

RESOLUTION NO. 048-22R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY-WIDE MOBILITY ACTION PLAN; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years and in fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available for funding regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant is setup up to award projects supporting the planning, infrastructure, behavioral and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2020, Erie Regional Planning Commission finalized a county-wide planning effort that concluded the Road Safety Plan that supported the state-wide initiative Toward Zero Deaths and if awarded this grant, the City would progress the findings and recommendations in this document through a public engagement process that could include intersection improvements, GIS database development of contributing safety factors, conceptual development of multiple projects, and railroad coordination particularly at underpasses and Edgewater and Monroe at-grade crossings that would deliver a city-wide Mobility Action Plan that can include all of our long-existing and newer forms of transportation alternatives to help guide Sandusky to a safer multi-modal future; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$160,000.00 and the matching share is \$40,000.00 which will be budgeted with Capital Projects Funds for the applicable year; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to submit the application to the U.S. Department of Transportation prior to the deadline of September 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this

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Resolution be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file a grant application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the U.S. Department of Transportation for financial assistance through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for the development of a City-wide Mobility Action Plan and to execute any contracts or agreements on behalf of the City and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: _____
CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: September 12, 2022