

TOWN OF HIGHLAND, INDIANA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

To Prepare a
**Safe Streets and Roads for All:
Transportation Safety Action Plan**

APRIL 2024

TOWN OF HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Safe Streets for All (SS4A): Transportation Safety Action Plan

Request for Proposals

The Town of Highland, Indiana (Town) is seeking Requests for Proposals (RFP) from qualified consultants to provide professional services to prepare a **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Transportation Safety Action Plan**, the Project, pursuant to a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT).

This RFP is a qualification-based selection process. A consultant's qualifications will be used to analyze all RFPs submitted in a timely manner. Upon completion of technical ranking, the Town will enter negotiations with the top ranked firm. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. The Project will be funded, in part, with a SS4A Action Plan Grant and has a not-to-exceed budget of **\$300,000**.

All RFPs received (date stamped as filed) by **4:00 p.m. (CDT) on May 1, 2024** at the Town's office will be given equal consideration. Minority, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises are encouraged to apply. Respondents must submit one PDF of the RFP and one sealed hard copy. The full length of the proposal should not exceed twelve (12) pages; including any supporting material, charts, or tables.

Activity	Date
Advertise the RFP	04/01/2024
Deadline for RFP Clarifications/Questions	04/23/2024
Due Date for RFP Submittals (by 4:00 pm)	05/01/2024
Anticipated Selection	05/13/2024

Hard copies of sealed RFPs shall be delivered or mailed to the contact and address below. A PDF of the RFP may be emailed or mailed (post marked date will be the date filed) included in the sealed RFP submission as a USB drive. Sealed RFPs must be identified on the submission in the lower left corner as "**SS4A RFP**".

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Director – Redevelopment Commission
Town of Highland
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Highland, IN 46322

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Safe Streets for All (SS4A): Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

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TOWN OF HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Safe Streets for All: Transportation Safety Action Plan

I. Project Overview

A transportation safety action Plan is a powerful way to prioritize safety improvements and justify investment decisions within area jurisdictions. These Plans can serve as the basic building block and strategy prioritized goals and objectives to significantly improve roadway safety by reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes, communicating, and collaborating with stakeholders and community members, and providing information on funding opportunities.

As a recent recipient of a FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant, this Plan for the Town is intended to provide a framework of innovative strategies and implementation actions intended to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries while also supporting federal safety initiatives. The Plan will identify safety issues and specific actions that can be implemented to improve safety for people traveling by any mode throughout not only the Town, but the region whether as a resident, an employee, or a visitor. The Plan will develop recommendations for both motorized and non-motorized modes in the roadway network as well as other elements including land use, transit, freight, and other community factors to create a comprehensive course of action. The Plan will address federal and state regulations, including design guidance as well as performance management goals, measures, and targets, and will promote equitable outcomes.

As noted, this Plan will be funded in part through a Transportation Safety Action Plan Grant through the SS4A discretionary grant program of the US DOT. The purpose of this program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), is to support local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. Once complete, the Plan will allow the Town to apply for Plan implementation (capital construction) discretionary grant funds through the comprehensive SS4A initiative of the BIL.

The Town understands the responsibility in eliminating fatal and serious crashes for all roadway users, including those who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, and travel by other modes in our community. The Town is committed to a holistic approach in how we think about transportation safety and how we prioritize investments across the entire transportation system so that we can build a safe and better system for all users of all modes.

By developing the first comprehensive safety action Plan, the Town will commit to providing a framework of innovative strategies and implementation

actions that will ensure crash reductions and support federal safety initiatives. Through expanded collaboration with regional stakeholders and community members, as well as guidance from FHWA's Safe System approach and SS4A's Action Plan Components, the Town will develop a Plan that is based upon the following input objectives:

- Stakeholder and public engagement Plan, with a strong emphasis on equity and outreach to, New Americans, historically marginalized communities, and economically disadvantaged communities.
- Data collection and review, including a summary of existing programs, policies, and studies as well as a peer review of comparable metropolitan areas.
- Safety analysis, including an analysis of regional trends, contributing factors, and patterns of transportation-related accidents in the region.
- Transportation equity review, including an assessment of regional equity indicators related to accessibility, connectivity, environment, health, engagement, and effectiveness, and how transportation systems affect and/or influence safe and equitable outcomes.
- Dashboard and toolkit, including graphic visualizations that illustrate safety countermeasures, context-sensitive solutions, user educational components, and performance measure tracking.
- Implementation matrix for implementing safety measures including:
 - Policies, programs, innovative practices, and low-cost/high-impact strategies; and
 - Specific construction projects with scope, budget, and time frame.

II. General Scope of Services

Town is seeking a professional consultant that can not only provide the typical qualifications necessary in the development of the Plan but also can provide pro-activeness, vision, innovation, and collaboration in examining and proposing strategies and recommendations that will ensure a reduction of fatal and serious crashes for all roadway users.

Outlined below is the scope of work that will guide the development of the Plan. The Town has included the following scope of work to provide interested consultants insight into project intent, context, coordination, responsibilities, and other elements to help facilitate proposal development.

Task 1: Project Structure and Work Plan. Building on the scope of work presented in their proposal, the consultant will prepare a detailed work Plan and the achievable timeline for the Plan anticipated to be completed Summer of 2025. The work Plan will outline the approach, as well as specific actions and activities that will occur during the Project and how these will result in a successful conclusion for further action and submission of a grant to implement the Plan.

Task 2: Project Management and Coordination. The consultant shall be required to manage the Project and coordination with any subconsultants, as

well as bear responsibility for all documentation and equipment needs. The consultant will identify a Project lead from their team to act as the direct point of contact for Town's Project Manager.

This task will also include regular progress meetings with Town, documentation of travel and expense receipts, and the preparation and submission of invoices.

The consultant shall be responsible for the preparation and coordination of all data collection, data analysis, technical memorandum, and draft documents for the Town Council (TC). The Redevelopment Director shall be responsible for coordinating and scheduling TC meetings and assisting the consultant in developing agendas. The consultant will be expected to work closely with Town on the coordination and distribution of materials to the TC as applicable to consultant work tasks.

Task 3: Stakeholder and Public Engagement. The consultant will develop and implement a detailed stakeholder and public engagement program that seeks to gain authentic and meaningful public input from community members throughout the Town. At minimum, the stakeholder and public engagement program must address the following:

- Identification of, and engagement activities for, key communities that may be disproportionately impacted by traffic risks and traditionally underserved by safety efforts.
- Specific activities for reaching identified stakeholder groups and engagement strategies that inform, involve, and empower stakeholders and the public.
- Examination of perceived safety culture and concerns in the Town.
- Timeline for stakeholder and public engagement activities.
- Communication methods for sharing information with residents and community members.
- Strategy for effective and consistent messaging.

The consultant is encouraged to use creative methods, opportunities, and activities when collaborating, engaging, and informing stakeholders and the public, especially for communities disproportionately impacted and traditionally underserved. The consultant is also encouraged to review Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making for additional insights.

Task 4: Data Collection and Review. The consultant will collect and review existing, programs, policies, and activities, and provide a summary of current efforts to address transportation safety in the Town. The consultant should also review strategies that other cities are using to address safety, identify programs that have evidence of measurable success, and provide an assessment of the most effective and efficient methods used to achieve outcomes.

As part of this task, the consultant must at minimum:

- Review existing local, regional, state, and federal Plans, studies, and initiatives related to roadway safety improvements to identify opportunities to improve processes for prioritizing transportation safety and collaboration that could lead to improved effectiveness of safety analysis, project development, and implementation for jurisdictions in the Town;
- Assess the quality and completeness of existing available data including crash, transportation, land use, and demographic data; and
- Develop recommendations based on literature, policy, and data review on best analysis strategies and data requirements.

Task 5: Safety Analysis. The consultant will conduct an analysis of existing safety conditions and historical trends that provides a baseline level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across jurisdictions in the Town. This safety analysis shall include an examination of locations where there are crashes and the severity of the crashes, as well as contributing factors and crash types by relevant road users (personal motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, freight, etc.). An analysis of systemic and specific safety needs should also be performed, as needed (e.g., high-risk road features, specific safety needs of relevant road users, public health approaches, analysis of the built environment, demographic, and structural issues, etc.). To the extent practical, the analysis should include all roadways within the Town, without regard for ownership.

Task 6: Transportation Equity Review. The consultant will perform a transportation equity review to better understand how current transportation systems, services, and decision-making processes impact the lives of all users, including underserved and underrepresented communities in the Town. This must include an analysis of systems, services, and processes that support safe and easy-to-use multimodal options, amenities that are accessible to all populations for reaching destinations independently, and strategies to reduce socioeconomic disparities experienced by underserved and underrepresented communities.

As part of this task, the consultant should develop and assess regional transportation indicators that easily measure transportation barriers in the Town and/or potential structural inequalities that different population groups may face. These indicators should include, at minimum:

- Accessibility;
- Connectivity;
- Effectiveness;
- Environment;
- Health;
- Mobility;
- Safety;
- Level of community engagement; and

- Other equity indicators, as required.

Task 7: Dashboard and Toolkit. The consultant will establish a process and create a publicly accessible tracking mechanism in the form of a dashboard or other appropriate format to monitor safety outcomes and evaluate which safety measures are most effective throughout the Town. The consultant will also develop a safety toolkit with graphic visualizations that illustrate safety countermeasures, context-sensitive design solutions, and user educational components tailored for the region.

Task 8: Implementation Matrix. The consultant will develop an implementation matrix that identifies potential projects, strategies, and recommendations for future grant opportunities, and measures that can be included in regular maintenance cycles. The implementation matrix will list potential projects that are feasible and applicable for grant funding, conceptual infrastructure improvements with estimated costs, and schedule for implementation.

Strategies and recommendations shall consider and outline fiscal and staff time resources necessary for a continued, sustained, and successful effort to achieve traffic safety goals and meet SS4A objectives after the Plan adoption. A Project readiness timeline for each strategy and Project should be included for short-term (0-5 years), mid-term (5-10 years), and long-term (10+ years).

Task 9: Draft and Final Plan. The consultant will prepare a draft of the Plan for review and comment by the SC. This draft is to be provided as an electronic PDF to the SC members. Comments received from the SC will be incorporated into the final Plan report.

Upon final review and consent by the SC, the consultant will develop a final report that is visually appealing, easy for policymakers and stakeholders to understand, and communicates action Plan strategies and recommendations. The report should be able to be used both digitally and in hard copy format. This may take the form of separate print and web formats.

Specifically, the consultant should develop a final Plan report that:

- Is organized and communicates a clear message both graphically and with accompanying text;
- Is easy to read and understand; and
- Explains key implications as they relate to policies, programs, practices, strategies, infrastructure projects, funding, and other recommendations.

The consultant shall provide Town with appropriate presentation materials for final review and approval of the Plan by the Town. The Town shall be responsible for presenting and achieving final recommendations and approval of the Plan. If the consultant wishes to include assistance with the final approval process in their scope of work, this should be accounted for in the proposal.

Task 11: Deliverables. Upon final Project completion, the consultant will be responsible for providing a high-resolution document in PDF format. All meeting summaries and technical analyses should be included as an appendix of the Plan report.

III. Schedule

1) Consultant Selection

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Advertise the RFP	04/01/2024
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2) Project Development

Activity	Date
Project Start	06/01/2024
Draft Plan Submission for Town Review	11/30/2024
Final Plan Completion	01/15/2025
Plan Adoption	02/15/2025
Plan Final Report	02/28/2025

IV. Evaluation and Selection Process

Selection Committee. The Town will establish a selection committee to select a consultant. The selection committee will likely include representatives from the Town.

The consultant selection process will be administered under the following criteria:

Percent	Criterion
20%	The consultant's related experience with similar projects, including the consultant's ability, familiarity, and involvement in handling similar types of activities
20%	Specific qualifications of the consultant's project manager and key staff's experience related to the development of similar studies

20%	The consultant's understanding of the project scope and knowledge of issues related to the study
20%	The consultant's project understanding, proposed project approach and methodology, project work Plan, and project management techniques
20%	The consultant's current workload, availability of key personnel, and record of past performance. Ability to complete in timeframe given.

A consultant is anticipated on May 13, 2024, based on an evaluation of the proposals submitted for recommendation and approval by Town Council. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive minor irregularities in said proposal and reserves the right to negotiate minor deviations to the proposal with the successful consultant. Town reserves the right to award a contract to the firm or individual that presents the proposal, which, in the sole judgement of Town, best accomplishes the desired results.

V. Proposal Content and Format

The purpose of the RFP is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence, and capacity of the consultant seeking to provide comprehensive services specified herein for Town, in conformity with the requirements of the RFP.

A proposal should demonstrate qualifications of the firm and its staff to undertake this Project. It should also specify the proposed approach that best meets the RFP requirements. A proposal must address each of the service specifications under the Scope of Work and Performance Tasks.

At minimum, proposals shall include the following information:

- 1) **Contact Information.** Name, telephone number, email address, mailing address, and other contact information for the consultant's project manager.
- 2) **Work Plan and Project Approach Methodology.** Proposals shall include the following, at minimum.
 - a) Detailed work Plan identifying the major tasks to be accomplished relative to the requested study tasks and expected product as outlined in this RFP.
 - b) Timeline for completion of the requested services, including all public outreach and stakeholder meetings, identifying milestones for development of the Project, and completion of individual tasks.
 - c) List of projects with similar size, scope, type, and complexity that the proposed project team has successfully completed in the past.
 - d) List of the proposed principal(s) who will be responsible for the work, proposed project manager, and project team members.
 - e) Breakout of hours for each member of the team by major task area, and an overall indication of the level of effort (percentage of overall project team hours) allocated to each task.
 - f) List of any subcontracted agencies, the tasks they will be assigned, the percent of work to be performed, and the staff that

- will be assigned.
- g) List of client references.
 - h) Ability of firm to meet required time schedules based on current and known future workload of the staff assigned to the Project.

VI. Submittal Information

A PDF of the proposal may be emailed or delivered by USB. Sealed cost proposals shall be submitted as hard copies. Hard copies of the sealed cost proposals may either be hand delivered or shipped to ensure timely delivery to the project manager as defined below:

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Town of Highland
3333 Ridge Road
Highland, IN 46322

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mbecerra@highland.in.gov

All proposals received or postmarked by 4:00 pm (CDT) on May 1, 2024 will be given equal consideration. Minority, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises are encouraged to apply. Respondents must submit one PDF of the RFP and one sealed hard copy. The full length of each proposal should not exceed twelve (12) pages, including any supporting material, charts, or tables.

The consultant may ask for clarifications of the RFP by submitting written questions to the Town project manager identified above. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm (CDT) on April 23, 2024. Town reserves the right to decline a response to any question if, in Town's assessment, the information cannot be obtained and shared with all potential firms in a timely manner.

VII. General RFP Requirements

Submit one bound hard copy of the proposal and one electronic copy in PDF format.

The electronic copy must be received on or before the deadline.

A hard copy must be delivered or postmarked on or before the deadline. It is the Consultants' responsibility to ensure the proposal materials are mailed or delivered and received by the due date and time above.

Submit proposals to:

Email PDF to:
Maria Becerra, mbecerra@highland.in.gov

Mail to/Deliver:
Town of Highland
RE: SS4 PLAN RFP

VIII. Additional Resources

Respondents are encouraged to review project Planning resources on the SS4A website at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/resources> .

IX. Contractual Information

- 1) Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to award the contract to the next most qualified firm if the successful firm does not execute a contract within forty-five (45) days after the award of the proposal. Town shall not pay for any information contained in proposals obtained from participating firms.
- 2) Town reserves the right to request clarification on any information submitted and additionally reserves the right to request additional information of one or more applicants.
- 3) Any proposal may be withdrawn up until the proposal submission deadline. Any proposals not withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer for services set forth within the RFP for a period of sixty (60) days or until one or more of the proposals have been approved by Town's Common Council.
- 4) If, through any cause, the consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner the obligations agreed to, Town shall have the right to terminate its contract by specifying the date of termination in a written notice to the firm at least ninety (90) working days before the termination date. In this event, the firm shall be entitled to just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed.
- 5) Any agreement or contract resulting from the acceptance of a proposal shall be on forms either supplied by or approved by Town and shall contain, as a minimum, applicable provisions of the RFP. Town reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to the RFP and any Town requirements for agreements and contracts.
- 6) The consultant shall not assign any interest in the contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of Town.

X. Payments

The selected consultant shall submit invoices for work completed to the Town.

Payments shall be made to the consultant by Town in accordance with the contract after all required Project services and tasks have been completed.

XI. Federal and Local Funds

The services requested within this RFP will be partially funded with funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). As such, the services requested by this RFP will be subject to federal and state requirements and regulations.

The services performed under any resulting agreement shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. In addition, this contract will be subject to the relevant requirements of 2 CFR 200.

XII. Title VI Assurances

Prospective consultants should be aware of the following contractual requirements regarding compliance with Title VI should they be selected pursuant to this RFP.

- 1) **Certification.** The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency
- 2) **Certification.** Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- 3) **Compliance with Regulations.** The consultant shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations).
- 4) **Nondiscrimination.** The consultant, with regard to the work performed by it, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status, in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The consultant shall not participate, either directly or indirectly, in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations.
- 5) **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment.** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, made by the consultant for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the consultant of the contractor's obligations to the Town and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status.
- 6) **Information and Reports.** The consultant shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Town to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the consultant shall so certify to the Town as appropriate and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 7) **Sanctions for Noncompliance.** In the event of the consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as outlined herein, Town shall impose such sanctions as it or FHWA may determine to be

appropriate, including but not limited to:

- a) Withholding of payments to the consultant under the contract until the consultant complies; and/or
 - b) Cancellation, termination, or suspensions of the contract, in part or in whole.
- 8) **Incorporation of Title VI Provisions.** The consultant shall include the provisions of Section XIII, paragraphs 1 through 5 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The consultant shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Town, the USDOT, or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event a consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the consultant may request the Town enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Town; and, in addition, the consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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2	RFP Selection Rating for <u>Town of Highland, INDIANA</u>					
3	(City, County, Town) or (Local Public Agency)					
4						
5	Services Description: <u>Safe Streets For ALL Transportation Safety Plan</u>					
6						
7	Consultant Name:					
8						
9	Evaluation Criteria to be Rated by Scorers					
10	Category	Scoring Criteria	Scale	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
11	Past Performance	Performance evaluation score averages from historical performance data.				
12		Quality score for similar work from performance database.			6	
13		Schedule score from performance database.			3	
14		Responsiveness score from performance database.			1	
15	Capacity of Team to do Work	Evaluation of the team's personnel and equipment to perform the project on time.				
16		Availability of more than adequate capacity that results in added value.	1		20	
17		Adequate capacity to meet the schedule.	0			
18		Insufficient available capacity to meet the schedule.	-1			
19	Team's Demonstrated Qualifications	Technical Expertise: Unique Resources that yield a relevant added value or efficiency to the deliverable.				
20		Demonstrated outstanding expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	2		15	
21		Demonstrated high level of expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	1			
22		Expertise and resources at appropriate level.	0			
23		Insufficient expertise and/or resources.	-3			
24	Project Manager	Predicted ability to manage the project, based on: experience in size, complexity, type, subs, documentation skills.				
25		Demonstrated outstanding experience in similar type and complexity.	2		20	
26		Demonstrated high level of experience in similar type and complexity.	1			
27		Experience in similar type and complexity shown in resume.	0			
28		Experience in different type or lower complexity.	-1			
29		Insufficient experience.	-3			
30	Approach to Project	Project Understanding and Innovation that provides cost and/or time savings.				
31		High level of understanding and viable innovative ideas proposed.	2		15	
32		High level of understanding of the project.	1			
33		Basic understanding of the project.	0			
34		Lack of project understanding.	-3			
35					Weighted Sub-Total:	

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1. **Federal Award No.**
693JJ32440219
2. **Effective Date**
See No. 16 Below
3. **Assistance Listings No.**
20.939
4. **Award To**
TOWN OF HIGHLAND
3333 Ridge Road
Highland, IN 46322
5. **Sponsoring Office**
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Office of Safety
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
HSSA-1, Mail Drop E71-117
Washington, DC 20590
6. **Period of Performance**
Effective Date of Award – 24 months
7. **Total Amount**

Federal Share:	\$240,000
Recipient Share:	\$60,000
Other Federal Funds:	\$0
Other Funds:	\$0
Total:	\$300,000
8. **Type of Agreement**
Grant
9. **Authority**
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”)
10. **Procurement Request No.**
HSA240078PR
11. **Federal Funds Obligated**
\$240,000
12. **Submit Payment Requests To**
See Article 5.
13. **Accounting and Appropriations Data**
15X0173E50.0000.055SR10500.5592000000.41010.61
0066
14. **Description of the Project**

The Town of Highland, Indiana will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

RECIPIENT

15. Signature of Person Authorized to Sign

Maria Becerra 3-11-24
Signature Date
Name: Maria Becerra
Title: Director, Redevelopment Commission

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

16. Signature of Agreement Officer

ASHLEY MARIE
CUCCHIARELLI
Signature Date
Name: Ashley Cucchiarelli
Title: Agreement Officer

Digitally signed by ASHLEY MARIE
CUCCHIARELLI
Date: 2024.03.12 10:07:08 -06'00'

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM

This agreement is between the United States Department of Transportation's (the "USDOT") Federal Highway Administration (the "FHWA") and the Town of Highland (the "Recipient").

This agreement reflects the selection of the Recipient to receive a Safe Streets and Roads for All ("SS4A") Grant for the Development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The parties therefore agree to the following:

ARTICLE 1
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 General Terms and Conditions.

- (a) In this agreement, "General Terms and Conditions" means the content of the document titled "General Terms and Conditions Under the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All ("SS4A") Grant Program," which is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/grant-agreements> under "Fiscal Year 2023." Articles 7–30 are in the General Terms and Conditions. The General Terms and Conditions are part of this agreement.
- (b) The Recipient acknowledges that it has knowledge of the General Terms and Conditions. Recipient also states that it is required to comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.); and Build America, Buy America Act (BIL, div. G §§ 70901-27).
- (c) The Recipient acknowledges that the General Terms and Conditions impose obligations on the Recipient and that the Recipient's non-compliance with the General Terms and Conditions may result in remedial action, termination of the SS4A Grant, disallowing costs incurred for the Project, requiring the Recipient to refund to the FHWA the SS4A Grant, and reporting the non-compliance in the Federal-government-wide integrity and performance system.

ARTICLE 2
APPLICATION, PROJECT, AND AWARD

2.1 Application.

Application Title: Safe Streets and Road for All

Application Date: 7-5-2023

2.2 Award Amount.

SS4A Grant Amount: \$240,000

2.3 Single Federal Obligation Information.

Federal Obligation Type: Single

2.4 Budget Period.

Budget Period: See Block 6 of Page 1

2.5 Grant Designation.

Designation: Planning

ARTICLE 3
SUMMARY PROJECT INFORMATION

3.1 Summary of Project's Statement of Work.

The Town of Highland will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The primary goal of the CSAP is to develop strategies to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries within the Town of Highland. The CSAP will incorporate U.S. DOT recommended components to achieve its goals; Leadership, planning structure, safety analysis of existing transportation systems, public & private stakeholder engagement and collaboration, equity considerations, creation of a complete street policy, strategy and project selections, progress and transparency.

The project will be completed in one phase as follows:

Base Phase: Pre-NEPA: Will procure consultant to perform the work listed above.

3.2 Project's Estimated Schedule.

Action Plan Schedule

Milestone	Schedule Date
Planned NEPA Completion Date:	APRIL 15, 2024
Planned Draft Plan Completion Date:	NOVEMBER 30, 2024
Planned Final Plan Completion Date:	JANUARY 15, 2025
Planned Final Plan Adoption Date:	FEBRUARY 15, 2025
Planned SS4A Final Report Date:	FEBRUARY 28, 2025

3.3 Project's Estimated Costs.

(a) Eligible Project Costs

Eligible Project Costs	
SS4A Grant Amount:	\$240,000
Other Federal Funds:	\$0
State Funds:	\$0
Local Funds:	\$60,000
In-Kind Match:	\$0
Other Funds:	\$0
Total Eligible Project Cost:	\$300,000

(c) Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are allowable under this Agreement in accordance with 2 CFR part 200 and the Recipient's approved Budget Application. In the event the Recipient's indirect cost rate changes, the Recipient will notify FHWA of the planned adjustment and provide supporting documentation for such adjustment. This Indirect Cost provision does not operate to waive the limitations on Federal funding provided in this document. The Recipient's indirect costs are allowable only insofar as they do not cause the Recipient to exceed the total obligated funding.

ARTICLE 4

RECIPIENT INFORMATION

4.1 Recipient Contact(s).

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4.2 Recipient Key Personnel.

Name	Title or Position
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4.3 USDOT Project Contact(s).

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ARTICLE 5

USDOT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

5.1 Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization.

USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization: FHWA Office of Acquisition and Grants Management

SUBAWARDS AND CONTRACTS APPROVAL

Note: See 2 CFR § 200.331, Subrecipient and contractor determinations, for definitions of subrecipient (who is awarded a subaward) versus contractor (who is awarded a contract).

Note: Recipients with a procurement system deemed approved and accepted by the Government or by the Agreement Officer (the "AO") are exempt from the requirements of this clause. See 2 CFR 200.317 through 200.327. Note: This clause is only applicable to grants that do not include construction.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.308(c)(6), unless described in the application and funded in the approved award, the Recipient must obtain prior written approval from the AO for the subaward, transfer, or contracting out of any work under this award above the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. This provision does not apply to the acquisition of supplies, material, equipment, or general support services. Approval will be issued through written notification from the AO or a formal amendment to the Agreement.

The following subawards and contracts are currently approved under the Agreement by the AO. This list does not include supplies, material, equipment, or general support services which are exempt from the pre-approval requirements of this clause.

5.2 Reimbursement Requests

- (a) The Recipient may request reimbursement of costs incurred within the budget period of this agreement if those costs do not exceed the amount of funds obligated and are allowable under the applicable cost provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. The Recipient shall not request reimbursement more frequently than monthly.
- (b) The Recipient shall use the DELPHI iSupplier System to submit requests for reimbursement to the payment office. When requesting reimbursement of costs incurred or credit for cost share incurred, the Recipient shall electronically submit supporting cost detail with the SF-270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement)

or SF-271 (Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs) to clearly document all costs incurred.

- (c) The Recipient's supporting cost detail shall include a detailed breakout of all costs incurred, including direct labor, indirect costs, other direct costs, travel, etc., and the Recipient shall identify the Federal share and the Recipient's share of costs. If the Recipient does not provide sufficient detail in a request for reimbursement, the Agreement Officer's Representative (the "AOR") may withhold processing that request until the Recipient provides sufficient detail.
- (d) The USDOT shall not reimburse costs unless the AOR reviews and approves the costs to ensure that progress on this agreement is sufficient to substantiate payment.
- (e) In the rare instance the Recipient is unable to receive electronic funds transfers (EFT), payment by EFT would impose a hardship on the Recipient because of their inability to manage an account at a financial institution, and/or the Recipient is unable to use the DELPHI iSupplier System to submit their requests for disbursement, the FHWA may waive the requirement that the Recipient use the DELPHI iSupplier System. The Recipient shall contact the Division Office Lead Point of Contact for instructions on and requirements related to pursuing a waiver.
- (f) The requirements set forth in these terms and conditions supersede previous financial invoicing requirements for Recipients.

ARTICLE 6 SPECIAL GRANT TERMS

- 6.1 SS4A funds must be expended within five years after the grant agreement is executed and DOT obligates the funds, which is the budget period end date in section 10.3 of the Terms and Conditions and section 2.4 in this agreement.
- 6.2 The Recipient demonstrates compliance with civil rights obligations and nondiscrimination laws, including Titles VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and accompanying regulations. Recipients of Federal transportation funding will also be required to comply fully with regulations and guidance for the ADA, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and all other civil rights requirements.
- 6.3 SS4A Funds will be allocated to the Recipient and made available to the Recipient in accordance with FHWA procedures.
- 6.4 The Recipient of a Planning and Demonstration Grant acknowledges that the Action Plan will be made publicly available and agrees that it will publish the final Action Plan on a publicly available website.
- 6.5 The Government's execution of this agreement does not in any way constitute pre-approval or waiver of any of the regulations imposed upon Recipient under the applicable Federal rules, regulations and laws regarding SS4A projects undertaken in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement. The Recipient shall comply with all applicable Federal requirements before incurring any costs under this agreement.
- 6.6 There are no other special grant requirements.

ATTACHMENT A
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

Study Area: Town of Highland

Table 1: Performance Measure Table

Measure	Category and Description	Measurement Frequency and Reporting Deadline
Equity [for all Grants]	Percent of Funds to Underserved Communities: Funding amount (of total project amount) benefitting underserved communities, as defined by USDOT	Within 120 days after the end of the period of performance
Costs [for all Grants]	Project Costs: Quantification of the cost of each eligible project carried out using the grant	Within 120 days after the end of the period of performance
Lessons Learned and Recommendations [for all Grants]	Lessons Learned and Recommendations: Description of lessons learned and any recommendations relating to future projects or strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets.	Within 120 days after the end of the period of performance

ATTACHMENT B CHANGES FROM APPLICATION

Describe all material differences between the scope, schedule, and budget described in the application and the scope, schedule, and budget described in Article 3. The purpose of Attachment B is to clearly and accurately document any differences in scope, schedule, and budget to establish the parties' knowledge and acceptance of those differences. See Article 11 for the Statement of Work, Schedule, and Budget Changes. If there are no changes, please insert "N/A" in Section 3.3 of the table.

Scope: There are no changes.

Schedule: There are no changes.

Budget: There are no changes.

The table below provides a summary comparison of the project budget.

Fund Source	Application		Section 3.3	
	\$	%	\$	%
Previously Incurred Costs (Non-Eligible Project Costs)				
Federal Funds	0	0	N/A	
Non-Federal Funds	0	0	N/A	
Total Previously Incurred Costs	0	0	N/A	
Future Eligible Project Costs				
SS4AFunds	\$240,000	80%	N/A	
Other Federal Funds	\$0	0%	N/A	
Non-Federal Funds	\$60,000	20%	N/A	
Total Future Eligible Project Costs	\$300,000	100%	N/A	N/A
Total Project Costs	\$300,000	100%	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENT C RACIAL EQUITY AND BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY

1. Efforts to Improve Racial Equity and Reduce Barriers to Opportunity.

The Recipient states that rows marked with “X” in the following table align with the application:

	A racial equity impact analysis has been completed for the Project. <i>(Identify a report on that analysis or, if no report was produced, describe the analysis and its results in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has adopted an equity and inclusion program/plan or has otherwise instituted equity-focused policies related to project procurement, material sourcing, construction, inspection, hiring, or other activities designed to ensure racial equity in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Identify the relevant programs, plans, or policies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes physical-barrier-mitigating land bridges, caps, lids, linear parks, and multimodal mobility investments that either redress past barriers to opportunity or that proactively create new connections and opportunities for underserved communities that are underserved by transportation. <i>(Identify the relevant investments in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes new or improved walking, biking, and rolling access for individuals with disabilities, especially access that reverses the disproportional impacts of crashes on people of color and mitigates neighborhood bifurcation. <i>(Identify the new or improved access in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project includes new or improved freight access to underserved communities to increase access to goods and job opportunities for those underserved communities. <i>(Identify the new or improved access in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient has taken other actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity, as described in the supporting narrative below.
X	The Recipient has not yet taken actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity but intends to take relevant actions described in the supporting narrative below.
	The Recipient has not taken actions related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity and will not take those actions under this award.

2. Supporting Narrative.

Programs activities will be designed to serve all individuals. Government contracting and procurement opportunities shall be available on an equal basis to all eligible providers of goods and services. The Town of Highland in the process of drafting the action plan, will include robust public involvement and actively seek input from underserved groups to reduce barriers to opportunity. We will ensure that procurement for a consultant to develop the plan is publicized in the Newspapers and on the Town Website.

ATTACHMENT D
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACTS

1. Consideration of Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts.

The Recipient states that rows marked with "X" in the following table align with the application:

	The Project directly supports a Local/Regional/State Climate Action Plan that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project directly supports a Local/Regional/State Equitable Development Plan that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project directly supports a Local/Regional/State Energy Baseline Study that results in lower greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Identify the plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner used environmental justice tools, such as the EJ Screen, to minimize adverse impacts of the Project on environmental justice communities. <i>(Identify the tool(s) in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project supports a modal shift in freight or passenger movement to reduce emissions or reduce induced travel demand. <i>(Describe that shift in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project utilizes demand management strategies to reduce congestion, induced travel demand, and greenhouse gas emissions. <i>(Describe those strategies in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project incorporates electrification infrastructure, zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, or both. <i>(Describe the incorporated infrastructure in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project supports the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. <i>(Describe that support in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project promotes energy efficiency. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project serves the renewable energy supply chain. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project improves disaster preparedness and resiliency <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
X	The Project avoids adverse environmental impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species, such as through reduction in Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases, improved stormwater management, or improved habitat connectivity. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project repairs existing dilapidated or idle infrastructure that is currently causing environmental harm. <i>(Describe that infrastructure in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Project supports or incorporates the construction of energy- and location-efficient buildings. <i>(Describe how in the supporting narrative below.)</i>

	The Project includes recycling of materials, use of materials known to reduce or reverse carbon emissions, or both. <i>(Describe the materials in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient has taken other actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project, as described in the supporting narrative below.
X	The Recipient has not yet taken actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project but will take relevant actions described in the supporting narrative below.
	The Recipient has not taken actions to consider climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project and will not take those actions under this award.

2. Supporting Narrative.

The Town of Highland will ensure that the safety plan action recommendations include a review of environmental impacts. A holistic approach to the planning process will incorporate review of policies in consideration of both climate and environmental justice. These actions will seek to avoid impacts to the environment and disparate outcomes for environmental justice communities.

ATTACHMENT E LABOR AND WORKFORCE

1. Efforts to Support Good-Paying Jobs and Strong Labor Standards

The Recipient states that rows marked with "X" in the following table align with the application:

	The Recipient demonstrate, to the full extent possible consistent with the law, an effort to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporation of high labor standards. <i>(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of local and economic hiring preferences in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Describe the relevant provisions in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has adopted the use of registered apprenticeships in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Describe the use of registered apprenticeship in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will provide training and placement programs for underrepresented workers in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project. <i>(Describe the training programs in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will support free and fair choice to join a union in the overall delivery and implementation of the Project by investing in workforce development services offered by labor-management training partnerships or setting expectations for contractors to develop labor-management training programs. <i>(Describe the workforce development services offered by labor-management training partnerships in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner will provide supportive services and cash assistance to address systemic barriers to employment to be able to participate and thrive in training and employment, including childcare, emergency cash assistance for items such as tools, work clothing, application fees and other costs of apprenticeship or required pre-employment training, transportation and travel to training and work sites, and services aimed at helping to retain underrepresented groups like mentoring, support groups, and peer networking. <i>(Describe the supportive services and/or cash assistance provided to trainees and employees in the supporting narrative below.)</i>
	The Recipient or a project partner has documented agreements or ordinances in place to hire from certain workforce programs that serve underrepresented groups. <i>(Identify the relevant agreements and describe the scope of activities they cover in the supporting narrative below.)</i>

	<p>The Recipient or a project partner participates in a State/Regional/Local comprehensive plan to promote equal opportunity, including removing barriers to hire and preventing harassment on work sites, and that plan demonstrates action to create an inclusive environment with a commitment to equal opportunity, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. affirmative efforts to remove barriers to equal employment opportunity above and beyond complying with Federal law; b. proactive partnerships with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs to promote compliance with EO 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity requirements and meet the requirements as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity to make good faith efforts to meet the goals of 6.9 percent of construction project hours being performed by women and goals that vary based on geography for construction work hours and for work being performed by people of color; c. no discriminatory use of criminal background screens and affirmative steps to recruit and include those with former justice involvement, in accordance with the Fair Chance Act and equal opportunity requirements; d. efforts to prevent harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin; e. training on anti-harassment and third-party reporting procedures covering employees and contractors; and f. maintaining robust anti-retaliation measures covering employees and contractors. <p><i>(Describe the equal opportunity plan in the supporting narrative below.)</i></p>
	<p>The Recipient has taken other actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards. <i>(Describe those actions in the supporting narrative below.)</i></p>
x	<p>The Recipient has not yet taken actions related to the Project to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporate strong labor standards but, before beginning construction of the project, will take relevant actions described in the supporting narrative below.</p>
	<p>The Recipient has not taken actions related to the Project to improving good-paying jobs and strong labor standards and will not take those actions under this award.</p>

2. Supporting Narrative.

Since this project does not involve construction, this Action Plan has not taken into consideration special requirements for labor and workforce standards outside of state and local laws.

Summary of Updates to SS4A Terms and Conditions (1.4.24)

January 23, 2024

9.6: Notification of Changes to Key Personnel. The Recipient shall notify all USDOT representatives who are identified in Section 4.4 in writing within 30 calendar days of any change in key personnel who are identified in Section 4.3.

- Changed 4.4 to 4.3 and 4.3 to 4.2.

11.1 Notification Requirement. The Recipient shall notify all USDOT representatives who are identified in section 4.4 in writing within 30 calendar days of any change in circumstances or commitments that adversely affect the Recipient's plan to complete the Project. In that notification, the Recipient shall describe the change and what actions the Recipient has taken or plans to take to ensure completion of the Project. This notification requirement under this section 11.1 is separate from any requirements under this article 11 that the Recipient request amendment of this agreement.

- Changed 4.4 to 4.3.

11.4 Budget Changes.

(b) The Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement to update section 3.3 and Attachment B if, in comparing the Project's budget to the amounts listed in section 3.3:

- (1) the "Non-Federal Funds" amount decreases; or
- (2) the "Total Eligible Project Cost" amount decreases.

- Changed "Non-Federal Funds" to non-federal funding amounts decrease.

12.1 Report Submission. The Recipient shall send all reports required by this agreement to all USDOT contacts who are listed in section 4.4. Reports will be added to a central repository maintained by FHWA.

- Changed 4.4 to 4.3

13.1 Quarterly Performance Progress Reports. Quarterly, on or before the 20th day of the first month of each calendar year (e.g., reports due on or before January 20th, April 20th, July 20th, and October 20th) and until the end of the period of performance, the Recipient shall submit to the USDOT a Quarterly Performance Progress Report in the format and with the content described in Exhibit C. If the date of this agreement is in the final month of a calendar year, then the Recipient shall submit the first Quarterly Performance Progress Report in the second calendar year that begins after the date of this agreement.

- Changed 20th) to 20th.

21.2 Unilateral Contact Modifications.

(a) The USDOT may update the contacts who are listed in sections 4.4 by written notice to all of the Recipient contacts who are listed in section 4.3.

- Changed 4.4 to 4.3 and 4.3 to 4.1.

27.3 Environmental Review

(a) In this section, “Environmental Review Entity” means:

(1) if the Project is located in a State that has assumed responsibilities for environmental review activities under 23 U.S.C. 326 or 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Project is within the scope of the assumed responsibilities, the State; and

(2) for all other cases, the FHWA.

(b) Except as authorized under section 27.3(c), the Recipient shall not begin final design; acquire real property, construction materials, or equipment; begin construction; or take other actions that represent an irretrievable commitment of resources for the Project unless and until:

(1) the Environmental Review Entity complies with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 to 4370m-12, and any other applicable environmental laws and regulations; and

(2) if the Environmental Review Entity is not the Recipient, the Environmental Review Entity provides the Recipient with written notice that the environmental review process is complete.

- Changed National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 to 4370m-12 to National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321

29.1 Attachments. This agreement includes the following attachments as integral parts unless Attachments D-F are not required for certain Planning and Demonstration Grants:

Attachment A	Performance Measurement Information
Attachment B	Changes from Application
Attachment C	Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity
Attachment D	Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts
Attachment E	Labor and Workforce
Attachment F	Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience

- Changed “Attachments D-F are not required” to “Attachment F is not required”.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (“SS4A”) GRANT
PROGRAM:
FHWA PROJECTS

Date: January 4, 2024

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58, November 15, 2021; also referred to as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (the “SS4A”) Discretionary Grant Program (BIL Section 24112) and appropriated funds to the United States Department of Transportation (the “USDOT”) under Division J, Title VIII of BIL to implement the program. The funds are available to provide Federal financial assistance to support local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” initiatives.

The USDOT published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (the “NOFO”) to solicit applications for Federal financial assistance in Fiscal Year 2023 for the SS4A Discretionary Grant Program (88 Fed. Reg. 22090, April 12, 2023).

These general terms and conditions are incorporated by reference in a project-specific grant agreement under the fiscal year 2023 SS4A grant program. Articles 1–6 are in the project-specific portion of the agreement. The term “Recipient” is defined in the project-specific portion of the agreement. Attachments A through F are project-specific attachments.

ARTICLE 7 PURPOSE

7.1 Purpose. The purpose of this award is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development or projects focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The parties will accomplish that purpose by achieving the following objectives:

- (1) timely completing the Project; and
- (2) ensuring that this award does not substitute for non-Federal investment in the Project, except as proposed in the Grant Application, as modified by section 3.3 and Attachment B.

ARTICLE 8 USDOT ROLE

8.1 Division of USDOT Responsibilities.

- (a) The Office of the Secretary of Transportation is ultimately responsible for the USDOT’s administration of the SS4A Grant Program.

- (b) The Federal Highway Administration (the “**FHWA**”) will administer this grant agreement on behalf of the USDOT. In this agreement, the “**Administering Operating Administration**” means the FHWA.

8.2 USDOT Program Contact.

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Federal Highway Administration
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
HSSA-1, Mail Drop E71-117
Washington, DC 20590
SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov
(202) 366-2822

**ARTICLE 9
RECIPIENT ROLE**

9.1 Statements on the Project. The Recipient states that:

- (1) all material statements of fact in the Grant Application were accurate when that application was submitted; and
- (2) Attachment B documents all material changes in the information contained in that application.

9.2 Statements on Authority and Capacity. The Recipient states that:

- (1) it has the authority to receive Federal financial assistance under this agreement;
- (2) it has the legal authority to complete the Project, including either ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network; safety responsibilities that affect roadways; or has an agreement from the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the applicant’s jurisdiction; if applicable;
- (3) it has the capacity, including institutional, managerial, and financial capacity, to comply with its obligations under this agreement;
- (4) not less than the difference between the “Total Eligible Project Cost” and the “SS4A Grant Amount” listed in section 3.3 are committed to fund the Project;
- (5) it has sufficient funds available, or an agreement with the agency that has ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities for the roadway within the

recipient's jurisdiction, to ensure that infrastructure completed or improved under this agreement will be operated and maintained in compliance with this agreement and applicable Federal law; and

- (6) the individual executing this agreement on behalf of the Recipient has authority to enter this agreement and make the statements in this article 9 and in section 24.7 on behalf of the Recipient.

9.3 USDOT Reliance. The Recipient acknowledges that:

- (1) the USDOT relied on statements of fact in the Grant Application to select the Project to receive this award;
- (2) the USDOT relied on statements of fact in both the Grant Application and this agreement to determine that the Recipient and the Project are eligible under the terms of the NOFO;
- (3) the USDOT relied on statements of fact in both the Grant Application and this agreement to establish the terms of this agreement; and
- (4) the USDOT's selection of the Project to receive this award prevented awards under the NOFO to other eligible applicants.

9.4 Project Delivery.

- (a) The Recipient shall complete the Project under the terms of this agreement.
- (b) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is financed, constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies.
- (c) The Recipient shall provide any certifications or assurances deemed necessary by the USDOT in ensuring the Recipient's compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
- (d) The Recipient shall provide access to records as provided at 2 C.F.R. 200.337.

9.5 Rights and Powers Affecting the Project.

- (a) The Recipient shall not take or permit any action that deprives it of any rights or powers necessary to the Recipient's performance under this agreement without written approval of the USDOT.
- (b) The Recipient shall act, in a manner acceptable to the USDOT, promptly to acquire, extinguish, or modify any outstanding rights or claims of right of others that would interfere with the Recipient's performance under this agreement.

- 9.6 Notification of Changes to Key Personnel.** The Recipient shall notify all USDOT representatives who are identified in Section 4.3 in writing within 30 calendar days of any change in key personnel who are identified in Section 4.2.

ARTICLE 10

AWARD AMOUNT, OBLIGATION, AND TIME PERIODS

- 10.1 Federal Award Amount** The USDOT hereby awards a SS4A Grant to the Recipient in the amount listed in section 2.2 as the SS4A Grant Amount.

10.2 Federal Obligations.

This agreement obligates funds for the period of performance listed on Page 1, Block 6 of the grant agreement.

(a) If the Federal Obligation Type identified in section 2.3 is “Single,” then the project-specific agreement obligates for the budget period the amount listed in Section 2.2. as the Grant Amount and sections 10.2 (c)–10.2(f) do not apply to the project specific agreement.

(b) If the Federal Obligation Type identified in section 2.3 is “Multiple,” (for phased agreements) then an amount up to the Grant Amount listed in Section 2.2 will be obligated with one initial obligation and one or more subsequent, optional obligations, as described in sections 10.2(c)–10.2(f).

(c) The Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 allocates the Grant funds among separate phases of the Project for the purpose of the Federal obligation of funds. The scope of each phase of the Project that is identified in that table is described in section 2.3.

(d) The project-specific agreement obligates for the budget period only the amounts allocated in the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 to portions of the Project for which that table does not list an obligation condition.

(e) The project-specific agreement does not obligate amounts allocated in the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 to portions of the Project for which that table lists an obligation condition. The parties may obligate the amounts allocated to those portions of the Project only by modifying the project specific agreement under section 21.

(f) For each portion of the Project for which the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 lists an obligation condition, the amount allocated in that table to that portion of the Project will be obligated if the condition is met not later than the date listed in Section 2.4 of the project-specific agreement.

(g) For any portion of the Project for which the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 lists an obligation condition, if the obligation condition is satisfied, the parties amend this agreement documenting that:

(1) the FHWA determines that the obligation condition listed in that table for that portion of the Project is satisfied; and

(2) the FHWA determines that all applicable Federal requirements for obligating the amount are satisfied.

(h) The Recipient shall not request reimbursement of costs for a portion of the Project for which the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 lists an obligation condition, unless the amount allocated in that table to that portion of the Project is obligated under section 10.2(c)-(f).

(i) Reserved.

(j) The Recipient acknowledges that:

(1) the FHWA is not liable for payments for a portion of the Project for which the Obligation Condition Table in section 2.3 lists an obligation condition, unless the amount allocated in that table to that portion of the Project is obligated under section 10.2(c)-(f);

(2) any portion of the Grant that is not obligated under this section 10.2 by the budget period end date identified in the project-specific agreement for those funds lapses on the day after that date and becomes unavailable for the Project; and

(3) the FHWA may consider the failure to obligate funds by the budget period end date identified in the project-specific agreement as applicable to the Grant Program for those funds to be a basis for terminating the project-specific agreement under section 16.

10.3 Budget Period

The budget period for this award begins on the effective date of this agreement and ends on the budget period end date that is listed in section 2.4, which shall be no later than 5 years from the date of grant execution. In this agreement, "budget period" is used as defined at 2 C.F.R. 200.1.

10.4 Period of Performance.

(a) The period of performance for this award begins on the effective date of award listed in page 1 item 2 and ends on the period of performance end date that is listed in Page 1, Block 6.

(b) In this agreement, "period of performance" is used as defined at 2 C.F.R. 200.1.

ARTICLE 11
STATEMENT OF WORK, SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET CHANGES

- 11.1 Notification Requirement.** The Recipient shall notify all USDOT representatives who are identified in section 4.3 in writing within 30 calendar days of any change in circumstances or commitments that adversely affect the Recipient's plan to complete the Project. In that notification, the Recipient shall describe the change and what actions the Recipient has taken or plans to take to ensure completion of the Project. This notification requirement under this section 11.1 is separate from any requirements under this article 11 that the Recipient request amendment of this agreement.
- 11.2 Statement of Work Changes.** If the Project's activities differ from the statement of work that is described in section 3.1 and Attachment B, then the Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement to update section 3.1.
- 11.3 Schedule Changes.** If one or more of the following conditions are satisfied, then the Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement to update the relevant dates:
- (1) a substantial completion date for the Project or a component of the Project that is listed in section 3.2 and the Recipient's estimate for that milestone changes to a date that is more than six months after the date listed in section 3.2; or
 - (2) a schedule change would require the period of performance to continue after the period of performance end date listed on Page 1, Block 6.

For other schedule changes, the Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement unless the USDOT has consented, in writing consistent with applicable requirements, to the change.

11.4 Budget Changes.

- (a) The Recipient acknowledges that if the cost of completing the Project increases:
- (1) that increase does not affect the Recipient's obligation under this agreement to complete the Project; and
 - (2) the USDOT will not increase the amount of this award to address any funding shortfall.
- (b) The Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement to update section 3.3 and Attachment B if, in comparing the Project's budget to the amounts listed in section 3.3:
- (1) the "Non-Federal Funds" amount decreases; or
 - (2) the "Total Eligible Project Cost" amount decreases.

- (c) For budget changes that are not identified in section 11.4(b), the Recipient shall request an amendment of this agreement to update section 3.3 and Attachment B unless the USDOT has consented, in writing consistent with applicable requirements, to the change.
- (d) If the actual eligible project costs are less than the “Total Eligible Project Cost” that is listed in section 3.3, then the Recipient may propose to the USDOT, in writing consistent with applicable requirements, specific additional activities that are within the scope of this award, as defined in sections 7.1 and 3.1, and that the Recipient could complete with the difference between the “Total Eligible Project Cost” that is listed in section 3.3 and the actual eligible project costs.
- (e) If the actual eligible project costs are less than the “Total Eligible Project Cost” that is listed in section 3.3 and either the Recipient does not make a proposal under section 11.4(d) or the USDOT does not accept the Recipient’s proposal under section 11.4(d), then:
 - (1) in a request under section 11.4(b), the Recipient shall reduce the Federal Share by the difference between the “Total Eligible Project Cost” that is listed in section 3.3 and the actual eligible project costs; and
 - (2) if that amendment reduces this award and the USDOT had reimbursed costs exceeding the revised award, the Recipient shall request to add additional project work that is within the scope of this project.

In this agreement, “**Federal Share**” means the sum of the “SS4A Grant Amount” and the “Other Federal Funds” amounts that are listed in section 3.3(a).

- (f) The Recipient acknowledges that amounts that are required to be refunded under section 11.4(e)(2) constitute a debt to the Federal Government that the USDOT may collect under 2 C.F.R. 200.346 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards (31 C.F.R. parts 900–999).

11.5 USDOT Acceptance of Changes. The USDOT may accept or reject amendments requested under this article 11, and in doing so may elect to consider only the interests of the SS4A grant program and the USDOT. The Recipient acknowledges that requesting an amendment under this article 11 does not amend, modify, or supplement this agreement unless the USDOT accepts that amendment request and the parties modify this agreement under section 21.1.

ARTICLE 12 GENERAL REPORTING TERMS

12.1 Report Submission. The Recipient shall send all reports required by this agreement to all USDOT contacts who are listed in section 4.3. Reports will be added to a central repository maintained by FHWA.

12.2 Alternative Reporting Methods. FHWA may establish processes for the Recipient to submit reports required by this agreement, including electronic submission processes. If the Recipient is notified of those processes in writing, the Recipient shall use the processes required by the FHWA.

12.3 Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.

Under 5 C.F.R. 1320.6, the Recipient is not required to respond to a collection of information that does not display a currently valid control number issued by the Office of Management and Budget (the “OMB”). Collections of information conducted under this agreement are approved under OMB Control No. 2125-0675.

**ARTICLE 13
PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING**

13.1 Quarterly Performance Progress Reports. Quarterly, on or before the 20th day of the first month of each calendar year (e.g., reports due on or before January 20th, April 20th, July 20th, and October 20th) and until the end of the period of performance, the Recipient shall submit to the USDOT a Quarterly Performance Progress Report in the format and with the content described in Exhibit C. If the date of this agreement is in the final month of a calendar year, then the Recipient shall submit the first Quarterly Performance Progress Report in the second calendar year that begins after the date of this agreement.

13.2 Quarterly Financial Status. Quarterly, on or before the 20th day of the first month of each calendar year (e.g., reports due on or before January 20th, April 20th, July 20th, and October 20th) and until the end of the period of performance, the Recipient shall submit a Federal Financial Report using SF-425.

**ARTICLE 14
PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

14.1 Baseline Performance Measurement. Recipients of Implementation Grants or Planning and Demonstration Grants with demonstration activities shall:

- (1) collect data for each performance measure that is identified in the Performance Measure Table in Attachment A, accurate as of the Baseline Measurement Date that is identified in Attachment A; and
- (2) on or before the Baseline Report Date that is stated in Attachment A, the Recipient shall submit a Baseline Performance Measurement Report that contains the data collected under this section 14.1 and a detailed description of the data sources, assumptions, variability, and estimated levels of precision for each performance measure that is identified in the Performance Measure Table in Attachment A.

14.2 SS4A Final Report: The Recipient shall submit to the USDOT, not later than 120 days after the end of the period of performance, a report in the format specified by FHWA and with the content described in Attachment A that describes, consistent with sections 24112(g)-(h) of BIL:

- (1) the costs of each eligible project and strategy carried out using the grant;
- (2) the roadway safety outcomes and any additional benefits (e.g., increased walking, biking, or transit use without a commensurate increase in serious and fatal crashes, etc.) that each such project and strategy has generated, as—
 - identified in the grant application; and
 - measured by data to the maximum extent practicable;
- (3) the percent of funds spent in, and providing benefits to, underserved communities; and
- (4) the lessons learned, and any recommendations related to future projects or strategies to prevent death and serious injuries on roads and streets.

14.3 Performance Measurement Information.

For each performance measure identified to be submitted annually in the Performance Measure Table in Attachment A, not later than January 31 of each year, the Recipient shall submit to the USDOT a Performance Measurement Report containing the data collected in the previous calendar year and stating the dates when the data was collected.

14.4 Performance Reporting Survival.

The data collection and reporting requirements in this article 14 survive the termination of this agreement which is three years post period of performance.

14.5 Program Evaluation.

As a condition of grant award, the recipient may be required to participate in an evaluation undertaken by USDOT, or another agency or partner. The evaluation may take different forms such as an implementation assessment across grant recipients, an impact and/or outcomes analysis of all or selected sites within or across grant recipients, before/after photographs of the sites, qualitative activities such as videos describing the project and its impact on the community, or a benefit/cost analysis or assessment of return on investment. The Department may require applicants to collect data elements to aid the evaluation. As a part of the evaluation, as a condition of award, grant recipients must agree to: (1) make records available to the evaluation contractor; (2) provide access to program records, and any other relevant documents to calculate costs and benefits; (3) in the case of an impact analysis, facilitate the access to relevant information as requested; and (4) follow evaluation procedures as specified by the evaluation contractor or USDOT staff.

ARTICLE 15

NONCOMPLIANCE AND REMEDIES

15.1 Noncompliance Determinations.

- (a) If the USDOT determines that the Recipient may have failed to comply with the United States Constitution, Federal law, or the terms and conditions of this agreement, the USDOT may notify the Recipient of a proposed determination of noncompliance. For the notice to be effective, it must be written and the USDOT must include an explanation of the nature of the noncompliance, describe a remedy, state whether that remedy is proposed or effective at an already determined date, and describe the process through and form in which the Recipient may respond to the notice.
- (b) If the USDOT notifies the Recipient of a proposed determination of noncompliance under section 15.1(a), the Recipient may, not later than 7 calendar days after the notice, respond to that notice in the form and through the process described in that notice. In its response, the Recipient may:
 - (1) accept the remedy;
 - (2) acknowledge the noncompliance, but propose an alternative remedy; or
 - (3) dispute the noncompliance.

To dispute the noncompliance, the Recipient must include in its response documentation or other information supporting the Recipient's compliance.

- (c) The USDOT may make a final determination of noncompliance only:
 - (1) after considering the Recipient's response under section 15.1(b); or
 - (2) if the Recipient fails to respond under section 15.1(b), after the time for that response has passed.
- (d) To make a final determination of noncompliance, the USDOT must provide a notice to the Recipient that states the basis for that determination.

15.2 Remedies.

- (a) If the USDOT makes a final determination of noncompliance under section 15.1(d), the USDOT may impose a remedy, including:
 - (1) additional conditions on the award;
 - (2) any remedy permitted under 2 C.F.R. 200.339–200.340, including withholding of payments; disallowance of previously reimbursed costs, requiring refunds from the Recipient to USDOT; suspension or termination of the award; or suspension and disbarment under 2 C.F.R. part 180; or

- (3) any other remedy legally available.
- (b) To impose a remedy, the USDOT must provide a written notice to the Recipient that describes the remedy, but the USDOT may make the remedy effective before the Recipient receives that notice.
- (c) If the USDOT determines that it is in the public interest, the USDOT may impose a remedy, including all remedies described in section 15.2(a), before making a final determination of noncompliance under section 15.1(d). If it does so, then the notice provided under section 15.1(d) must also state whether the remedy imposed will continue, be rescinded, or modified.
- (d) In imposing a remedy under this section 15.2 or making a public interest determination under section 15.2(c), the USDOT may elect to consider the interests of only the USDOT.
- (e) The Recipient acknowledges that amounts that the USDOT requires the Recipient to refund to the USDOT due to a remedy under this section 15.2 constitute a debt to the Federal Government that the USDOT may collect under 2 C.F.R. 200.346 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards (31 C.F.R. parts 900–999).

15.3 Other Oversight Entities.

Nothing in this article 15 limits any party's authority to report activity under this agreement to the United States Department of Transportation Inspector General or other appropriate oversight entities.

ARTICLE 16 AGREEMENT TERMINATION

16.1 USDOT Termination.

- (a) The USDOT may terminate this agreement and all its obligations under this agreement if any of the following occurs:
 - (1) the Recipient fails to obtain or provide any non-SS4A Grant contribution (all eligible project costs other than the SS4A Grant Amount, as described in section 3.3(a) of the grant agreement) or alternatives approved by the USDOT as provided in this agreement and consistent with article 3;
 - (2) a construction start date for the project or strategy is listed in section 3.2 and the Recipient fails to meet that milestone by six months after the date listed in section 3.2;

- (3) a substantial completion date for the project or strategy is listed in section 3.2 and the Recipient fails to meet that milestone by six months after the date listed in section 3.2;
 - (4) the Recipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement, including a material failure to comply with the schedule in section 3.2 even if it is beyond the reasonable control of the Recipient; or,
 - (5) the USDOT determines that termination of this agreement is in the public interest.
 - (6) the Recipient fails to expend the funds within 5 years after the date on which the government executes the grant agreement, which is the date funds are provided for the project.
- (b) In terminating this agreement under this section, the USDOT may elect to consider only the interests of the USDOT.
- (c) This section 16.1 does not limit the USDOT's ability to terminate this agreement as a remedy under section 15.2.
- (d) The Recipient may request that the USDOT terminate the agreement under this section 16.1.

16.2 Closeout Termination.

- (a) This agreement terminates on Project Closeout.
- (b) In this agreement, "**Project Closeout**" means the date that the USDOT notifies the Recipient that the award is closed out. Under 2 C.F.R. 200.344, Project Closeout should occur no later than one year after the end of the period of performance.

16.3 Post-Termination Adjustments. The Recipient acknowledges that under 2 C.F.R. 200.345–200.346, termination of the agreement does not extinguish the USDOT's authority to disallow costs, including costs that USDOT reimbursed before termination, and recover funds from the Recipient.

16.4 Non-Terminating Events.

- (a) The end of the period of performance described under section 10.4 does not terminate this agreement or the Recipient's obligations under this agreement.
- (b) The liquidation of funds under section 20.1 does not terminate this agreement or the Recipient's obligations under this agreement.

16.5 Other Remedies. The termination authority under this article 16 supplements and does not limit the USDOT's remedial authority under article 15 or 2 C.F.R. part 200, including 2 C.F.R. 200.339–200.340.

ARTICLE 17
MONITORING, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, CONTROLS, AND RECORDS

17.1 Recipient Monitoring and Record Retention.

- (a) The Recipient shall monitor activities under this award, including activities under subawards and contracts, to ensure:
 - (1) that those activities comply with this agreement; and
 - (2) that funds provided under this award are not expended on costs that are not allowable under this award or not allocable to this award.
- (b) If the Recipient makes a subaward under this award, the Recipient shall monitor the activities of the subrecipient in compliance with 2 C.F.R. 200.332(d).
- (c) The Recipient shall retain records relevant to the award as required under 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

17.2 Financial Records and Audits.

- (a) The Recipient shall keep all project accounts and records that fully disclose the amount and disposition by the Recipient of the award funds, the total cost of the project, and the amount or nature of that portion of the cost of the project supplied by other sources, and any other financial records related to the project.
- (b) The Recipient shall keep accounts and records described under section 17.2(a) in accordance with a financial management system that meets the requirements of 2 C.F.R. 200.301–200.303, 2 C.F.R. part 200, subpart F, and title 23, United States Code, and will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 7501–7506.
- (c) The Recipient shall separately identify expenditures under the fiscal year 2023 SS4A grants program in financial records required for audits under 31 U.S.C. 7501–7506. Specifically, the Recipient shall:
 - (1) list expenditures under that program separately on the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards required under 2 C.F.R. part 200, subpart F, including “FY 2023” in the program name; and
 - (2) list expenditures under that program on a separate row under Part II, Item 1 (“Federal Awards Expended During Fiscal Period”) of Form SF-SAC, including “FY 2023” in column c (“Additional Award Identification”).

17.3 Internal Controls. The Recipient shall establish and maintain internal controls as required under 2 C.F.R. 200.303.

- 17.4 USDOT Record Access.** The USDOT may access Recipient records related to this award under 2 C.F.R. 200.337.

ARTICLE 18 CONTRACTING AND SUBAWARDS

- 18.1 Build America, Buy America.** This award term implements § 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. G, tit. IX, subtitle A, 135 Stat. 429, 1294 (2021) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-22-11, “Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.”

Requirement to Use Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials Produced in the United States.

The Recipient shall not use funds provided under this award for a project for infrastructure unless:

- (1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- (2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product; and
- (3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

Inapplicability.

The domestic content procurement preference in this award term only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

Waivers.

When necessary, the Recipient may apply for, and the USDOT may grant, a waiver from the domestic content procurement preference in this award term.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The USDOT will provide instructions on the waiver process and on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Made in America Office.

When the USDOT has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the USDOT determines that:

- (1) applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
- (3) the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at <https://www.transportation.gov/office-policy/transportation-policy/made-in-america>.

Definitions

“Construction materials” includes an article, material, or supply—other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives—that is or consists primarily of:

- non-ferrous metals;
- plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables);
- glass (including optic glass);
- lumber; or
- drywall.

“Domestic content procurement preference” means all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

“Primarily iron or steel” means that the cost of the iron and steel content in the article, material, or supply exceeds 50 percent of the total cost of all its components. The cost of iron and steel is the cost of the iron or steel mill products (such as bar, billet, slab, wire, plate, or sheet), castings, or forgings utilized in the manufacture of the product and a good faith estimate of the cost of iron

or steel components. The origin of the elements of the iron or steel is not relevant to the determination of whether it is domestic or foreign.

“Project” means the development of a safety action plan (including supplemental and topical plans) or the temporary or permanent construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.

- (a) Construction materials used in the Project are subject to the domestic preference requirement at § 70914 of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. G, tit. IX, subtitle A, 135 Stat. 429, 1294 (2021), as implemented by OMB, USDOT, and FHWA. The Recipient acknowledges that this agreement is neither a waiver of § 70914(a) nor a finding under § 70914(b).
- (b) Under 2 C.F.R. 200.322, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Recipient should, to the greatest extent practicable under this award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. The Recipient shall include the requirements of 2 C.F.R. 200.322 in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

- 18.2 Small and Disadvantaged Business Requirements.** The Recipient shall expend all funds under this award in compliance with the requirements at 2 C.F.R. 200.321 (“Contracting with small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms”).
- 18.3 Engineering and Design Services.** The Recipient shall award each contract or sub-contract for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping, or related services with respect to the project in the same manner that a contract for architectural and engineering services is negotiated under 2 C.F.R. 200.320 or an equivalent qualifications-based requirement prescribed for or by the Recipient.
- 18.4 Foreign Market Restrictions.** The Recipient shall not allow funds provided under this award to be used to fund the use of any product or service of a foreign country during the period in which such foreign country is listed by the United States Trade Representative as denying fair and equitable market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in procurement and construction.
- 18.5 Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.** The Recipient acknowledges that Section 889 of Pub. L. No. 115-232, 2 C.F.R. 200.216 and 2 C.F.R. 200.471 prohibit the Recipient and all subrecipients from procuring or obtaining certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment under this award.

18.6 Recipient Responsibilities for Subawards. If the Recipient makes a subaward under this award, the Recipient shall comply with the requirements on pass-through entities under 2 C.F.R. parts 200 and 1201, including 2 C.F.R. 200.331–200.333.

18.7 Subaward and Contract Authorization.

If the USDOT Office for Subaward and Contract Authorization identified in section 5.1 is “FHWA Office of Acquisition and Grants Management,” then the Recipient shall obtain prior written approval from the USDOT agreement officer for the subaward or contracting out of any new work under this agreement for non-construction awards. This provision is in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308(c)(6) and does not apply to the acquisition of supplies, material, equipment or general support services.

**ARTICLE 19
COSTS, PAYMENTS, AND UNEXPENDED FUNDS**

19.1 Limitation of Federal Award Amount. Under this award, the USDOT shall not provide funding greater than the amount obligated on the SS4A Grant cover page, Item 11, Federal Funds Obligated. The Recipient acknowledges that USDOT is not liable for payments exceeding that amount, and the Recipient shall not request reimbursement of costs exceeding that amount.

19.2 Projects Costs. This award is subject to the cost principles at 2 C.F.R. part 200 subpart E, including provisions on determining allocable costs and determining allowable costs.

19.3 Timing of Project Costs.

- (a) The Recipient shall not charge to this award costs that are incurred after the period of performance.
- (b) The Recipient shall not charge to this award costs that were incurred before the effective date of award of this agreement, unless there has been an approval of pre-award costs under 2 C.F.R. 200.458.

19.4 Recipient Recovery of Federal Funds. The Recipient shall make all reasonable efforts, including initiating litigation, if necessary, to recover Federal funds if the USDOT determines, after consultation with the Recipient, that those funds have been spent fraudulently, wastefully, or in violation of Federal laws, or misused in any manner under this award. The Recipient shall not enter a settlement or other final position, in court or otherwise, involving the recovery of funds under the award unless approved in advance in writing by the USDOT.

19.5 Unexpended Federal Funds. Any Federal funds that are awarded at section 10.1 but not expended on allocable, allowable costs remain the property of the United States.

19.6 Timing of Payments to the Recipient. When reimbursement is used, the Recipient shall not request reimbursement of a cost before the Recipient has entered an obligation for that cost.

19.7 Payment Method. The USDOT may deny a payment request that is not submitted using the method identified in section 5.2.

19.8 Information Supporting Expenditures

(a) If the USDOT Payment System identified in section 5.2 is "DELPHI iSupplier," then when requesting reimbursement of costs incurred or credit for cost share incurred, the Recipient shall electronically submit the SF-270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) or SF-271 (Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs), shall identify the Federal share and the Recipient's share of costs, and shall submit supporting cost detail to clearly document all costs incurred. As supporting cost detail, the Recipient shall include a detailed breakout of all costs incurred, including direct labor, indirect costs, other direct costs, and travel.

(b) If the Recipient submits a request for reimbursement that the USDOT determines does not include or is not supported by sufficient detail, the USDOT may deny the request or withhold processing the request until the Recipient provides sufficient detail.

19.9 Reimbursement Frequency. If the USDOT Payment System identified in section 5.2 is "DELPHI iSupplier," then the Recipient shall not request reimbursement more frequently than monthly.

19.10 Match. The recipient should show on each request for reimbursement that at least 20 percent of the incurred costs will count towards match. If the recipient intends to vary the match percentage over the life of the project, it must communicate its plan to USDOT. The recipient is responsible for tracking match according to the plan. At the completion of the grant award, the cost share requirement must be met, and Federal funds must not exceed the project's Federal share.

ARTICLE 20
LIQUIDATION, ADJUSTMENTS, AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

20.1 Liquidation of Recipient Obligations.

(a) The Recipient shall liquidate all obligations of award funds under this agreement not later than the earlier of (1) 120 days after the end of the period of performance or (2) the statutory availability to eligible entities date, which shall be 5 years after the date on which the grant is provided.

- (b) Liquidation of obligations and adjustment of costs under this agreement follow the requirements of 2 C.F.R. 200.344–200.346.

ARTICLE 21 AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS

21.1 Bilateral Amendments. The parties may amend, modify, or supplement this agreement by mutual agreement in writing signed by the USDOT and the Recipient. Either party may request to amend, modify, or supplement this agreement by written notice to the other party.

21.2 Unilateral Contact Modifications.

- (a) The USDOT may update the contacts who are listed in sections 4.3 by written notice to all of the Recipient contacts who are listed in section 4.1.

21.3 USDOT Unilateral Modifications.

- (a) The USDOT may unilaterally modify this agreement to comply with Federal law, including the Program Statute.
- (b) To unilaterally modify this agreement under this section 21.3(a), the USDOT must provide a notice to the Recipient that includes a description of the modification and state the date that the modification is effective.

21.4 Other Modifications. The parties shall not amend, modify, or supplement this agreement except as permitted under sections 21.1, 21.2, or 21.3. If an amendment, modification, or supplement is not permitted under section 21.1, not permitted under section 21.2, and not permitted under section 21.3, it is void.

ARTICLE 22 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

22.1 Climate Change and Environmental Justice. Consistent with Executive Order 14008, “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (Jan. 27, 2021), Attachment C documents the consideration of climate change and environmental justice impacts of the Project.

ARTICLE 23 RACIAL EQUITY AND BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY

23.1 Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity. Consistent with Executive Order 13985, “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the

Federal Government” (Jan. 20, 2021), Attachment D documents activities related to the Project to improve racial equity and reduce barriers to opportunity.

ARTICLE 24

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

24.1 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards. The Recipient shall comply with the obligations on non-Federal entities under 2 C.F.R. parts 200 and 1201.

24.2 Federal Law and Public Policy Requirements.

- (a) The Recipient shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the United States Constitution, Federal law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.
- (b) The failure of this agreement to expressly identify Federal law applicable to the Recipient or activities under this agreement does not make that law inapplicable.

24.3 Federal Freedom of Information Act.

- (a) The USDOT is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.
- (b) The Recipient acknowledges that the Technical Application and materials submitted to the USDOT by the Recipient related to this agreement may become USDOT records subject to public release under 5 U.S.C. 552.

24.4 History of Performance. Under 2 C.F.R 200.206, any Federal awarding agency may consider the Recipient’s performance under this agreement when evaluating the risks of making a future Federal financial assistance award to the Recipient.

24.5 Whistleblower Protection.

- (a) The Recipient acknowledges that it is a “grantee” within the scope of 41 U.S.C. 4712, which prohibits the Recipient from taking certain actions against an employee for certain disclosures of information that the employee reasonably believes are evidence of gross mismanagement of this award, gross waste of Federal funds, or a violation of Federal law related this this award.
- (b) The Recipient shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under 41 U.S.C. 4712, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

24.6 External Award Terms and Obligations.

- (a) In addition to this document and the contents described in article 29, this agreement includes the following additional terms as integral parts:

- (1) Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. part 25: System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements;
- (2) Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. part 170: Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation;
- (3) 2 C.F.R. 175.15(b): Trafficking in Persons; and
- (4) Appendix XII to 2 C.F.R. part 200: Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

(b) The Recipient shall comply with:

- (1) 49 C.F.R. part 20: New Restrictions on Lobbying;
- (2) 49 C.F.R. part 21: Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- (3) 49 C.F.R. part 27: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance; and
- (4) Subpart B of 49 C.F.R. part 32: Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace (Financial Assistance).

24.7 Incorporated Certifications. The Recipient makes the statements in the following certifications, which are incorporated by reference:

- (1) Appendix A to 49 C.F.R. part 20 (Certification Regarding Lobbying).

ARTICLE 25 ASSIGNMENT

25.1 Assignment Prohibited. The Recipient shall not transfer to any other entity any discretion granted under this agreement, any right to satisfy a condition under this agreement, any remedy under this agreement, or any obligation imposed under this agreement.

ARTICLE 26 WAIVER

26.1 Waivers.

- (a) A waiver granted by USDOT under this agreement will not be effective unless it is in writing and signed by an authorized representative of USDOT.

- (b) A waiver granted by USDOT under this agreement on one occasion will not operate as a waiver on other occasions.
- (c) If USDOT fails to require strict performance of a provision of this agreement, fails to exercise a remedy for a breach of this agreement, or fails to reject a payment during a breach of this agreement, that failure does not constitute a waiver of that provision or breach.

ARTICLE 27

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

27.1 Effect of Planning and Demonstration or Implementation Award. Based on information that the Recipient provided to the USDOT, including the Grant Application, as indicated in section 2.5, this agreement designates this award as a Planning and Demonstration award or an Implementation award, as defined in the NOFO. The Recipient shall comply with the requirements that accompany that designation as listed in the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Safe Streets and Roads for All.

27.2 Disclaimer of Federal Liability. The USDOT shall not be responsible or liable for any damage to property or any injury to persons that may arise from, or be incident to, performance or compliance with this agreement.

27.3 Environmental Review

(a) In this section, “**Environmental Review Entity**” means:

(1) if the Project is located in a State that has assumed responsibilities for environmental review activities under 23 U.S.C. 326 or 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Project is within the scope of the assumed responsibilities, the State; and

(2) for all other cases, the FHWA.

(b) Except as authorized under section 27.3(c), the Recipient shall not begin final design; acquire real property, construction materials, or equipment; begin construction; or take other actions that represent an irretrievable commitment of resources for the Project unless and until:

(1) the Environmental Review Entity complies with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 to 4370m-12, and any other applicable environmental laws and regulations; and

(2) if the Environmental Review Entity is not the Recipient, the Environmental Review Entity provides the Recipient with written notice that the environmental review process is complete.

- (c) If the Recipient is using procedures for early acquisition of real property under 23 C.F.R. 710.501 or hardship and protective acquisitions of real property 23 C.F.R. 710.503, the Recipient shall comply with 23 C.F.R. 771.113(d)(1).
- (d) The Recipient acknowledges that:
 - (1) the Environmental Review Entity's actions under section 27.3(a) depend on the Recipient conducting necessary environmental analyses and submitting necessary documents to the Environmental Review Entity; and
 - (2) applicable environmental statutes and regulation may require the Recipient to prepare and submit documents to other Federal, State, and local agencies.
- (e) Consistent with 23 C.F.R. 771.105(a), to the extent practicable and consistent with Federal law, the Recipient shall coordinate all environmental investigations, reviews, and consultations as a single process.
- (f) The activities described in this agreement may inform environmental decision-making processes, but the parties do not intend this agreement to document the alternatives under consideration under those processes. If a build alternative is selected that does not align information in this agreement, then:
 - (1) the parties may amend this agreement under section 21.1 for consistency with the selected build alternative; or
 - (2) if the USDOT determines that the condition at section 16.1(a)(5) is satisfied, the USDOT may terminate this agreement under section 16.1(a)(5).
- (g) The Recipient shall complete any mitigation activities described in the environmental document or documents for the Project, including the terms and conditions contained in the required permits and authorizations for the Project.

27.4 Railroad Coordination. If the agreement includes one or more milestones identified as a "Railroad Coordination Agreement," then for each of those milestones, the Recipient shall enter a standard written railroad coordination agreement, consistent with 23 C.F.R. 646.216(d), no later than the deadline date identified for that milestone, with the identified railroad for work and operation within that railroad's right-of-way.

27.5 Relocation and Real Property Acquisition.

- (a) The Recipient shall comply with the land acquisition policies in 49 C.F.R. part 24 subpart B and shall pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in that subpart.
- (b) The Recipient shall provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in 49 C.F.R. part 24 subpart C and shall provide reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in 49 C.F.R. part 24 subparts D–E.

- (c) The Recipient shall make available to displaced persons, within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 24 subpart E.

27.6 Equipment Disposition.

- (a) In accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.313 and 1201.313, if the Recipient or a subrecipient acquires equipment under this award, then when that equipment is no longer needed for the Project that entity shall request disposition instructions from the FHWA.
- (b) In accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.443(d), the distribution of the proceeds from the disposition of equipment must be made in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.313–200.316 and 2 C.F.R. 1201.313.
- (c) The Recipient shall ensure compliance with this section (27.6) for all tiers of subawards under this award.

ARTICLE 28 MANDATORY AWARD INFORMATION

28.1 Information Contained in a Federal Award. For 2 C.F.R. 200.211:

- (1) the “Federal Award Date” is the date of this agreement, as defined under section 30.2;
- (2) the “Assistance Listings Number” is 20.939 and the “Assistance Listings Title” is “Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program”; and
- (3) this award is not for research and development.

ARTICLE 29 CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

29.1 Attachments. This agreement includes the following attachments as integral parts unless Attachments F is not required for certain SS4A Grants:

Attachment A	Performance Measurement Information
Attachment B	Changes from Application
Attachment C	Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity
Attachment D	Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts
Attachment E	Labor and Workforce
Attachment F	Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience

29.2 Exhibits. The following exhibits, which are in the document titled “Exhibits to FHWA Grant Agreements Under the Fiscal Year 2023 SS4A Grant Program”, dated January 4,

2024, and available at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/grant-agreements>, are part of this agreement.

Exhibit A	Applicable Federal Laws and Regulations
Exhibit B	Additional Standard Terms
Exhibit C	Quarterly Performance Progress Reports: Format and Content
Exhibit D	Form for Subsequent Obligation of Funds

29.3 Construction. If a provision in the exhibits or the attachments conflicts with a provision in articles 1–30, then the provision in articles 1–30 prevails. If a provision in the attachments conflicts with a provision in the exhibits, then the provision in the attachments prevails.

29.4 Integration. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the SS4A grant program and awards under that program and supersedes any previous agreements, oral or written, relating to the SS4A grant program and awards under that program.

29.5 Definitions. In this agreement, the following definitions apply:

“**Program Statute**” means the BIL section 24112 and statutory text under the heading “Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants” in title I of division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (November 15, 2021), and all other provisions of that act that apply to amounts appropriated under that heading.

“**Project**” means the project proposed in the Grant Application, as modified by the negotiated provisions of this agreement.

“**SS4A Grant**” means an award of funds that were made available under the SS4A NOFO.

“**Grant Application**” means the application identified in section 2.1, including Standard Form 424 and all information and attachments submitted with that form through Grants.gov.

ARTICLE 30

AGREEMENT EXECUTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

30.1 Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, which constitute one document. The parties intend each countersigned original to have identical legal effect.

30.2 Effective Date. The agreement will become effective when all parties have signed it. The effective date of this agreement will be the date this agreement is signed by the last party to sign it. This instrument constitutes a SS4A Grant when the USDOT’s authorized representative signs it.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**EXHIBITS TO FHWA GRANT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT
PROGRAM**

January 4, 2024

EXHIBIT A

APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

By entering into this agreement for a FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant, the Recipient assures and certifies, with respect to this Grant, that it will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of Federal funds for this Project. Performance under this agreement shall be governed by and in compliance with the following requirements, as applicable, to the type of organization of the Recipient and any applicable sub-recipients. The applicable provisions to this agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

General Federal Legislation

- a. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act – 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.
- b. Hatch Act – 5 U.S.C. 1501, et seq.
- c. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 – 42 U.S.C. 4601, et seq.
- d. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Section 106 – 54 U.S.C. 306108
- e. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 – 54 U.S.C. 312501, et seq.
- f. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act – 25 U.S.C. 3001, et seq.
- g. Clean Air Act, P.L. 90-148, as amended – 42 U.S.C. 7401, et seq.
- h. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended – 33 U.S.C. 1344
- i. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, P.L. 93-205, as amended – 16 U.S.C. 1536
- j. Coastal Zone Management Act, P.L. 92-583, as amended – 16 U.S.C. 1451, et seq.
- k. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 - Section 102(a) – 42 U.S.C. 4012a
- l. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 – 42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.
- m. American Indian Religious Freedom Act, P.L. 95-341, as amended
- n. Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended – 21 U.S.C. 1101, et seq.
- o. The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, P.L. 91-616, as amended – 42 U.S.C. 4541, et seq.
- p. Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended – 42 U.S.C. 290dd through 290dd-2
- q. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 – 42 U.S.C. 4151, et seq.
- r. Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, P.L. 100-42 - Section 403 – 42 U.S.C. 8373
- s. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act – 40 U.S.C. 3701, et seq.
- t. Copeland Anti-kickback Act, as amended – 18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 3145
- u. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 – 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.
- v. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, as amended – 16 U.S.C. 1271, et seq.
- w. Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended – 33 U.S.C. 1251-1376
- x. Single Audit Act of 1984 – 31 U.S.C. 7501, et seq.
- y. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 – 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.
- z. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended – 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683 and 1685 through 1687
- aa. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended – 29 U.S.C. 794
- bb. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – 42 U.S.C. 2000d, et seq.
- cc. Title IX of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 – 40 U.S.C.

- 1101 -1104, 541, et seq.
- dd. Limitation on Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions – 31 U.S.C. 1352
 - ee. Freedom of Information Act – 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended
 - ff. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – 16 U.S.C. 1855
 - gg. Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 – 7 U.S.C. 4201, et seq.
 - hh. Noise Control Act of 1972 – 42 U.S.C. 4901, et seq.
 - ii. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956 – 16 U.S.C. 661, et seq.
 - jj. Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and the General Bridge Act of 1946 – 33 U.S.C. 401 and 525
 - kk. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 – 49 U.S.C. 303
 - ll. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended – 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq.
 - mm. Safe Drinking Water Act – 42 U.S.C. 300f to 300j-26
 - nn. Wilderness Act – 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136
 - oo. Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 – 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.
 - pp. Migratory Bird Treaty Act – 16 U.S.C. 703, et seq.
 - qq. The Federal Funding Transparency and Accountability Act of 2006, as amended (Pub. L. 109–282, as amended by section 6202 of Public Law 110–252)
 - rr. Cargo Preference Act of 1954 – 46 U.S.C. 55305
 - ss. Section 889 of the John D. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. 115-232

Executive Orders

- a. Executive Order 11246 – Equal Employment Opportunity
- b. Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands
- c. Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management
- d. Executive Order 12372 – Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs
- e. Executive Order 12549 – Debarment and Suspension
- f. Executive Order 12898 – Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
- g. Executive Order 13166 – Improving Access to Services for Persons With Limited English Proficiency
- h. Executive Order 13985 – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- i. Executive Order 14005 – Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America’s Workers
- j. Executive Order 14008 – Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- k. Executive Order 14025 – Worker Organizing and Empowerment
- l. Executive Order 14052 – Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Presidential Policy Directives and Memorandums

- a. Presidential Policy Directive 21 – Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
- b. National Security Presidential Memorandum on Improving Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Systems

General Federal Regulations

- a. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards – 2 C.F.R. Parts 200, 1201
- b. Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment – 2 C.F.R. Parts 180, 1200
- c. Investigative and Enforcement Procedures – 14 C.F.R. Part 13
- d. Procedures for predetermination of wage rates – 29 C.F.R. Part 1
- e. Contractors and subcontractors on public building or public work financed in whole or part by loans or grants from the United States – 29 C.F.R. Part 3
- f. Labor standards provisions applicable to contracts governing federally financed and assisted construction (also labor standards provisions applicable to non-construction contracts subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act) – 29 C.F.R. Part 5
- g. Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor (Federal and federally assisted contracting requirements) – 41 C.F.R. Parts 60, et seq.
- h. New Restrictions on Lobbying – 49 C.F.R. Part 20
- i. Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – 49 C.F.R. Part 21
- j. Uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition for Federal and Federally assisted programs – 49 C.F.R. Part 24
- k. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance – 49 C.F.R. Part 25
- l. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance – 49 C.F.R. Part 27
- m. DOT's implementation of DOJ's ADA Title II regulations compliance procedures for all programs, services, and regulatory activities relating to transportation under 28 C.F.R. Part 35
- n. Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Department of Transportation – 49 C.F.R. Part 28
- o. Denial of public works contracts to suppliers of goods and services of countries that deny procurement market access to U.S. contractors – 49 C.F.R. Part 30
- p. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance) – 49 C.F.R. Part 32
- q. DOT's implementing ADA regulations for transit services and transit vehicles, including the DOT's standards for accessible transportation facilities in Part 37, Appendix A – 49 C.F.R. Parts 37 and 38
- r. Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs – 49 C.F.R. Part 26 (as applicable under section 18.3 of this agreement)

Office of Management and Budget Circulars

- a. Any applicable OMB Circular based upon the specific FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Recipient.

Highway Federal Legislation

- a. Agreements relating to the use of an access to rights-of-way—Interstate System, 23 U.S.C. 111
- b. Planning, 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 (except for projects that are not regionally significant that do not receive funding under Title 23 or Chapter 53 of Title 49)
- c. Tolls, 23 U.S.C. 301 (to the extent the recipient wishes to toll an existing free facility that has received Title 23 funds in the past); except as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 129 and 166.
- d. Efficient Environmental Reviews - 23 U.S.C. 139
- e. Policy on lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites - 49 U.S.C. 303

Federal Highway Regulations

- a. Planning – 23 C.F.R. Part 450 (except for projects that are not regionally significant that do not receive funding under Title 23 or Chapter 53 of Title 49)
- b. National Highway System Design Standards – 23 C.F.R. Part 625
- c. Location and Hydraulic Design of Encroachments on Flood Plains – 23 C.F.R. Part 650 Subpart A
- d. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – 23 C.F.R. Part 655
- e. Environmental Impact and Related Procedures – 23 C.F.R. Part 771
- f. Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites (Section 4(f)) – 23 C.F.R. Part 774
- g. Permitting Requirements under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System – 40 C.F.R. Part 122

Specific assurances required to be included in the FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant agreement by any of the above laws, regulations, or circulars are hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement.

EXHIBIT B
ADDITIONAL STANDARD TERMS

TERM B.1
TITLE VI ASSURANCE
(Implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended)

**ASSURANCE CONCERNING NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RECEIVING OR BENEFITING FROM FEDERAL
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

(Implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans With Disabilities
Act, as amended)

49 C.F.R. Parts 21, 25, 27, 37, and 38

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances

DOT Order No. 1050.2A

By signing and submitting the Technical Application and by entering into this agreement under the FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, the Recipient **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), it is subject to and will comply with the following:

Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled *Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the “Acts” and “Regulations,” respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity,” for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the FHWA.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted FY 2023 SS4A grant program:

1. The Recipient agrees that each “activity,” “facility,” or “program,” as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an “activity”) facilitated, or will be (with regard to a “facility”) operated, or will be (with regard to a “program”) conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.
2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with the FY 2023 SS4A Grant and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

“The Recipient, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
 - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
 - b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the Recipient also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the FHWA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the FHWA. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to FHWA, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The Recipient gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the FY 2023 SS4A grant program. This ASSURANCE is binding on the Recipient, other recipients, sub-recipients, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the FY 2023 SS4A grant program.

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 C.F.R. Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant

thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Specific Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the Recipient will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-103 (Mar. 15, 2022), 49 U.S.C. § 6702, the Regulations for the Administration of FY 2023 SS4A grant program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the Recipient all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto Recipient and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the Recipient, its successors and assigns.

The Recipient, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the Recipient will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient pursuant to the provisions of Specific Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (Recipient, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add “as a covenant running with the land”] that:
 - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (Recipient, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, Recipient will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the Recipient will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the Recipient and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by Recipient pursuant to the provisions of Specific Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (Recipient, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (Recipient, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, Recipient will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, Recipient will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of Recipient and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 C.F.R. Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 C.F.R. Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. Parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*).

TERM B.2
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS -- PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200

These assurances and certifications are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200.

By signing and submitting the Technical Application and by entering into this agreement under the FY 2023SS4A grant program, the Recipient is providing the assurances and certifications for First Tier Participants and Lower Tier Participants in the FY 2023 SS4A Grant, as set out below.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

- a. The prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.
- c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.
- d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- e. The terms "covered transaction," "civil judgment," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a Recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a Recipient or subrecipient of

Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers to any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment, including a civil settlement, rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200)

a. The prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneously by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "civil settlement," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a Recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a Recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered

transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Participants:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

TERM B.3
REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DELINQUENT TAX LIABILITY OR A FELONY
CONVICTION UNDER ANY FEDERAL LAW

As required by sections 744 and 745 of Title VII, Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-328 (Dec. 29, 2022), and implemented through USDOT Order 4200.6, the funds provided under this award shall not be used to enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to, any corporation that:

- (1) Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless a Federal agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or
- (2) Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless a Federal agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

The Recipient therefore agrees:

1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this exhibit, the following definitions apply:

“Covered Transaction” means a transaction that uses any funds under this award and that is a contract, memorandum of understanding, cooperative agreement, grant, loan, or loan guarantee.

“Felony Conviction” means a conviction within the preceding 24 months of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law and includes conviction of an offense defined in a section of the United States Code that specifically classifies the offense as a felony and conviction of an offense that is classified as a felony under 18 U.S.C. 3559.

“Participant” means the Recipient, an entity who submits a proposal for a Covered Transaction, or an entity who enters into a Covered Transaction.

“Tax Delinquency” means an unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

2. **Mandatory Check in the System for Award Management.** Before entering a Covered Transaction with another entity, a Participant shall check the System for Award Management (the "SAM") at <http://www.sam.gov/> for an entry describing that entity.
3. **Mandatory Certifications.** Before entering a Covered Transaction with another entity, a Participant shall require that entity to:
 - (1) Certify whether the entity has a Tax Delinquency; and
 - (2) Certify whether the entity has a Felony Conviction.
4. **Prohibition.** If
 - (1) the SAM entry for an entity indicates that the entity has a Tax Delinquency or a Federal Conviction;
 - (2) an entity provides an affirmative response to either certification in section 3; or
 - (3) an entity's certification under section 3 was inaccurate when made or became inaccurate after being madethen a Participant shall not enter or continue a Covered Transaction with that entity unless the USDOT has determined in writing that suspension or debarment of that entity are not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.
5. **Mandatory Notice to the USDOT.**
 - (a) If the SAM entry for a Participant indicates that the Participant has a Tax Delinquency or a Felony Conviction, the Recipient shall notify the USDOT in writing of that entry.
 - (b) If a Participant provides an affirmative response to either certification in section 1, the Recipient shall notify the USDOT in writing of that affirmative response.
 - (c) If the Recipient knows that a Participant's certification under section 1 was inaccurate when made or became inaccurate after being made, the Recipient shall notify the USDOT in writing of that inaccuracy.
6. **Flow Down.** For all Covered Transactions, including all tiers of subcontracts and subawards, the Recipient shall:
 - (1) require the SAM check in section 2;
 - (2) require the certifications in section 3;
 - (3) include the prohibition in section 4; and

- (4) require all Participants to notify the Recipient in writing of any information that would require the Recipient to notify the USDOT under section 5.

TERM B.4
RECIPIENT POLICY TO BAN TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

(a) *Definitions.* The following definitions are intended to be consistent with the definitions in DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving (Dec. 30, 2009) and Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving (Oct. 1, 2009). For clarification purposes, they may expand upon the definitions in the executive order.

For the purpose of this Term B.4, “**Motor Vehicles**” means any vehicle, self-propelled or drawn by mechanical power, designed and operated principally for use on a local, State or Federal roadway, but does not include a military design motor vehicle or any other vehicle excluded under Federal Management Regulation 102-34-15.

For the purpose of this Term B.4, “**Driving**” means operating a motor vehicle on a roadway, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic congestion, a traffic signal, a stop sign, another traffic control device, or otherwise. It does not include being in your vehicle (with or without the motor running) in a location off the roadway where it is safe and legal to remain stationary.

For the purpose of this Term B.4, “**Text messaging**” means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device (including, but not limited to, cell phones, navigational tools, laptop computers, or other electronic devices), including for the purpose of Short Message Service (SMS) texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication. The term does not include the use of a cell phone or other electronic device for the limited purpose of entering a telephone number to make an outgoing call or answer an incoming call, unless this practice is prohibited by State or local law. The term also does not include glancing at or listening to a navigational device that is secured in a commercially designed holder affixed to the vehicle, provided that the destination and route are programmed into the device either before driving or while stopped in a location off the roadway where it is safe and legal to remain stationary.

For the purpose of this Term B.4, the “**Government**” includes the United States Government and State, local, and tribal governments at all levels.

(b) *Workplace Safety.* In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving (Oct. 1, 2009) and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving (Dec. 30, 2009), the Recipient, subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors are encouraged to:

- (1) adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers including policies to ban text messaging while driving—
 - (i) Company-owned or -rented vehicles or Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles; or
 - (ii) Privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.

(2) Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as—

(i) Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and

(ii) Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

(c) *Subawards and Contracts.* To the extent permitted by law, the Recipient shall insert the substance of this exhibit, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards, contracts, and subcontracts under this award that exceed the micro-purchase threshold, other than contracts and subcontracts for the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.

EXHIBIT C
QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORTS:
FORMAT AND CONTENT

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Quarterly Performance Progress Reports under this agreement for the FY 2023 SS4A grant program is to ensure that the project scope, schedule, and budget will be maintained to the maximum extent possible.

2. **Format and Content.** The Recipient shall produce a quarterly cost, schedule, and status report that contains the sections enumerated in the following list. The first Quarterly Performance Progress Report should include a detailed description of the items funded.

(a) **Project Information.** This section provides the name of the project, the State, the federal agency to which the report is submitted, submission date, award number, name of the recipient, report year and quarter and NOFO funding year.

(b) **Project Overall Status.** This section provides an overall status of the project's scope, schedule and budget. The Recipient shall note and explain any significant activities and issues, action items and outstanding issues.

i. **Project Significant Activities and Issues.** This section provides highlights of key activities, accomplishments, and issues occurring on the project during the previous quarter. Activities and deliverables to be reported on should include meetings, audits and other reviews, design packages submitted, advertisements, awards, construction submittals, construction completion milestones, submittals related to any applicable BIL or NOFO requirements, media or Congressional inquiries, value engineering/constructability reviews, and other items of significance.

ii. **Action Items/Outstanding Issues.** This section should draw attention to, and track the progress of, highly significant or sensitive issues requiring action and direction to resolve. The Recipient should include administrative items and outstanding issues that could have a significant or adverse effect on the project's scope, schedule, or budget. Status, responsible person(s), and due dates should be included for each action item/outstanding issue. Action items requiring action or direction should be included in the quarterly status meeting agenda. The action items/outstanding issues may be dropped from this section upon full implementation of the remedial action, and upon no further monitoring anticipated.

(c) **Milestones.** This section documents progress of the milestones outlined in Section 3.2. The Recipient should include the baseline date (when the project is projected to begin) of each milestone, amendments to those dates (if applicable) and the actual/expected date of completion. There are Milestone charts for action plans, supplemental planning activities, demonstration activity projects and implementation (both construction and non-construction) projects.

EXHIBIT D
FORM FOR SUBSEQUENT OBLIGATION OF FUNDS

The USDOT and **[recipient name]** entered a grant agreement for the **[project name]** that was executed by the USDOT on **[date of USDOT signature on original agreement]** (the “Agreement”).

This instrument obligates **[\$XXX]** for **[insert portion of project listed in the Agreement]**.

[Recipient name] states that:

- (1) the Agreement accurately describe the Project’s activities;
- (2) for each completion date listed in the Agreement, the Recipient’s estimate for that milestone is not more than six months after the date listed in the Agreement;
- (3) comparing the Project’s current budget with the amounts listed in the Agreement, the “Non-Federal Funds” amount has not decreased and the total eligible project costs amount has not decreased; and
- (4) under the terms of article 21 of the General Terms and Conditions, the Recipient is not presently required to request a modification to the Agreement.

[Recipient name] acknowledges that USDOT is acting in reliance on the Recipient’s statements above.

_____	By:	_____
Date		Signature of Recipient’s Authorized Representative
		[insert name]

		Name
		[insert title]

		Title

The USDOT has determined that all applicable Federal requirements for obligating these funds are satisfied.

_____	By: _____
Date	Signature of USDOT's Authorized Representative
	[insert name]

	Name
	[insert title]

	Title