

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF MISSOULA'S SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT APPLICATION, *SOUTH AVENUE SAFE STREET FOR ALL*

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula, in partnership with Missoula County, is applying for up to \$10 million in funding from the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant in order to provide complete streets improvements along South Avenue between Reserve and Clements, including sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, and turn lanes; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan and portions of the project are within the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, there is demonstrated need in the aforementioned documents for additional sources of funding to complete these needed safety improvements along South Avenue in both the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the project will address a need for improvements to key networks that will provide attractive, active and connected urban to rural transportation facilities within an existing mixed-use community area, reducing the need for future vehicle trips on congested roadways; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements will enhance multi-modal transportation by providing safer, more convenient options for walking, biking and transit; and

WHEREAS, the project will alleviate areas of known transportation crash trends, including vehicle and non-motorized road users, and reduce the need for non-local funding of regional road systems by improving safety and providing enhanced multi-modal transportation connections; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide critical infrastructure in an area experiencing growth, and will reduce the cost of development, supporting the City of Missoula and Missoula County affordable housing policies; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A funds in combination with local contributions will fund the project; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A federal grant application requires a minimum match of 20 percent of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County is committed to providing local funds sufficient to cover the requirements for match on federal funds necessary to construct the segments of the project outside of City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula is committed to matching up \$1,500,000, consisting of a mix of transportation impact fees, park district, and gas taxes ; and

WHEREAS, this cross-jurisdictional project will ensure collaboration between the City of Missoula and Missoula County to provide connectivity, safety and accessibility for residents along South Ave regardless of whether they live within City limits, and in order to create a consistent design of the corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana that the City Council and Acting Mayor support the intent of and project contained in the 2022 South Avenue Safe Streets for All grant application, and commit to providing up to \$1,500,000 in local funds as match necessary to complete the project elements located within the current City limits.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

Gwen Jones
Acting Mayor

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