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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept the donation of one Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system [estimated value of \$9,547] from Renown Health/Safe Kids Washoe County to improve regional school pedestrian safety. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Renown Health/Safe Kids Washoe County has committed to the donation of one complete Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) system to Washoe County through its Community Services Department.

Renown Health, working through the non-profit Safe Kids Washoe County, has committed \$60,000.00 to improve regional school zone safety. Engineering staff collaborated with the Washoe County School District (WCSD), City of Sparks, and the City of Reno, to evaluate regional school zone needs. A total of six complete RRFB systems will be provided to the region to enhance pedestrian safety in school zones. Washoe County Engineering staff has identified the RRFB be placed at the Highland Ranch Parkway and Donatello Drive pedestrian crossing (Desert Skies Middle School), an area previously identified for safety improvements.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous action regarding this item.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County, the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and the WCSD have evaluated and identified the need to improve regional school zone safety. Renown Health, working through the non-profit Safe Kids Washoe County, have generously committed \$60,000.00 to improve regional school zone safety. One of the RRFB systems will be donated to Washoe County for use at the Desert Skies Middle School pedestrian crossing.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Thank you and recognition is extended to Renown Health/Safe Kids Washoe County for their support of our regional school zone safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County will be responsible for installation of the RRFB, which will be performed by the County Roads Division (Roads Fund – 216). Maintenance costs will be minimal and, if needed, covered within the existing budget in CSD Engineering & Capital Admin (C105500), Repairs and Maintenance (710205).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the donation of one Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system [estimated value of \$9,547] from Renown Health/Safe Kids Washoe County to improve regional school pedestrian safety.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation a possible motion would be: "Move to accept the donation of one Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system [estimated value of \$9,547] from Renown Health/Safe Kids Washoe County to improve regional school pedestrian safety."