

RESOLUTION NO. 31291

A RESOLUTION TO JOINTLY APPLY WITH CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AS LEAD APPLICANT, TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT TO DEVELOP A METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has enacted rules and regulations regarding performance-based planning as reflected in Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) Section 134 and the setting of targets for federally-mandated measures, more specific to this resolution the five legislated for safety, for Transportation Performance Management (TPM) required of states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) as reflected in Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 490; and

WHEREAS, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization (CHCNGA TPO) is the area's designated MPO; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga is a designated member of the CHCNGA TPO's Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Chattanooga coordinate closely with TPO staff on data and information surrounding the Transportation Performance Management process for the five safety performance measures and serve on the TPO's established Safety Committee to plan for improved outcomes associated with these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga has a desire to more comprehensively address safety needs at specific locations and take advantage of potential opportunities for improved safety solutions and prioritization of projects to work towards the nation's vision zero deaths on America's roadway system which falls within the TPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, Congress and the current United States President have passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and more specifically to transportation authorization under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law making available, for the first time, funding for Safe Streets for All (SS4A), a discretionary competitive grant program dedicated to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the nation's roadways; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made available to local governments and regional entities so as to ensure a direct pipeline of these funds and the expedited advancement of project delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga understands the magnitude of this opportunity and welcomes such an opportunity to assist the TPO in the creation of a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive Safety Action Plan including support of specific policies associated with Vision Zero and commitment to implement priority project recommendations within the City of Chattanooga boundary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chattanooga City Council approves joint application and anticipated policy commitment(s), if awarded, for a Metropolitan Planning Area Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

ADOPTED: September 6, 2022

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