

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-131

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Santa Rosa City Council adopted the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) by a vote of 7-0, which set a target goal of zero traffic deaths and severe injuries on roadways within Santa Rosa by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also approved the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) for citywide corridors including those identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 by a 7-0 vote on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), has provided \$5 billion dollars through five annual cycles (FY22 to FY26) for roadway safety projects; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2022, 74 people lost their lives to traffic-related violence on streets owned and maintained by the City of Santa Rosa and an additional 535 people were seriously injured in crashes; and

WHEREAS, these crashes disproportionately affect non-white, non-male, and low-income community members; and

WHEREAS, for the grant program for which the application applies to, the State of California was not given the maximum amount of funding possible for planning and demonstration projects and all money identified for planning and demonstration projects was not distributed; and

WHEREAS, the projects to be put forward by the City of Santa Rosa include speed management techniques at intersections and crosswalks along the entirety of our 49-mile High Injury Network (HIN), which includes roadways in every City Council District; and

WHEREAS, the City's projects would tighten curb radii to both slow drivers and shorten pedestrian crossings, narrow lane widths where they exceed those required by our design standards and Fire Department requirements, and change signal operations to support safer intersections; and

WHEREAS, the treatments are systemic in nature and is supported by the USDOT's preferred approach to solving safety issues in communities; and

WHEREAS, the treatments applied will all be done with temporary materials (i.e., not concrete) that can be modified, adjusted, or removed quickly as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT can select elements of the application that they would like to approve if they are unable or unwilling to fund the entire proposal, providing a number of opportunities for Santa Rosa to be successful in pursuit of this award; and

WHEREAS, approval of this action would not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund, as any matching or supporting funds would be allocated through Capital Improvement Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa supports the City's participation in the Sonoma County Transportation Authority's application for the Safe Streets and Roadways for All program to the USDOT.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of August, 2024.

AYES: (7) Mayor N. Rogers, Vice Mayor Stapp, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, MacDonald, Okrepkie, C. Rogers

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN/RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney