lowndes County MPO
MPO Project TIP # N/A

Regional Commission: N/A

RC – Southern Georgia RC
 RC Project ID # N/A

Congressional District: 1

Projected Traffic AADT: N/A

Functional Classification:

East Park Avenue: Urban Minor Arterial Street
 North Forrest Street: Urban Minor Arterial Street

Is this project on a designated bike route? No YES

Is this project located on a pedestrian plan? No YES

DESIGN AND STRUCTURAL DATA:

Mainline Design Features: East Park Avenue - Urban Minor Arterial Street

Feature	Existing	Standard*	Proposed
Typical Section			
- Number of Lanes	2	2	No Change
- Lane Width(s)	12'	12' Desirable	No Change
- Outside Shoulder Width & Type	10' Rural	10' Desirable Rural	12' Rural
- Sidewalk Buffer Width	none	6'	6'
- Sidewalks	none	4'-6' desirable	5'
Posted Speed	35-45 MPH		No Change
Design Speed	35-55 MPH	N/A	No Change
Right-of-Way Width	100'	N/A	No Change
Maximum Sidewalk Cross Slope	None	2%	2%
Minimum Crosswalk Width	None	8'	8'

*According to current GDOT design policy if applicable.

†In order to be eligible for SRTS funding, the local government has demonstrated that adequate existing right-of-way is available to construct the proposed project.

Mainline Design Features: North Forrest Street - Urban Minor Arterial Street

Feature	Existing	Standard*	Proposed
Typical Section			
- Number of Lanes	2	2	No Change
- Lane Width(s)	12'	12' Desirable	No Change
- Outside Shoulder Width & Type	10' Rural	10' Desirable Rural	12' Urban
- Sidewalk Buffer Width	none	6'	4'
- Sidewalks	4' East side	4'-6' desirable	5' West side
Posted Speed	35 MPH		No Change
Design Speed	45 MPH	N/A	No Change

Right-of-Way Width	80'	N/A	No Change
Maximum Sidewalk Cross Slope	None	2%	2%
Minimum Crosswalk Width	None	8'	8'

*According to current GDOT design policy if applicable.

†In order to be eligible for SRTS funding, the local government has demonstrated that adequate existing right-of-way is available to construct the proposed project.

Major Structures: N/A

Major Interchanges/Intersections: N/A

Utility Involvements: Atlanta Gas Light, AT&T, Georgia Power, City of Valdosta Water System, Mediacom, and GAUPC.

Public Interest Determination Policy and Procedure recommended (Utilities)? YES NO

SUE Required: Yes No

Railroad Involvement: N/A

Right-of-Way: No Right-of-Way or Easements anticipated.

Location and Design approval: Not Required Required

Off-site Detours Anticipated: No Yes Undetermined

Transportation Management Plan Anticipated: YES NO

Design Exceptions to FHWA controlling criteria anticipated: None anticipated.

Design Variances to GDOT standard criteria anticipated: None anticipated.

VE Study anticipated: No Yes Completed – Date:

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Anticipated Environmental Document:

GEPA: NEPA: Categorical Exclusion EA/FONSI EIS

Air Quality:

Is the project located in a PM 2.5 Non-attainment area? No Yes

Is the project located in an Ozone Non-attainment area? No Yes

Environmental Permits/Variances/Commitments/Coordination anticipated: N/A

Is a PAR required? No Yes Completed – Date:

Environmental Impacts: TBD, no adverse affects anticipated.

Major Stakeholders:

- Lowndes County Board of Education
- City of Valdosta

PROJECT RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Activities:

Project Activity	Party Responsible for Performing Task(s)
Concept Development	GDOT
Design	TBD (Proposed for In-House Design)
Right-of-Way Acquisition	N/A
Utility Relocation	Utility
Letting to Contract	GDOT
Construction Supervision	GDOT
Providing Material Pits	N/A
Providing Detours	N/A
Environmental Studies, Documents, and Permits	GDOT
Environmental Mitigation	GDOT, if applicable

Lighting required: No Yes

Concept Meeting: Held on 10AM on Jan. 17, 2012. (see attached minutes)

Follow Up Meeting: With City of Valdosta - Held on 10AM on Feb. 02, 2012. (see attached minutes)

Other projects in the area: None.

Other coordination to date: None.

Project Cost Estimate and Funding Responsibilities:

	Breakdown of PE	ROW	Utility	CST*	Environmental Mitigation
By Whom	GDOT	N/A	None Anticipated	GDOT	None Anticipated
\$ Amount	\$140,000	N/A	None Anticipated	\$280,000	None Anticipated

*CST Cost includes: Construction, Engineering and Inspection.

ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

Alternative 1: Preferred Alternative

The proposed project consists of pedestrian infrastructure improvements in Valdosta, Georgia, in the vicinity of to meet current ADA and MUTCD requirements.

This project consists of pedestrian infrastructure improvements in Valdosta, GA along the north side of East Park Avenue (approximately 2500 feet long) from North Forrest Street to Pineview Drive, also construct sidewalk along the east side of North Forrest Street (approximately 280 feet long) from East Park Avenue to Lakeland Ave., to meet current ADA and MUTCD requirements.

This project will include upgrading the signal at the intersection of East Park Avenue and North Forrest Street. This project would add school crossing flashing beacons at the intersection of Lakeland Ave and North Forrest for the existing crosswalk.

The project will improve pedestrian accessibility through the installation of new sidewalks .All improvements will be constructed within the existing right-of-way.

Estimated Property Impacts:	None	Estimated Total Cost:	\$ 280,000
Estimated ROW Cost:	\$ 0.00	Estimated CST Time:	T.B.D.

Rationale: The proposed project would provide adequate pedestrian facilities within the vicinity of W. G. Nunn Elementary School. Adding new sidewalks to meet ADA and MUTCD requirements would meet the SRTS program that is administered by the Federal Highway Administration under Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Alternative 2:

The proposed project consists of pedestrian infrastructure improvements in Valdosta, Georgia, in the vicinity of J. L. Newbern Middle and W. G. Nunn Elementary School to meet current ADA and MUTCD requirements.

For W. G. Nunn Elementary School, all new sidewalks will be constructed along the north side of East Park Avenue (approximately 2500 feet long) from North Forrest Street to Jaycee Shack Road.

For J. L. Newbern Middle School , all new sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of East Park Avenue (approximately 2800 feet long) from Jaycee Shack Road to J. L. Middle School.

All improvements would be constructed within the existing right-of-way.

Estimated Property Impacts:	None	Estimated Total Cost:	> \$497,000.00
Estimated ROW Cost:	\$ 0.00	Estimated CST Time:	None

Rationale: This alternate would require additional R/W and funding to extend a 5’x6’box culvert and a 42” pipe that crosses East Park Avenue between Jaycee Shack Road and J. L. Middle School. This Alternative is not recommended for this project because Construction Costs would exceed available funds for this project.

Alternative 3:

This alternative would leave the existing conditions as is.

Estimated Property Impacts:	None	Estimated Total Cost:	\$ 0.00
Estimated ROW Cost:	\$ 0.00	Estimated CST Time:	None

Rationale: The No Build Alternative is not recommended for this project. This alternative would not encourage walking and bicycling as set forth by the Safe Routes to School program.

Comments: To construct the project as presented in the original SRTS application the City of Valdosta would have to purchase additional R/W in the area of a stream that is located between the Railroad and J.L. Newbern Middle School. There would be additional costs for constructing sidewalk along East Park Avenue in the area of Norfolk Southern Railway if Alternative 2 were chosen. The original application had an approved cost estimate of 280,000. With the need of additional R/W and high construction costs, it is not recommended that this project can be constructed as originally proposed.

Attachments:

1. Concept Layout
2. Construction Cost including Engineering and Inspection
3. Typical section
4. Minutes of Concept Meeting: 1-17-2012
5. Minutes of Concept Meeting: 2-2-2012
6. Lowndes County Schools Safe Routes to Schools Program Application.

J. L. Newbern
Middle School

PI:# 0010379 - Lowndes County
City of Valdosta - SRTS

Project Limits

End Project

W. G. Nunn
Elementary School

Pineview Dr.

N Forest St

Begin Project

— Proposed 5' Conc. Sidewalk

○ Proposed Intersection Improvement



DETAILED COST ESTIMATE



Job: 0010379_SRTS

JOB NUMBER: 0010379_SRTS

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SPEC YEAR: 01

DESCRIPTION: CITY OF VALDOSTA SRTS

ITEMS FOR JOB 0010379_SRTS

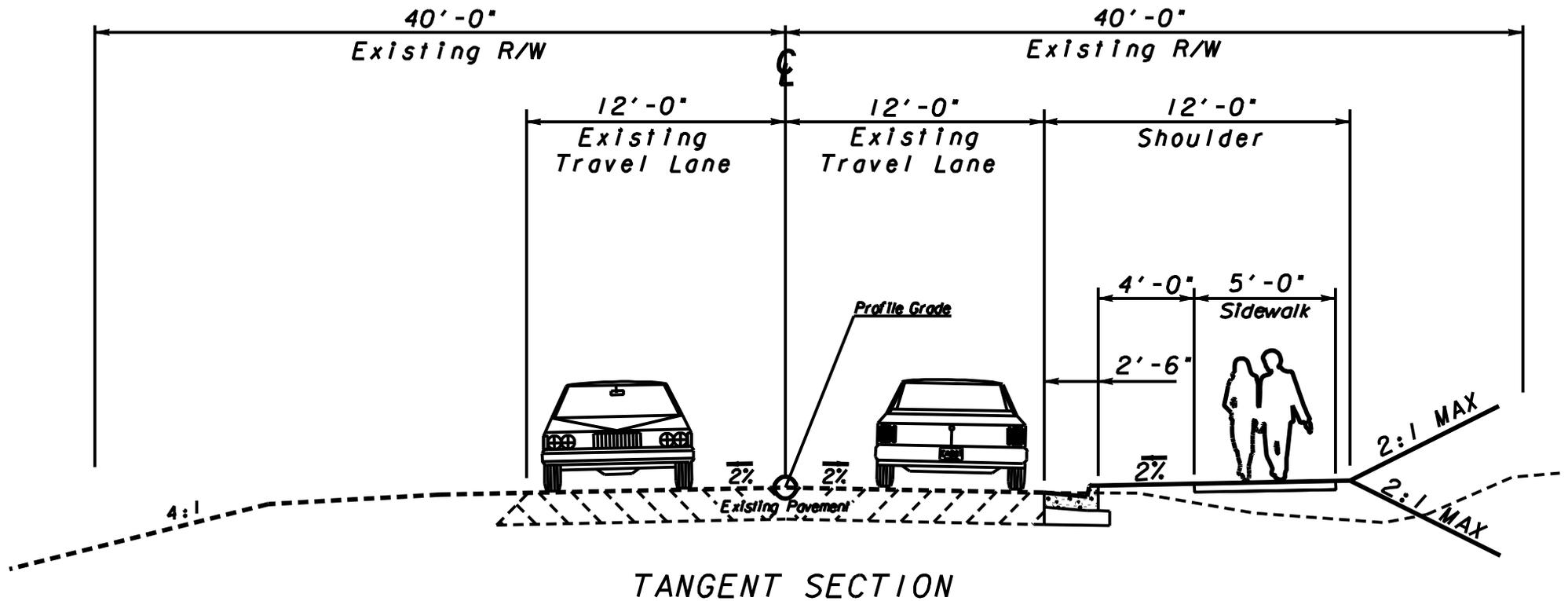
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0150	700-8000	3.000	TN	\$437.95	FERTILIZER MIXED GRADE	\$1,313.86
SUBTOTAL FOR :						\$266,491.59

TOTALS FOR JOB 0010379_SRTS

ITEMS COST:	\$266,491.59
COST GROUP COST:	\$0.00
ESTIMATED COST:	\$266,491.59
CONTINGENCY PERCENT:	0.00
ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION:	0.05
ESTIMATED COST WITH CONTINGENCY AND E&I:	\$279,816.17

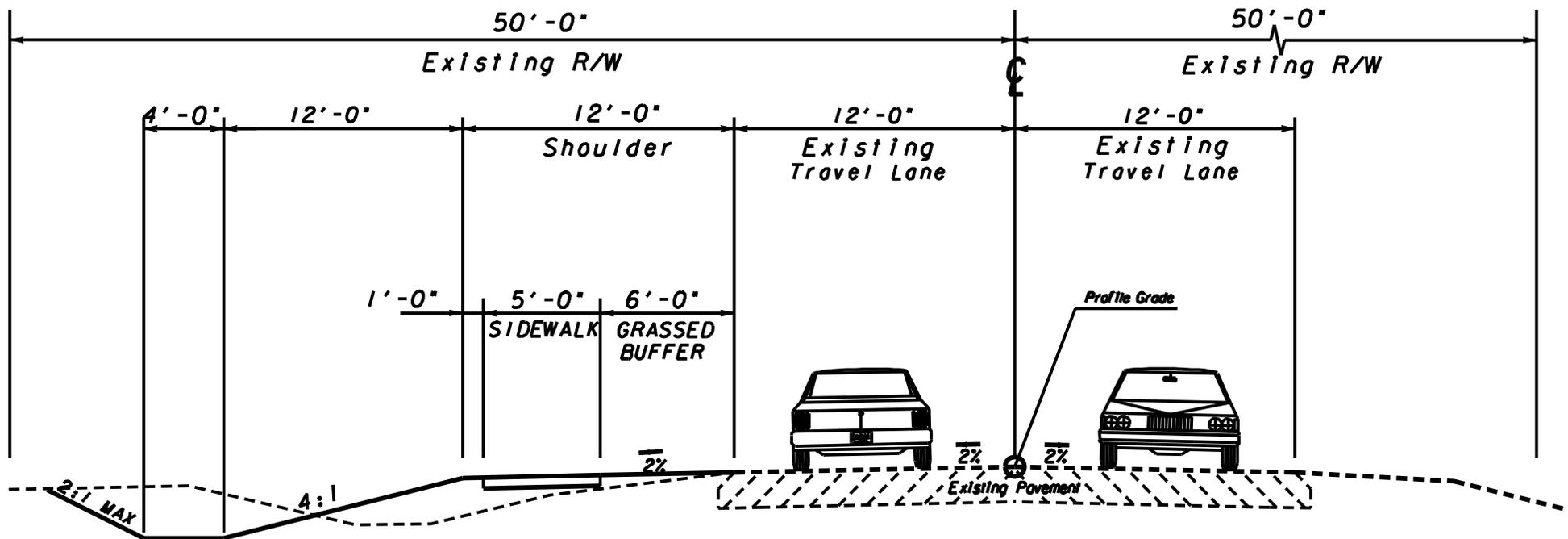
TYPICAL SECTION

North Forest Street



TYPICAL SECTION

East Park Avenue



TANGENT SECTION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

FILE P.I. #0010379 **OFFICE** Design Policy & Support
GDOT District 4 - Tifton
Lowndes County **DATE** February 17, 2012

FROM  Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer
TO SEE DISTRIBUTION
SUBJECT CONCEPT MEETING MINUTES – Lowndes County Schools SRTS

Date/Time 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012

Location One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree Street,
26 floor, Design Policy & Support main conf. room

Attending Sign-in Sheet attached

Background Information Lowndes County's SRTS application originally included the addition of sidewalks along north side of East Park Avenue from North Forest Street to J. L. Newbern Middle School in Valdosta.
The original SRTS application was for approximately \$279,769.60 in construction funding.
After considering the available funding (279,769.60), Lowndes County & the City of Moultrie determined that the highest priority would be the construction of sidewalks from North Forest street to J. L. Newborn Middle School along East Park Avenue.

Introduction The meeting began with Tony Jones presenting a description of the buildable section of the project as requested in the SRTS application.

Comments and Notes General Project Comments & notes:

- Mara Register, Assistant to the City Manager and Pat Collins, Director/City Engineer for the City of Valdosta, were not available for the CTM held on Jan 17, 2012. Due to the changes to the concept report presented at the meeting held in January, they wanted to hear firsthand the problems that were discussed at that meeting.
- Presented was the revised proposal of the application that was approved. Because for problems with streams half way between the R/R tracks and J. L. Newbern Middle School, a continuous sidewalk could not be constructed within the R/W limits and funding approved. The project as proposed would have constructed a side walk on the north side of East Park Avenue from North Forest Street to Pine View Drive.
- It was explained that in order to construct sidewalks for the entire length of the project, drainage problems in the area of a 48" cross drain pipe and a 6'x 5' box culvert would have to be addressed. In this area there is a need for additional

R/W and additional construction cost.

- It was made clear to us, that the sidewalk from Pine View Drive to J. L. Newbern Middle School along East Park Avenue is priority. If additional funding is available, the feasibility of constructing the requested sidewalks should be considered.
- Noted that without clear property ownership of the additional R/W required to construct the sidewalk in the area of the drainage structures and the approval of revised costs in the original application of the SRTS of J.L. Newbern Middle School this project may not move forward.

Action Items Local government is to:

- City of Valdosta Engineering Department to provide this office with survey points in the area of the cross drain pipe and box culvert.
- Recommendation as to which drainage structure to be removed or plugged.

GDOT is to:

- Determine if the project can be revised to accommodate additional construction Costs.
- Determine new cost to construct sidewalks as needed and present to locals.
- Begin Concept development

Attachment Sign-In Sheet

Distribution Mara Register, City of Valdosta
Pat Collins, City of Valdosta
Derrick Cameron, Program Manager
Emmanuella Myrthil, State SRTS Program Coordinator
Kim Phillips, GDOT-Design Policy & Support

COORDINATION MEETING – SIGN IN SHEET

OFFICE: Design Policy & Support – Conceptual Design **PROJECT NO:** N/A

PROJECT NAME: City of Valdosta, Ga. – SRTS **COUNTY:** Lowndes

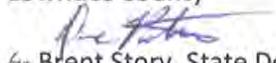
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GDOT District 4 - Tifton
Lowndes County **DATE** February 17, 2012

FROM  Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer
TO SEE DISTRIBUTION
SUBJECT CONCEPT MEETING MINUTES – Lowndes County Schools SRTS

Date/Time 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Location J. L. Newbern Middle School, 2015 East Park Avenue, Valdosta, GA

Attending Sign-in Sheet attached

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After considering the available funding (\$279,769.60), Lowndes County & the City of Valdosta determined that the highest priority would be the construction of sidewalks from North Forest street to J. L. Newbern Middle School along East Park Avenue.

Introduction The meeting began with Tony Jones presenting a description of the buildable section of the project as requested in the SRTS application.

Comments and Notes General Project Comments & notes:

- Presented was a revised proposal of the application. Because of problems with streams half way between the R/R tracks and Newbern Middle School, a sidewalk could not be constructed within the R/W limits with the approved funding. The project as proposed would have constructed a sidewalk on the north side of East Park Avenue from North Forest Street to Pine View Drive.
- It was determined and agreed upon that the priority for the project was that sidewalk be constructed for Newbern Middle School (from North forest Street to Newbern Middle School) along East Park Avenue.
- The principle of the school brought it to our attention that a high percentage of the children that attend the J.L. Newbern Middle School live within a one mile radius of the school, so buses are not available to them. This means some walk to school on a road that is signed for 55 MPH with no sidewalk.
- There are times when students have been put off the school buses or have had to stay late for various school related activates. With no sidewalks or lighting along East Park Avenue in this area it would be undesirable for them to walk to and from school.

- At this point in time the R/R that crosses East Park Avenue is inactive, but if the local SPLOST passes, this section of R/R is scheduled to be reactivated. This rail line connects to Moody Air Force Base. This is an approximately a 6 million dollar upgrade to the rail line in this area.
- It was explained that in order to construct sidewalks for the entire length of the project, drainage problems in the area of a 48" cross drain pipe and a 6'x 5' box culvert, would have to be addressed. In this area there is a need for additional R/W and additional construction cost.
- There is a project in the long range scheduled to widen East Park Avenue, from North Forest Street to Inner Perimeter Rd. If this project could be moved up in the scheduled, sidewalks could be included with this project.
- It was made clear to us that the sidewalk from Pine View Drive to J. L. Newbern Middle School along East Park Avenue is a high priority. If additional funding is available, the feasibility of constructing the requested sidewalks should be considered.

Action Items Local government is to:

- Determine if additional R/W needed to construct sidewalks in the area of the stream can be purchased by the Locals.

GDOT is to:

- Determine if the project can be revised to accommodate additional construction costs.
- Determine new cost to construct sidewalks as needed and present to locals.
- Begin Concept development

Attachment Sign-In Sheet

Distribution Janice Richardson, Lowndes County Schools ,Principal, Newbern Middle School
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 Kim Phillips, GDOT-Design Policy & Support

COORDINATION MEETING – SIGN IN SHEET

OFFICE: Design Policy & Support – Conceptual Design PROJECT NO: N/A

PROJECT NAME: City of Valdosta, Ga. – SRTS COUNTY: Lowndes

DATE: January 17, 2012 P.I. NO: 0010379

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COORDINATION MEETING – SIGN IN SHEET

OFFICE: Design Policy & Support – Conceptual Design **PROJECT NO:** N/A

PROJECT NAME: City of Valdosta, Ga. – SRTS **COUNTY:** Lowndes

DATE: February 2, 2012 **P.I. NO:** 0010379

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SECTION 1 - CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete the information below. The person identified as the Project Contact Person will be the primary point of contact for Georgia DOT staff.

Organization: (Please select one) School District

Project Title:		J.L. Newbern Middle School Safe Routes Proposal					
Agency Name:		Valdosta City School District					
Project Contact Person:		Kathy Brunot					
Position/Title:		Grants Administrator - City of Valdosta					
Mailing Address:		P.O. Box 1125					
City:	Valdosta	State:	GA	Zip Code:	31603-1125	County:	Lowndes
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Fax Phone:	229-259-3539	kbrunot@valdostacity.com				Ranking:	Date Submitted:

School 1 Name:		J. L. Newbern Middle School		School 2 Name:			
Mailing Address:		2015 East Park Avenue		Mailing Address:			
City:	Valdosta	School District:	Valdosta City	City:		School District:	
County:	Lowndes			County:			

School 3 Name:				School 4 Name:			
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School 5 Name:				School 6 Name:			
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School 9 Name:		School 10 Name:	
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*Do you have more than ten (10) schools for proposed infrastructure project? No Yes *If yes, please attach additional sheets.*

What is the total number of project applications being submitted by your agency/organization. A maximum of 10 applications per city, county, or school district is allowed.	1(one)
If more than ONE application is being submitted, what is the priority of this application?	

Project Cost Estimate:	\$279,769.60
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By signing, applicant attests to being authorized to sign for Valdosta City School District (Name of Agency) and that all information contained herein is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Kathy Brunot, Grants Administrator
Signature of Project Contact Person

11/22/10
Date

SECTION 2 - PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

[Total of 35 Points]

- A. Describe the current condition for biking and walking in your school area. Describe safety, traffic, health or environmental issues that you are trying to solve through SRTS. Please attach maps, photos, traffic counts, crash data surveys, safety audits, or any other information that help illustrate the need for this project.

Schools are meant to provide an environment for all students to have the opportunity to grow, learn, and flourish to their full potential. If safe routes to schools are provided, many students who are driven to school would be more inclined to walk or ride a bicycle. This will improve the health of many students which will help improve school performance. The benefit of having safe routes to K-8 grade schools is the reduction in vehicular traffic trying to enter and leave schools. In the east central part of Valdosta, the street network is often very congested during morning drop-off and afternoon pick – up periods. It is not safe for students to walk or ride bikes to J.L. Newbern Middle (grades 6-8) School. A cooperative agreement was reached between the City of Valdosta and the City Board of Education to make improvements to Lakeland Drive between Forrest Street and Park Avenue. This street is now a one-way street in the eastbound direction. A sidewalk has been constructed along the north side of this street. While there is sidewalk in the west side of Forrest Street, it was constructed close to the edge of the pavement and it represents a potential threat. City officials are working with the Georgia DOT to widen the section of Forrest Street from Park Avenue north to Bemiss Road (SR 1250). The city is working to make future improvements to the section of Forrest Street south of Park Avenue to Hill Avenue (US 84/SR 38). This project will include bike lanes and sidewalks. Please refer to the attached map for orientation.

The average daily traffic count on Forrest Street north of Park Avenue is 2622. South of Park it is 3518. On Park Avenue, east of Forrest, the count is 2516. West of Forrest the daily count is 3483. Further east on Park Avenue near J.L. Newbern Middle School, the daily count is 1257. Please note Forrest Street and Park Avenue are classified as urban minor arterials on the official functional Classification Map for the city of Valdosta. The speed limit on Forrest Street is 35 mph. The speed limit on the section of Park, east of Forrest, is 45 mph while the part near J.L. Newbern Middle School is 55 mph. Limited shoulders exist, thus placing anyone who walks along this road to truly be in an unsafe environment. Park Avenue is a major east/west corridor and Forrest Street is a major north/south corridor through the city of Valdosta.

The City of Valdosta has completed construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Park Avenue from Lee Street to Forrest Street. This important addition will drastically improve pedestrian access on this five lane street. Park Avenue to the east of Forrest is a two lane, former state highway. Forrest Street is a two lane street between Bemiss Road and Hill Avenue. Turn lanes exist at the intersection of Forrest and Park. However, the existing signal at this intersection does not have pedestrian signal features.

A very large subdivision has been constructed off Pineview Drive between Forrest Street and Park Avenue in recent years. Hundreds of new homes have been constructed. There are many children who could easily walk to school if a safe route was created on this street which has an average daily traffic count of 3773 vehicles.

A major threat to children who want to walk or ride a bike to school is the recent breakup and sale of a 2,200 acre tract of property on the east side of Valdosta. New development will soon occur and the traffic count on Park Avenue will drastically increase. It is estimated the count could double in the next five years. While Park Avenue, from Forrest to Perimeter Road, has been identified to be widened on the recently approved City Transportation Master Plan, it will not be constructed until around the year 2015 or later due to funding restrictions. Coupled with the growth in student population, that is expected, it is clear that improvements are needed now to allow school age children to have safe access to the school.



B. Please provide the following information for each school in this application?

School Information	School 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
% Free/Redcd Lunch	87%									
% Asian	.18%									
% African-American	89.37%									
% Caucasian	3.13%									
% Hispanic	5.8%									
% Native American										
% Other	1.52%									

C. How many students enrolled in project school live within ½ mile, 1 mile, and 2 miles of the school:

School Information	School 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
School Enrollment	524									
½ mile	35									
1 mile	152									
2 miles	307									
Estimated percent of current walkers and bikers	30**									

** Estimated percent of current walkers and bikers is less than 6% of the total school population due to the unsafe pedestrian and bicycle route currently leading to/from J.L. Newbern Middle School.

The local school board has suggested that all students be transported to the school via district school buses to ensure student safety.

SECTION 3 - PROPOSED PROJECT

[Total of 25 Points]

- A. Is all property involved in your project in the public right-of-way (ROW)?
 If part of your project is on a permanent public easement, do you have documentation for such easement?
- B. Describe in detail your proposed Infrastructure project? Please attach a map or diagram of your project location(s) which includes, at a minimum, street names, school name(s) and location(s), city and county names, existing walking/biking facilities (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, paths, etc.), and existing traffic signals or stop signs. Also attach photographs, plans, and other materials that may help illustrate the proposed project.

The backbone of the proposed infrastructure project is the construction of a 12 foot addition on the north side of Park Avenue, from Forrest Street to the J.L. Newbern Middle School driveway. This addition is to be constructed in a manner to allow the proposed project to be incorporated into the future five lane widening project with sidewalks and bike lanes. Please note the first seven feet will be striped and made available for emergency vehicle parking. Raised pavement markers are to be installed to provide further demarcation of this area, especially during evening hours. The remaining five feet of pavement will be used by pedestrians and bicyclists. Three foot high flexible delineation sticks will be installed to further delineate/separate the emergency parking area from the portion to be used by those who walk or ride bikes. Please refer to the attached drawing for orientation.

Finally, the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County are working together to construct a future walkway across property the county obtained using State of Georgia Conservation/Green Space funding approximately 8 years ago. This project will link the intersection of Park Avenue at Pineview Drive to Ponderosa Drive. A traffic signal at the intersection of Park Avenue and Pineview Drive has been installed with that project to help pedestrians cross Park Avenue.

The SRTS program was established to: (1) enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school safely; (2) make bicycling and walking to school a safe and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and (3) facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of primary and middle schools, grades K-8.

- C. How will your proposed project(s) address the concerns that were identified in Section 2, improve bike/ped safety, increase the number of students walking to school, and improve the environment within the school vicinity?

The proposed infrastructure improvement project will drastically improve the environment for children to walk to and from school. The proposed project will also provide the necessary connectivity to serve citizens who would like or who need to walk or ride bicycles to reach their desired destination. With the increase in vehicular traffic due to the growth of this area of our community and the growth expected over the next 10 years, it is imperative that this project be constructed as soon as possible. Because the improvements on Park Avenue will be incorporated into the future five-lane widening project that will include bike lanes and sidewalks, the money spent on this project will not be wasted. In fact, it will prove to be a successful project because it will eliminate threats and obstacles to those who do want to walk or ride a bike to school.

The benefit of children being able to walk safely to and from school will be dramatic. More children and adults will be able to walk to and from school. The additional exercise will improve the health of our community by helping to reduce obesity levels, which plague our society. The proposed improvements will allow more students to participate in extra-curricular activities after school since they will be able to safely walk or ride home. The decrease in traffic entering the school campus will improve traffic safety and help to reduce congestion and vehicle emissions in this area of our community.

SECTION 4 - PROGRAM INFORMATION

[Total of 30 Points]

Explain how your school(s) is currently addressing Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation. When did the school(s) begin its SRTS activities and/or plan? How many children are involved in these activities? Is there a full- or part-time coordinator responsible for managing these activities? If available, provide a link to your SRTS Plan.

The Safe Routes to School Plan for J.L. Newbern Middle School has many facets of Education, Engineering, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation qualifications that it hopes to abide by in order to make sure the school zone is safe.

The first of these goals to aspire to is Education. Since the SRTS Program goals for education should target parents, neighbors, and drivers to make them aware of bicycle and pedestrian safety issues, it also includes educating children on bicycle and pedestrian safety. So to follow these standards, the Valdosta City School District has decided to incorporate these goals into the program: to educate children and the community on bicycle and pedestrian safety issues and laws; to educate parents, faculty, and staff on safety in campus parking lots; and educating children on the importance of having an active lifestyle. The school system intends to fully utilize the forthcoming curriculum being offered by the SRTS Resource Center to aid in furthering the education process regarding physical activity and safety. The desire for such a program at J.L. Newbern Middle is evident in the actions of the school administration, community, and students. The fact the school participated in the International Safe Routes to School festivities for the first time this year, with only a ceremonial walk around their campus, shows how much this addition to their school would be valued.

In addition to Education, Encouragement is another important aspect of the SRTS Program. The encouragement factor is meant to include low-cost fun activities that generate excitement about walking and riding bicycles to school. Some planned ways to meet this goal is: participation in International Walk to School Day, the creation of walking school buses, the encouragement of programs that clean up and beautify surrounding areas; and for parents to establish walking clubs, park their cars and walk their children to school.

In addition to the previous two requirements, Enforcement is another necessity for making a safe school zone. Enforcement includes work completed by law enforcement officials, school personnel, parents, crossing guards, and neighbors to encourage proper driver behavior. Likewise, police officers can participate in a SRTS Program in more areas than just enforcement. For instance, the use of crossing guards has already been implemented in the J.L. Newbern School District, but due to the plans for more sidewalks and traffic lights, the use of the crossing guards may have to be increased.

A fourth duty is to focus on the Engineering aspect of the school zone. These characteristics focus on infrastructure improvements, traffic calming, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructures. All of which are important to participant safety in the school zone. Finally, Evaluation of all the activities that are already in progress as well as the future projects are all important to the outcome of the project as well as the success of all of the students, faculty, staff, and parents who are involved with J.L. Newbern Middle School.

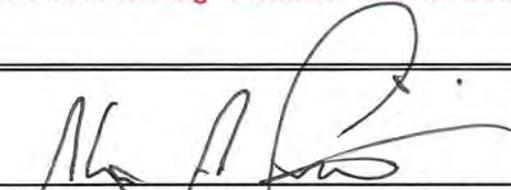
SECTION 5 - PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

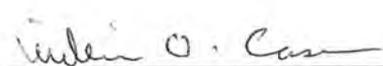
[Total of 10 Points]

Provide the Project Cost Estimate. Include material and construction costs. All preliminary engineering will be conducted by GDOT. Note: SRTS is a 100% federal-aid program. Local funds and in-kind donations are not required or accepted. **Use Project Cost Estimate tab to complete Section 5. Contact your local government for assistance.**

SECTION 6 - SIGNATURES

The undersigned consent that the following school(s) are active partners with the SRTS Resource Center, engage in Non-Infrastructure SRTS activities, and participate in GDOT's evaluation process. The undersigned understand that the proposed infrastructure project, if granted, will be designed and implemented by Georgia Department of Transportation. Upon completion of construction, the undersigned agree to provide regular maintenance on the new infrastrucutre. The undersigned affirm that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge. Please attach additional signature pages if necessary for multiple schools. **(Signature required from local government official authorized to sign maintenance agreements, or Designee.)**

 <hr/> <p>Signature of City/County Engineer, Mayor, County Commissioner, City Manager, etc.</p> <p>City of Valdosta</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Agency</p>	<p>John J. Fretti, Mayor</p> <hr/> <p>Print Name of City/County Engineer, Mayor, County Commissioner, City Manager, etc.</p> <p>(229) 259-3500</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Telephone Number</p>
	<p>11/21/10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>

 <hr/> <p>Signature of School District Superintendent</p> <p>Valdosta City School District</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of School District</p>	<p>Dr. William O. Cason</p> <hr/> <p>Print Name of School District Superintendent</p> <p>(229) 333-8500</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Telephone Number</p>
	<p>11/21/10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>

 <hr/> <p>School 1: Signature of Principal</p> <p>J.L. Newbern Middle School</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of School</p>	<p>Dr. Janice Richardson</p> <hr/> <p>School 1: Print Name of Principal</p> <p>(229) 333-8566</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Telephone Number</p>
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WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to state, regional, local, county and city governments, and school districts for the purpose of making bicycling and walking to school safe and routine through providing funds and services for infrastructure improvements, and education, encouragement and enforcement activities. Federal funds are made available to help create an environment where school children in K-8 grades can travel to school safely while walking and biking. The Valdosta City Board of Education is seeking up to \$280,000 in funding to provide sidewalks, bike lanes and bicycle facilities to Newbern Middle School with no required matching funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Valdosta City School Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant,"

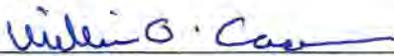
1. That William F. Love in his official capacity as Chairman is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Applicant, a school district, with the Georgia Department of Transportation ,
2. That the Chairman is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation,
3. That the Chairman is authorized to execute any required assurances or certifications associated with this application.
4. That the Grants Administrator of the City of Valdosta working with the school board is authorized to file the application on behalf of the Valdosta City School Board,
5. That the Chairman is authorized to execute a grant contract agreement on behalf of the Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation, and
6. That the Valdosta City School Board while making application to or receiving grants from the Georgia Department of Transportation will comply with state and federal statutes, regulations, executive orders and administrative requirements as required by said agencies.

Approved and adopted, this 25th day of October



Chairman, Valdosta City School Board

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary, Valdosta City School Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to state, regional, local, county and city governments, and school districts for the purpose of making bicycling and walking to school safe and routine through providing funds and services for infrastructure improvements, and education, encouragement and enforcement activities. Federal funds are made available to help create an environment where school children in K-8 grades can travel to school safely while walking and biking. The City of Valdosta supports the Valdosta City School Board in seeking up to \$280,000 in funding to provide sidewalks, bike lanes and bicycle facilities to J. L. Newbern Middle School with no required matching funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Valdosta City Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Partner,"

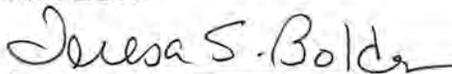
1. That John J. Fretti in his official capacity as Mayor is authorized to execute and file a resolution of support on behalf of the Partner, a city government, with the Georgia Department of Transportation,
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and file such resolution or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation in support of the application,
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute any required assurances or certifications associated with this application.
4. That the Grants Administrator is authorized to prepare and file the application on behalf of the Valdosta City School Board.

Approved and adopted, this 11th day of November, 2010.



John J. Fretti, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa S. Bolden, Clerk of Council







**Vehicle Traffic Count
for
Intersections Leading to
J.L. Newbern Middle School**

Time	Park B/W Forrest & Lakeland	Park & Forrest	Forrest North of Leone	Forrest B/W Park & Ricardo	Park Ave B/W Jaycee Shack & J.L. Newbern Middle School
	Traffic Counts				
7:00 AM	608	707	625	769	286
8:00 AM	674	757	602	814	319
3:00 PM	688	1051	649	916	292
4:00 PM	546	968	746	1019	360

* Traffic counts as reported by MetroCount Traffic Executive system

Valdosta schools taking part in Walk to School Day

VALDOSTA — Southeast Elementary School, S.L. Mason Elementary School, W.G. Nunn Elementary School and J.L. Newbern Middle School are joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

About 100 Valdosta City School System students will make the walk to school Wednesday with their parents, teachers and

community leaders.

The participants will gather at 7:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 7:45 a.m. Once the walkers reach school, there will be a short assembly on pedestrian and bike safety with a light breakfast.

In the United States, this event is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states.

Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in more than 40

countries around the world who will walk to school on this day.

The purpose of the Walk to School event is to work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling. The event emphasizes the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

