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TO: Mahesh Sharma
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SUBJ: Local Road Safety Plan Update and Pledge of Support for Zero Fatalities

DATE: September 19, 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. In FY22, up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Eligible activities include:

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

In order to apply for a SS4A construction project grant, a county must have a safety action plan in place that meets certain requirements. Our department has 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 Iowa counties with an existing local road safety plan, such as ours, are eligible to receive SS4A grant funds, the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) Traffic and Safety Bureau has offered to update our plans at no cost to the counties. The Iowa DOT Traffic and Safety Bureau has contracted with the original local road safety plan developer to make minor updates to our plans that will meet the SS4A safety action plan requirements needed to apply for construction project funds.

In order for a safety action plan to be eligible for SS4A grant funding, the plan must include a pledge of support towards zero traffic fatalities. I recommend passing a resolution formalizing Scott County's support for the overall vision of zero fatalities on our public roadways.

Note: On August 4, 2022, a resolution was passed to participate in a SS4A grant application to develop and supply safety action plans to all 99 counties in Iowa. The above described update to our local road safety plan is separate from that effort. The update does not include a re-evaluation of our system for safety improvement strategies. It only makes our local road safety plan eligible as a safety action plan to apply for SS4A construction project funding. The development of a new safety action plan will re-evaluate our system for safety improvement strategies. Having both plans will be beneficial to our department for implementing safety improvement strategies in our road and bridge reconstruction projects.

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

SCOTT COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN UPDATE
AND SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL VISION OF ZERO FATALITIES ON
IOWA'S PUBLIC ROADWAYS

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 Safety Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic and Safety Bureau has committed to updating Scott County's existing Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) into an eligible Safety Action Plan at no cost to Scott County; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors recognizes the LRSP will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors formalize Scott County's support for the goals in Iowa's 2019-2023 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the overall vision of Zero Fatalities on Iowa's public roadways with Zero Fatalities already the personal goal of every road user; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the safety strategies outlined in Scott County's LRSP will help road users keep that personal goal of staying safe while driving, walking, or riding on Scott County's roadways; and

WHEREAS, Scott County has shown that dedication to proven



safety programs and projects can reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, Scott County is committed to enhancing existing programs that work and implementing the safety strategies outlined in the LRSP to continue to drive down fatalities and serious injuries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Scott County that in accordance with the LRSP, Scott County will continue to take the necessary steps to improve safety on the county's roadways in order to realize our goal of Zero Traffic Fatalities by 2040.

Dated at Scott County, Iowa ____ day of _____, _____

Scott County Board of Supervisors:

Ken Beck, Chairman

John Maxwell, Vice-Chair

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Tony Knobbe, Supervisor

ATTEST:

By _____
Scott County Auditor,
Kerri Tompkins

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