STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

A RESOLUTION FOR SAFE STREETS AND ROADS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of assuring safe streets and roadways for its Citizens utilizing various modes of transportation, including bicycles and pedestrian access, and:

WHEREAS, the accident rate, and specifically the percentage of fatal incidents, needs to be improved throughout Rockdale County, and:

WHEREAS, in 2021 The United States Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA), and:

WHEREAS, the IIJA provides funds that are available through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to local governments under a competitive grants process., and;

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2022, the USDOT released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program, that allows applicants to request Planning funding for the development of Community Safety Action Plan, including a Sidewalk/Pedestrian Access Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and authorized by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, hereby authorizes that County Staff to apply for, and accept if awarded, a Planning Grant under the USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County affirms its commitment to work toward a goal of eliminating, or at least greatly reducing the rate of, Traffic Fatalities in Rockdale County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rockdale County further commits to the establishment of a Community Advisory Committee, which will be charged with oversight of the Action Plan development, implementation, and monitoring. This Committee will ensure robust engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups, that allows for both community representation and feedback. Information received from engagement and collaboration is analyzed and incorporated into the Action Plan. The City of Conyers, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and other applicable agencies will be included in the process to assure that Plans and processes are coordinated and aligned with other governmental plans and planning processes to the extent practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County further commits that the Plan development Process will utilize inclusive and representative processes. Underserved communities

will be identified through data and other analyses in collaboration with appropriate partners. Analysis will include both population characteristics and initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, Rockdale County will, upon approval of the Planning Grant under the Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program, move forward with the selection of qualified Contractor(s) to begin the development of the Community Safety Action Plan.

Rockdale County, Georgia
Board of Commissioners

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