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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Ratification of the Submission, by the Public Works Agency, of an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Safe Streets and Roads for All" Grant Program, to Develop a County of Ventura Vision Zero Plan; All Supervisorial Districts**

Recommendation:

Ratification of the Submission, by the Public Works Agency (PWA), of an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Safe Streets and Roads for All" Grant Program, to Develop a County of Ventura Vision Zero Plan.

Reason for Ratification:

The reason for ratification is that the fiscal year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program submission deadline was on July 10, 2023, and we were unable to come to your Board for approval and authorization in advance since optimizing the scope of eligible work and preparation of the grant applications was not completed until just prior to the submittal deadline.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There are no additional County costs associated with this Board action. If PWA is awarded the grant, we will return to your Board for approval to accept the grant and any necessary budget adjustments as a result of this award.

Discussion:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program is a federally-funded program authorized by Section 24112 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021; also referred to as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" or "BIL"). The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly



reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.

The SS4A grant program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for comprehensive action plans, including supplemental planning and/or safety demonstration activities and Implementation Grants. Up to \$577 million of the \$1.17 billion appropriated for FY 2023 will be awarded to Planning and Demonstration Grants. Grants will be awarded to applicants who best demonstrate safety impact, equity and other safety considerations.

PWA applied for a Planning and Demonstration Grant under the SS4 grant program to develop a County of Ventura Vision Zero Plan. If awarded, the total project cost of \$1 million would be funded by the grant of \$800,000 and a local match of \$200,000.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have questions regarding this time, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



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