Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
   Administration and Public Works Committee

From: David Stoneback, Public Works Agency Director
   Lara Biggs, P.E., Bureau Chief – Capital Planning / City Engineer
   Rajeev Dahal, Senior Project Manager - Transportation

Subject: Resolution 55-R-16
   Safe Routes to School Project - Radar Speed Feedback Solar Signs
   Construction Agreement

Date: August 2, 2016

Recommended Action:
Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 55-R-16 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to fund the City’s share of the construction cost for the installation of 20 radar speed feedback solar signs at various school crossing locations on major streets in the City.

Funding Source:
Funding for this work will be from the CIP Fund (Account 415.40.4116.65515 – 416519) which has $25,000 budgeted in 2016. The project cost is estimated at $110,000 of which 80% or $88,000 will be paid for by the federal grant, and the remaining 20% or $22,000 will be the City’s local share.

Background Information:
The radar speed feedback signs are effective tools for showing the automobile drivers the speeds that they are driving at any given time, and assist them to better comply with posted speed limits. The proposed locations are recommended based on designated school crossing locations on major streets and traffic concerns or citations. We have installed similar radar signs at various locations in the City on temporary basis with success. These signs will calm the traffic near the locations where the school children walk. The Safe Routes to School Program is federally funded and administered by IDOT.

IDOT has reviewed the plans, scope, cost and the agreement documents. IDOT approval and execution of the agreement will be required before proceeding further on this project and is scheduled to be let by IDOT in November 2016.
Legislative History:
The City Council approved Resolution 7-R-14 on January 27, 2014 authorizing staff to submit grant application.

Attachments:
Resolution 55-R-16
Location Map
Local Public Agency Agreement
A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Local Public Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Federal Participation in the Construction of the Safe Routes to School Project

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston ("City") and the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), in the interest to promote safe and healthy walk routes to schools, have a continued desire to undertake construction services to install radar speed signs at various locations in the City (See map, attached hereto as Exhibit A), said services to be identified as State Section: 15-00275-00-SG, State Job: C-91-029-26, and Project Number: SRTS-4009(341) (hereinafter, the "PROJECT"); and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT has been approved by IDOT to receive Federal Safe Routes to School ("SRTS") funds for 80% of Construction costs; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain federal funding of local highway improvements, the City is required, under IDOT policies, to enter into an agreement for the funding of said local improvements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and the City wish to avail themselves of Federal funds committed to improve this PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the best interests of the City to enter into said agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:
SECTION 1: That the attached Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation ("Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and, further, approves the construction cost of one hundred ten thousand dollars ($110,000.00); and

SECTION 2: That the City hereby appropriates twenty two thousand dollars ($22,000.00) from the Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") fund for construction; and

SECTION 3: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign and the City Clerk hereby authorized to attest to the Agreement made with IDOT; and

SECTION 4: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate any additional conditions of the Agreement as may be determined to be in the best interests of the City; and

SECTION 5: That this Resolution 55-R-16 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

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Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

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Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: __________________, 2016
EXHIBIT A

Project Location Map