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May 30, 2024

The Honorable Detroit City Council
ATTN: City Clerk Office
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
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RE: Authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant

The Department of Public Works is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant. The amount being sought is \$10,000,000.00. The Federal share is 80 percent or \$10,000,000.00 of the requested amount and there is a required cash match of 20 percent or \$2,500,000.00. The total project cost is \$12,500,000.00.

The FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant will enable the department to:

- Launch a safety pilot on Gratiot Avenue that will identify the best practices from Detroit's 2022 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan in order to deploy future evidence-based comprehensive safety strategies on the corridor.
- Reduce crashes and fatalities by improving ADA compliance and pedestrian markings, adding barriers to aid in protection from motorized users, and creating safe intersections and environments for riders to transfer between transit routes.

If the application is approved, a cash match will be provided from the Michigan Infrastructure Office.

We respectfully request your approval to submit the grant application by adopting the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Terri Daniels
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Terri Daniels
Director of Grants, Office of Development and Grants

DocuSigned by:
Donald R. Johnson
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Office of Budget

CC:
Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, Grants



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RESOLUTION

Council Member _____

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has requested authorization from City Council to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant, in the amount of \$10,000,000.00, to launch a safety pilot on Gratiot Avenue that will identify the best practices from Detroit's 2022 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan in order to deploy future evidence-based comprehensive safety strategies on the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Infrastructure Office will provide \$2,500,000.00 for the local match requirement for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant; and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the Office of Budget; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant.



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Grant Application Request Form (GARF)

In order to secure the Office of Development and Grants (ODG) approval required under Section 17-4-2 of the Detroit City Code, this form is to be filled out by City Departments as soon as possible upon learning of an opportunity that the Department would like to pursue. This form must be signed and submitted not later than 20 business days prior to the application deadline.

Please submit this form to the following ODG staff: Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, parkersa@detroitmi.gov and the Department/Project assigned Development Officer.

City Department	Department of Public Works
Date	5/14/24
Department Contact Name	Oladayo Akinyemi
Department Contact Phone	313-224-3932
Department Contact Email	akinyemi@detroitmi.gov
Grant Opportunity Title	Safe Streets For All (SS4A) FY24
Grant Opportunity Funding Agency	USDOT
Web Link to Opportunity Information	https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/fy24-nofo
Award Amount (that Department will apply for)	\$10,000,000
Application Due Date	5/16/24
Anticipated Proposed Budget Amount	\$12,500,000
City Match Contribution Amount	Michigan Infrastructure Office is providing \$2.5M match - see letter)
Source of City Match (include Appropriation Number, Cost Center, and Object Code)	N/A
List of programs/services/activities to be funded and the Budget for each <i>Sample:</i> - ABC Afterschool program: \$150,000 - XYZ Youth leadership program: \$100,000 - Salary/Benefits: \$95,000 - Supplies: \$5,000	Safer Gratiot Pilot: \$9.45M Engagement/Evaluation: \$946,970 Maintenance: \$946,970 Planning and Design: \$1.14M Total: \$12.5M
Brief Statement of Priorities/Purpose for the Application <i>Sample: To support expansion of promising youth development programs in MNO neighborhood.</i>	To launch a safety pilot on Gratiot Avenue to identify the best practices from Detroit's 2022 CSAP to deploy on the corridor that slow traffic, improve ADA compliance and pedestrian markings, add barriers to aid in protection from motorized users, and create safe intersections and environments for riders to transfer between transit routes.
Key Performance Indicators to be Used to Measure the Programs/Services/Activities <i>Sample:</i> # of kids newly enrolled in ABC and XYZ % of kids from ABC who demonstrate improved educational performance	# of projects completed % reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes

Oladayo Akinyemi

Director's Name (Please Print)

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Oladayo Akinyemi

Director's Signature

5/14/24

Date



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May 15, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO) is responsible for organizing and executing Governor Whitmer's vision for infrastructure, coordinating across state government, marshaling resources, and partnering with local officials, federal partners, and outside stakeholders to ensure resources sent to Michigan through BIL, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), are used efficiently and effectively.

I write in support of the City of Detroit's 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant application for the Gratiot Safety Demonstration Project. The safety of this corridor is vital as it is a crucial connection for moving residents, workers, and goods between downtown Detroit, surrounding counties and the country. The total project cost is \$12,500,000, with a federal SS4A grant request of \$10,000,000 and a local match requirement of \$2,500,000. The Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center (MIO TAC) is committed to providing a match reservation of \$2,500,000 to support this project application.

The Gratiot (M-3) corridor is a State Trunkline that connects the eastside of Detroit including Downtown, Eastern Market, I-94, and City Airport with access up to Macomb County. Gratiot moves an average of 25K vehicles daily and is the designated detour route for the upcoming I-94 modernization project. The corridor is also a major transit route for DDOT & SMART serving more than 3500 passengers daily from Detroit & Macomb County with more than a dozen bus transfer points across the corridor. Gratiot is among the most dangerous road corridors in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and the United States. Between 2019 and 2023 there have been 2,542 crashes, 842 injury crashes, 184 KSA crashes, 102 crashes involving peds & cyclists, and 38 fatalities (including 19 pedestrians).

This safety demonstration project will make rapid safety improvements geared at reducing crashes and fatalities for both vehicle and vulnerable road users based on recommendations from the I-94 Mobility Study and on-going Gratiot PEL Study projects. The Safe Streets Grant will implement a number of proven safety-countermeasure techniques to reduce the number and severity of crashes occurring on Gratiot which may include center-line hardening, new signalized pedestrian refuge islands, signal modernization, and bump-outs. Additionally, this project will roll-out transit enhancements along the corridor to improve access to transit, enhance bus performance along the corridor, and create a safer experience for transit users. The transit improvements may include signal pre-emption, temporary floating boarding islands, and stop amenities (such as benches, shelters, and real-time bus arrival time displays). This project is intended to be a demonstration project of safety countermeasures & transit enhancements using a modular, quick-build approach ahead of the eventual implementation of the MDOT PEL Study for the M-3 corridor.

This project would bring major benefits to disadvantaged residents living along the Gratiot corridor. 100% of the census tracts adjacent to Gratiot are considered to be disadvantaged according to the DOT ETC and Justice 40 CEJS tools. More holistically, Gratiot is a divisive piece of infrastructure that separates the east-side community that has not had a major design update since the mid-1940s. While it serves a variety of modes of transportation today, it has among the highest crash & fatality rates in the City, Region, and

State including a significant number of pedestrians and other road users. This safety project would allow



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residents along Gratiot to travel, cross, and utilize the corridor safely regardless of if by private vehicle, transit, or on foot. This project would also bring economic development opportunities to the area by removing a major barrier towards business investment and commercial corridor activation of the Gratiot corridor.

The City of Detroit is seeking federal assistance and has secured state sources to make this critical investment in safe infrastructure. We respectfully ask that you consider the City's request for assistance in funding this much-needed project.

I respectfully request the USDOT give full and fair consideration to the City of Detroit's partnership application.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary Kolodin'.

Zachary Kolodin
Chief Infrastructure Officer
Michigan Infrastructure Office
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Detroit, Michigan 48202