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VILLAGE AND DISTRICT 35 AWARDED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANTS

(Glencoe, Illinois)—The Village of Glencoe and School District 35 have been awarded over $126,000 in Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Safe Routes to Schools grants. The grants, which were applied for jointly in the fall of 2018, will fund various infrastructure improvements and educational programming efforts in line with recommendations from Glencoe’s recently adopted Active Transportation Plan. The grant application pool was highly competitive this year, with over 168 municipalities and school districts applying. Based on funding available, only 39 projects were chosen for award throughout the State, and only one other Cook County infrastructure project was selected for an award.

“I’m exceptionally pleased to announce this grant award, as it is another indication of the collaborative partnership that has existed between the Village and District 35 for many years now,” said Village Manager Philip Kiraly. “These improvements are the next step toward ensuring a higher level of safety for children in our community traveling to and from school.”

Of the $126,000 in grants, approximately $118,500 is slated for infrastructure improvements around Central, South and West Schools. The improvements will include closing gaps in sidewalks, crosswalk and intersection upgrades on Dundee Road and Forestway Drive around West School, as well as crosswalk improvements and pavement marking upgrades on South Avenue around South School. In addition to the infrastructure improvements, the grant provides $7,500 in funding for educational programming that encourages safe walking and biking to school including events such as the annual Bike Safety Rodeo, International Bike to School Day and workshops.

District 35 Superintendent Dr. Catherine Wang stated, “I’m grateful to our teachers and community members for their efforts to educate our students about safe walking and biking habits. The partnership between District 35 and the Village will advance our shared values of safety and connectivity.”

The infrastructure improvement projects are anticipated to begin later this year, with many of the educational programs already underway. Learn more about Glencoe’s Active Transportation Plan at www.villageofglencoe.org/ATP. Contact Megan Meyer at mmeyer@villageofglencoe.org / (847) 461-1104 for more information.

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