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Date: 11/19/2024

To: Common Council

From: Alexandra Andros, AICP, MPO Director

RE: Authorizing City of Madison, on behalf of the Greater Madison MPO, to execute a grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for up to \$1.25 million for the Greater Madison MPO Regional Safe Streets - Community Safety Enhancement Partnership project; amending the 2025 adopted operating budget to accept \$1.0 million in grant funding from the USDOT; authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement; and, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign sub agreements with participating local agencies. ***Leg File 86176.***

The Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been awarded \$1 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to enhance safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians throughout Dane County. This regional project is important for the City of Madison because it complements the City's ongoing dedication and investment in improving roadway safety and encouraging active transportation.

This grant builds on the MPO's Regional Safety Action Plan, adopted earlier this year, which outlines strategies to achieve the organization's goal of zero roadway fatalities and injuries by 2040. By focusing on safety improvements in areas with diverse transportation needs, this funding brings the MPO and Madison region one step closer to a safer, more connected transportation network.

This funding will assist the City of Fitchburg, the Village of Shorewood Hills, and Dane County in creating targeted safety action plans. Additionally, it will support the Village of Cottage Grove's Active Transportation Plan and the City of Verona's Safe Routes to School Plan—each a critical step towards making local roadways, sidewalks, and bike paths safer for all residents.

Each community partner is responsible for producing their plans and for providing their local match. The City of Madison does not provide any matching funds toward this project. The City, on behalf of the MPO, will retain funds for grant administration related tasks conducted on behalf of the participating local partners.