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TO: Mahesh Sharma  
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FROM: Angie Kersten, P.E.  
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SUBJ: Participating in a Federal-Aid Grant Application to Update Road Safety Action Plan

DATE: July 26, 2022

As part of the new federal transportation bill, Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over 5 billion dollars of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants, over the 5 years of the bill. Eligible activities include:

- Developing or updating a safety action plan.
- Conducting planning, design, and development activities in support of a safety action plan.
- Constructing projects and strategies identified in a safety action plan.

In order to apply for a SS4A grant, a county must have a safety action plan in place that meets certain requirements. Our department does have a local road safety plan that was developed in 2019. However, this plan does not meet all of the requirements for SS4A grants to construct projects identified in the plan.

In an effort to ensure that all Iowa counties are eligible to receive SS4A grant funds, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) is working with the Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic & Safety Bureau to submit an all-county joint SS4A grant application to develop and supply an eligible safety action plan to all 99 counties. As part of this grant application, the recommended funding will be 80% SS4A federal-aid matched with 20% Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - Secondary Program (state-aid). If successful, there would be a zero cost to any participating county. These plans can cost \$30,000 - \$50,000 if done individually at some later point in time.

I recommend participating in this all-county joint application for SS4A grant funding to update our local road safety action plan. The SS4A grant application is due by September 15, 2022. If our application is successful, we would expect to receive an updated safety action plan in 2023 and then be eligible to apply for additional SS4A grant funding for construction of safety improvement projects.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 4, 2022

PARTICIPATION IN SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL  
(SS4A) GRANT APPLICATION TO DEVELOP AND SUPPLY  
SAFETY ACTION PLANS TO ALL 99 COUNTIES IN IOWA

WHEREAS, as part of the new Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county must have an eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Scott County; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Scott County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Scott County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County that this County does hereby request to be included in

the statewide SS4A grant to develop Action Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

Dated at Scott County, Iowa \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

**Scott County Board of Supervisors:**

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ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott County Auditor,  
Kerri Tompkins

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