RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION AND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity provides dedicated discretionary funding to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users, including motorists, commercial vehicle operators, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, personal conveyance and micromobility users; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 SS4A funding will be implemented, as appropriate and consistent with law, in alignment with the priorities in Executive Order 14052, Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (86 FR 64355); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for \$1 billion in FY 2022 SS4A funds, authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for SS4A Implementation Grants fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems; and

WHEREAS, SS4A successful grant applications will demonstrate engagement with a variety of public and private stakeholders and seek to adopt innovative technologies and strategies to:

- Promote safety;
- Employ low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wider geographic area:
- Ensure equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved communities, which includes both underserved urban and rural communities;
- Incorporate evidence-based projects and strategies;
- Align with the Department's mission and with priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie County, ND intends to create a Road Safety Project Review Committee that will help to review projects selected for SS4A Implementation Grants, with representation from the following:

- Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
- County Sheriff
- 911 Coordinator
- Emergency Management
- State Department of Transportation
- Watford City Engineering
- MHA Nation Department of Transportation
- Job Development Authority/Economic Development
- US Forest Service

WHEREAS, McKenzie County, ND has identified the County Engineer as responsible for implementing the County's Road Safety Plan with guidance from BOCC; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie County, ND has identified 2032 as the goal year for achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie County, ND is seeking funds to implement high priority improvements as identified in the County's Road Safety Plan (referred to in the SS4A program as the Action Plan); and

WHEREAS, the projects align with the Department's criteria for Safety Impact; Equity, Engagement, and Collaboration; Effective Practices and Strategies; and Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, the projects are identified in McKenzie County's Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie County will provide funding towards the local match which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that McKenzie County supports and approves the application towards FY 2022 SS4A Discretionary Grant for high priority road safety projects identified in the County's Road Safety Plan.

ENACTED by the McKenzie County Board of County Commissioners McKenzie County, North Dakota, on the Lety day of September 2022.

McKenzie County Board of County Commissioners

Howdy Lawlar, Chairman

ATTECT.

Erica Johnsrud, McKenzie County Auditor