

## Merrill Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Timeline

This schedule is provided as an overview of the plan development process and is subject to revision as the process starts.

**Preliminary Tasks .....Fall 2019**

- Create SRTS Task Force.
- Administer Student Travel Tallies;
- Administer Parent Surveys;

 **Meeting 1: Kick-Off Meeting .....Fall 2019**

- Introduce the Safe Routes To School planning process.
- Present data and results of Parent Surveys and Student Tallies.
- Identify issues and concerns.
- Basic airphoto Walk Audit at each school.

 **Meeting 2: Recommendations ..... Winter 2019-2020**

- Pick strategies from all **5-Es\*** to recommend.
  - Prepare to host Initial Review Meetings.
- \*5-Es = education, engineering, encouragement, enforcement, & evaluation.*

**Meeting 3: Initial Review Meetings ..... Winter 2019-2020**  
(Non-NCWRPC attended)

- City of Merrill Committee review (open public meeting).
- Merrill Area Public Schools Committee review (open public meeting).

 **Meeting 4: Wrap-up Meeting ..... Spring 2020**

- Review feedback from City and School District.
- Possibly revise recommendations.
- Discuss plan adoption procedures.
- Identify next steps for possible implementation.

Virtual meeting held in late 2020.

Winter/Spring 2021

**Meeting 5: Adoption Meetings .....Late Spring 2020**  
(Non-NCWRPC attended)

- City of Merrill review and adoption meetings. Resolution needed.
- Merrill Area Public Schools review and adoption meetings. Resolution needed.

 = NCWRPC organizes and attends these Task Force meetings.

## **Resolution Adopting the Merrill Safe Routes To School Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Merrill Area Public School District 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 the Merrill Area Public School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Routes to School efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school, and reduce traffic congestion and speed in and around schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merrill Area Public School District has developed a Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Plan for the dual purposes of serving as a guide for future programming and infrastructure improvements (the 5 E's of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation), and in order to be eligible for various funding programs including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP grant); and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) requires, that in order to be eligible for funding of needed projects, municipalities to either create or amend their SRTS Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merrill Area Public School District had members/staff on the SRTS Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the SRTS Task Force collected data, reviewed the results, and provided direction for SRTS Plan development, and then incorporated those results into the SRTS Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Merrill Area Public School District hereby adopts Resolution for the Merrill Safe Routes to School Plan

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Merrill Area Public School District staff is directed to begin implementing this SRTS Plan by coordinating efforts among the two governmental entities who created this plan (City of Merrill and Merrill Area Public School District).

**Adopted this 27th day of January , 2021.**

  
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Kevin Blake, District President

  
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Norbert Ashbeck, District Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2682**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERRILL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN**

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, that the City of Merrill hereby adopts Resolution #2682.

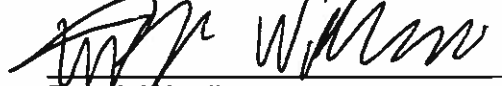
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Recommended by: Health & Safety  
Committee

Moved: Alderman Russell

Passed: April 13, 2021

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

  
Derek Woellner  
Mayor

  
William N. Heideman  
City Clerk