RESOLUTION NO. 2008-35

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITY OF MARSHFIELD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Marshfield, in partnership with the Marshfield School District and Marshfield Area Catholic Schools, applied for and was awarded a planning grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to prepare a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan for eight (8) participating elementary and middle schools in the City of Marshfield; and

WHEREAS, the Marshfield SRTS Task Force, comprised of representatives from the schools, school district, the City, as well as parents and interested citizens, worked in conjunction with the WisDOT planning consultant to help prepare the "City of Marshfield Safe Routes to School Plan 2008-2013"; and

WHEREAS, the Marshfield SRTS Plan examines conditions and attitudes in the community and around the eight participating schools, identifies community-wide and school-specific issues and recommendations, and includes an action plan with reasonably attainable goals under each of the five core areas of a SRTS Program: Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Marshfield SRTS Plan is part of Marshfield's SRTS Program aimed to improve walking and biking travel options, promote healthier lifestyles in children at an early age and decrease auto-related emissions near schools; and

WHEREAS, the Marshfield SRTS Plan is a three-to-five year implementation guide to provide the structure needed to keep the Marshfield SRTS Program going; and

WHEREAS, there will be participation by school and/or school district administrators, teachers, students, parents, and municipal and community representatives to kick-off the Marshfield SRTS Program and implement the Safe Routes to School Plan in the 2008-2009 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Marshfield endorses the "City of Marshfield Safe Routes to School Plan 2008-2013", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Marshfield proclaims the 2008-2009 school year as "Safe Routes to School Year"

ADOPTED _____ _____
CHRIS L. MEYER, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED _____ _____
DEB M. HALL, City Clerk