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ENDORSING A LETTER REQUESTING GRANT FUNDS
FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS APPLICATION

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington prides itself on being a walkable community; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Burlington have recognized the importance of maintaining 6 neighborhood elementary schools in part because of the high value of having the ability to walk to neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS, funds are available through the State of Vermont’s “Safe Routes to School” (SRTS) program to make necessary improvements to our infrastructure to improve the walkability for students and parents going to their neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS, improvements to our pedestrian infrastructure will benefit all pedestrians in our community, young and old; and

WHEREAS, the need for specific improvements have been identified by Champlain School parents, the Department of Public Works, and the Ward 5 & 6 NPA’s; and

WHEREAS, an application has been prepared for submission before the May 14, 2010 deadline which requests SRTS grant funds to (1) install radar speed signs on Shelburne Road, (2) construct a sidewalk on the west side of Pine Street between Home Avenue and Lyman Avenue and (3) to complete a Feasibility Study for the construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, and the placement of signs on Locust Street; and

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41 WHEREAS, SRTS grants are reimbursement grants which means that the City must
42 expend the monies for the projects initially and be reimbursed by the State the amount of eligible
43 expenditures awarded under the grant; and

44 WHEREAS, the applicant for the SRTS grants must be the public entity for which the
45 project will be constructed, in this case the City, as none of the projects are on school sites; and

46 WHEREAS, a requirement of the SRTS grant application for the infrastructure
47 improvements is a letter of support from the legislative body of the municipality; and

48 WHEREAS, Leslyn Hall, a parent volunteer coordinator of all Safe Routes to Schools
49 initiatives from the Champlain School, has provided the draft letter attached for the Council’s
50 consideration;

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby endorses the
52 attached letter to Aimee Pope at Safe Routes to School and authorizes Council President Bill
53 Keogh to sign the letter on behalf of the City Council; and

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Bob Kiss
55 to sign the applications and enter grant agreements for the three projects cited above.