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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: N. Monroe Street Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write on behalf of the Betton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) to express our full support for the North Monroe Street Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant application in Tallahassee Florida. The North Monroe Street Corridor (the Corridor) encompasses seven miles connecting the urban core of Tallahassee to the rural areas to the north, via I-10. The North Monroe Street Corridor is a critical part of the Capital Region, providing direct interstate access into the Tallahassee Downtown area and operating as a significant freight, commuting, and tourism route. The Capital City is the regional hub for employment, education, and essential services. This route provides the connection to jobs, Florida State University and Florida A&M University, health services, and to the state legislative activities. As a major gateway to Tallahassee, the safety of this corridor in our transportation network is essential for all residing and working in Tallahassee.

It is our understanding and experience that the Corridor has consistently high traffic volumes and has been identified as part of the region's High Injury Network, with multiple intersections and roadway segments showing crash rates above the state average. Over the last 5 years, 10 fatalities occurred along the Corridor. Of these fatalities, 1 was a cyclist and 7 were pedestrians, highlighting the need for improved multimodal features in our transportation infrastructure. The Corridor has significant network gaps and crash clustering, and this project is critical for connecting pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The documented safety concerns along the Corridor have prompted a coordinated response for corridor improvements from multiple public agencies, including the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency. This multi-agency effort has conducted extensive community and neighborhood outreach over the years, highlighting a strong community desire for a safer and improved multimodal corridor.

By funding capital improvements designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries from traffic crashes, the grant will close infrastructure gaps and significantly enhance safety for all users. Given the importance of the Corridor to the regional and state economic vitality and multimodal mobility, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of this project and award of SS4A grant funds. Thank you for your attention to this important project.

Best regards,

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