

WHEREAS, the City seeks funding to prevent traffic-related injuries and deaths with a combination of systemic safety treatments, high-crash locations, and supplemental planning efforts through an implementation grant from the United States Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Vision Zero policy goal in 2015 and adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan in 2016 with the goal of achieving zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero program is dedicated to equitable outcomes and seeks to address the disproportional burden of traffic-related injuries and fatalities on low-income communities and communities of color; and

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WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (2019) directs transportation decisions to be centered on equity, including a policy to "partner with the public and private sectors to expand and improve mobility solutions for historically underserved communities"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation released a National Roadway Strategy in early 2022 highlighting the public health crisis occurring from over 42,000 traffic-related deaths in this country last year, and committing to a national goal of zero deaths through a Safe Systems Approach; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is providing unprecedented levels of funding for transportation projects, including the SS4A grant program focused on elevating planning and investments towards safer streets; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Fiscal Year 2022 SS4A discretionary grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application for an Implementation Grant with SS4A discretionary grant program, administered by the United States Department of Transportation to address road safety.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk