

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2022

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Eugene, Public Works Engineering

Subject: MPC 3.a: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program Grant Application Letter of Support

The City of Eugene is applying for the [U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program \(SS4A\)](#) implementation grant funding for safety improvements on River Road. The purpose of this funding is to solicit applications to support 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.

The scope of the grant application will include adding **On-Street protected bike lanes, enhanced crossings, and infilling streetlighting gaps** by installing new and upgrading the existing streetlights to LED. The proposed enhancements will extend from Kourt Drive to Fir Lane on River Road. For Implementation Grants, the USDOT expects the minimum award to be \$5,000,000 and the maximum to be \$30,000,000.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) strongly supported the City of Eugene's SS4A grant application by providing a letter of support. Central Lane MPO has also consistently encouraged infrastructure, traffic congestion, and safety improvements on River Road. River Road corridor improvements are also identified as some of the priority investment projects in Central Lane MPO's *Regional Transportation Plan 2045*. Supporting member agency's multimodal activities help bring the Central Lane MPO's goals to fruition.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff requests the approval of a letter of support for the City of Eugene for the FY22 Safe and Active Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application.