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Date October 20, 2025

**APPROVING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(USDOT) SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 2021, established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5,000,000,000 in appropriated funds over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the SS4A Program are awarded on a competitive basis for regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has conducted detailed analyses of traffic crashes reported in the years from 2017 to 2021 to identify street corridors on the High-Injury Network (HIN) that have high levels of fatal and severe injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has developed a Transportation Safety Action Plan that subscribes to principles and approaches with the objective to reduce fatal and severe injuries in the City to zero by 2040, which Plan satisfies many of the selection criteria for an implementation grant and aligns well with the SS4A's priorities on several points; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Engineering Department prepared a grant application to implement safety-related improvements identified on the City's High-Injury Network (HIN) with the following street projects (collectively "Project"):

- (1) Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway Corridor from Cottage Grove to Washington Ave.
- (2) 19th Street Corridor from Cottage Grove Avenue to Washington Avenue,
- (3) Forest Avenue Corridor from Beaver Avenue to 9th Street
- (4) Speed Feedback Signs in HIN School Zones and Reflective Backplates at Signalized Intersections on HIN
- (5) SE 14th Street (U.S. 69) from Des Moines River to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway; and

WHEREAS, total project costs for the Projects are estimated to be \$16,700,000; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified by the USDOT that it had been awarded an SS4A Grant in the amount of \$13,000,000, to be applied toward the Project costs; and



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WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that the City Council approve the grant agreement for the SS4A discretionary program; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer further recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the grant agreement upon receipt of the final grant agreement from the USDOT and completion of Legal Department review as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to finalize and execute said SS4A grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation, described above, on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

(Council Letter Number 25-395 attached)

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman

FORM APPROVED: /s/ Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank
Deputy City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk