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The Honorable Sean P. Duffy US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

## Subject: Letter of Support for the City of South San Francisco Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Grant

Honorable Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the South San Francisco Traffic Safety Commission, I would like to express my support for the City of South San Francisco's (SSF) application to supplement its Vision Zero Action Plan through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. These funds would support SSF's efforts to better understand and address safety concerns, improve safe connections, and take a more proactive approach to transportation safety in our community. As the City and community develops its Vision Zero Action Plan, the requested Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Funds will help accelerate safety improvements and generate enthusiasm through quick, visible wins.

The City of South San Francisco faces a pressing and urgent need to provide enhanced safety improvements for our street users – an average of <u>2.6 people are killed</u> per year in SSF, and many more are injured in ways that can be profoundly life-altering. The proposed projects are targeted efforts to work towards zero fatalities and serious injuries. Unsafe vehicle speeds are the leading cause of fatal and severe injury collisions in SSF and are a key focus for the safety action planning process. The proposed speed management plan and speed limit assessment are critical steps to lowering vehicle speeds in the city.

Additionally, the city's street network serves a diverse range of users, and the City has a critical need to provide safe, multimodal connections to schools, parks, and other key community destinations. The proposed demonstration projects enable the City to prioritize key safety-need corridors and pilot interventions that will specifically address their primary safety challenges. The project seeks to study, evaluate, and implement responsive and proactive countermeasures which leverage low-cost improvements and emerging technologies. Findings from the pilot will guide the design of future projects and contribute to the development of a more responsive and effective engineering toolbox for the City to use and implement.

The supplemental planning and demonstration activities represent the next generation of safety planning for South San Francisco. I commend the City's motivation to address safety concerns for

all community members, residents, and visitors by providing better mobility options and opportunities to all.

Best,

-Signed by: Hermes Monzon Hermes Monzon, Chair South San Francisco Traffic Safety Commission