Brian Chapman – City Manager Email:<u>bchapman@saultcity.com</u> Direct: 906-632-5705



eptember 4th, 2020

[<mark>name</mark>] [address] [address line 2]

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The City of Sault Ste Marie has been working in partnership with Sault Area Public Schools on a Safe Routes to School program in the City. The goal of the partnership is to promote the safety of children walking to and from school.

The City is preparing to submit an application to address some of the safety issues identified during the walking safety assessment, including the installation of new sidewalks. If the application is successful, the City will be able to install news sidewalks in all identified areas at no cost to the individual property owner through MDOT's Safe Routes to School program. It is our hope that the new sidewalks will promote a safer walking environment for children.

In the next several weeks you may notice a city staff out surveying the areas identified to help prepare design and construction estimates for the grant application. If the City is successful, construction of the new sidewalk will commence in Spring/Summer of 2022. All sidewalks will be constructed in the public right-of-way, similar to other areas within the City that have sidewalks.

Please accept this letter and map as a notice of this potential project. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact City Manager Brian Chapman at 906-632-5705 or via e-mail at sgoetz@saultcity.com. Property owners are also invited to attend a Safe Routes to School forum during the October 5th City Commission meeting at 7:00 PM. If the City is awarded the grant, the City will follow-up with those property owners in the proposed areas of need with further details.

Sincerely,

Brian Chapman City Manager, City of Sault Ste. Marie

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November 22, 2021

[<mark>name</mark>] [<mark>address</mark>] [<mark>address line 2</mark>]

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The City of Sault Ste Marie has been working in partnership for several years with Sault Area Public Schools on a Safe Routes to School program in the City. The goal of the partnership is to promote the safety of children walking to and from school.

The City is preparing to resubmit an application to address some of the safety issues identified during the walking safety assessment, including the installation of new sidewalks. If the application is successful, the City will be able to install news sidewalks in all identified areas at no cost to the individual property owner through MDOT's Safe Routes to School program. It is our hope that the new sidewalks will promote a safer walking environment for children.

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Sincerely,

Brian Chapman City Manager, City of Sault Ste. Marie



May 3, 2023

[<mark>name]</mark> [address] [address line 2]

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The City of Sault Ste Marie has been working in partnership with Sault Area Public Schools on a Safe Routes to School program in the City since 2018. The goal of the partnership is to promote the safety of children walking to and from school.

The Michigan Department of Transportation, the City, Sault Area Public Schools, and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians have committed funding for this project, and we are ready to submit a final draft of the project plans to MDOT with construction for the 2024 season. The City will be able to install these news sidewalks in the identified plan areas at no cost to the individual property owner through MDOT's Safe Routes to School program. It is our hope that the new sidewalks will promote a safer walking environment for children.

We are inviting you to a property owner meeting:

City Hall 225 E. Portage Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Wednesday, May 17th 3rd Floor City Commission Chambers 4:00-6:00 pm EST

Access through the back door off the 1-way street/Water St. Parking Elevator is available

The project team will present an overview of the proposed project and will then be available to answer any questions you may have. Please reach out to us beforehand if you cannot attend this meeting in person.

Please feel free to contact me at (906) 632-5733 or Tracey Laitinen, Project Specialist at (906) 632-5734 any time if you have questions or concerns about the project.

Sincerely,

David S. Boyle, P.E. - City Engineer <u>dboyle@saultcity.com</u>