

RESOLUTION NO. 73-12

WHEREAS in February 1972, the Bloomington Board of Public Works organized a Sidewalk Task Force to prepare a report on the safety conditions for school children in the City of Bloomington, and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1972, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington passed unanimously Ordinance No. 72-20, "Construction of Sidewalk", indicating a desire for sidewalks in the City, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Bloomington to provide in every way possible for the safety of its children, as well as for the safety of its total citizenry:

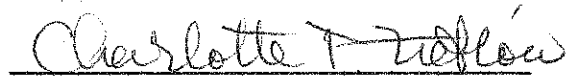
HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, acknowledging the recommendations of the Sidewalk Task Force Report, presented to the Council in April 1972,

- *support the concept of school routes - the channeling of children in the most direct, safe route, taking into consideration traffic flow and traffic conflict;
- *with consent of the Mayor, instruct the City Engineer to formalize city administration policy on school routes, to make a formal statement of what they would be and to present a priority listing for the improvement of the routes, to include cost estimates of site preparation and actual sidewalks;
- *request standardization of school signs marking routes;
- *encourage continued cooperation of the Monroe County Community School Corporation and the City Police Department on the school safety program recommended by the Task Force;
- *request the Bloomington Traffic Commission to set speed limits and to determine speed limit zones for streets used as routes to schools;
- *urge the Bloomington Plan Commission, in its creation of a comprehensive transportation plan for the city, to consider school routes;

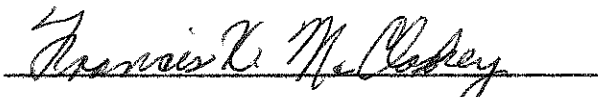
*recommend to the Plan Commission that, in platting subdivisions, they encourage pedestrian access as distinct from vehicular access, joining separate subdivisions and sections thereof, relating them to school routes;

*support present Board of Zoning Appeals policy discouraging exemptions from sidewalk construction requirements; and

*emphasize the memo attached to the Sidewalk Task Force report which lists alternative methods of financing sidewalks, and encourage and support interested citizens to acquaint themselves with these alternatives and to initiate action, if they so choose.



Charlotte T. Zietlow
Council President



Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

ADOPTED:

February 5, 1973