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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GILROY IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Gilroy supports policies and programs that focus on health and
wellness and healthier community environments; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the citizens of
Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in the rising rates of obesity,
diabetes, and other health problems among children (and adults); and

WHEREAS, the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metropolitan area ranks 4th nationally
in percentage of pedestrian traffic deaths; and

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 2007, the percentage of children nationally who walked or
bicycled to school decreased from 48% to 13%; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school in private vehicles contributes to traffic
congestion, safety concerns, and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, being able to walk or bicycle to school along safe routes offers an
opportunity to build healthful physical activity into daily routines, so that children can arrive at
school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create
safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to school; and

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WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School programs require the formation of multidisciplinary teams in each community to increase awareness of and support schools and students; and

WHEREAS, having safer routes to and from schools can decrease pedestrian and bicycling related injuries, not just for students, but for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School initiatives can strengthen a positive connection between schools and neighborhoods by creating beneficial interactions between children and adults; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2012, the Cities Association Board of Directors adopted a Resolution supporting Safe Routes to School and encouraged all cities in Santa Clara County to pass resolutions to demonstrate commitment to increasing pedestrian activity, bicycling and transit use among school aged children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gilroy has already created Safe Routes To School initiatives that help to remove barriers to walking and bicycling to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILROY that the City of Gilroy supports Safe Routes to School and is committed to increasing pedestrian activity, bicycling, and transit use among school aged children and families in the community.
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2012 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: ARELLANO, BRACCO, DILLON, TUCKER, WOODWARD AND PINHEIRO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: LEROE-MUÑOZ

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Albert Pinheiro, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Shawna Freels, City Clerk

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I, SHAWNA FREELS, City Clerk of the City of Gilroy, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2012-20 is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a city resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Gilroy at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of May, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gilroy this 29th day of May, 2012.

Shawna Freels, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Gilroy

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