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Memorandum 22-140

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: August 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting a Regional Application to the Federal Safe Streets For All Program to Develop a Kenai Peninsula Borough-wide Safety Action Plan.

- I. **Issue:** Request for City support of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's application for a Safety Action Plan Grant, with the City of Homer included as a joint applicant.
- II. **Background:** The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) is a Federal IIJA grant program focused on roadway safety with the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. Two types of SS4A grants are available: 1) Safety Action Plan Grants; and 2) Implementation Grants.

A Safety Action Plan identifies roadway safety issues and prioritizes strategies, design and development activities to improve roadway safety and eliminate fatalities and injuries for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. SS4A Implementation grants are awarded for the purpose of developing projects and carrying out strategies identified in the Safety Action Plan. Implementation grants require that a community have a Safety Action Plan in place.

Homer does not have a Safety Action Plan that meets the requirements of the SS4A program and there is no Regional Plan. After discussions with Kinney Engineering and the Public Works Director, the scope of the Master Transportation Plan does not include components of a safety action plan.

The SS4A program encourages multi-jurisdictional applications; regional applications are more competitive under the program. As the regional government, the KPB has agreed to apply as the lead applicant, with participating municipalities included as joint applicants. Upon adoption of an Action Plan, the cities and borough would be eligible to apply for SS4A implementation grants in future funding cycles.

If successful, it is anticipated that a memorandum of agreement would be signed between the Borough and municipalities to refine the project scope, cost and timing. The program requires a 20% local match. All participating communities and the KPB would share in the cost share obligation, which can be fulfilled via cash, in-kind or a combination. The City's cost share would not exceed \$23,000, much of which we anticipate could be in-kind contribution of staff time.

The Resolution before you provides the City's support to the Borough to apply for a SS4A Action Plan Grant. Thank you for your consideration.