



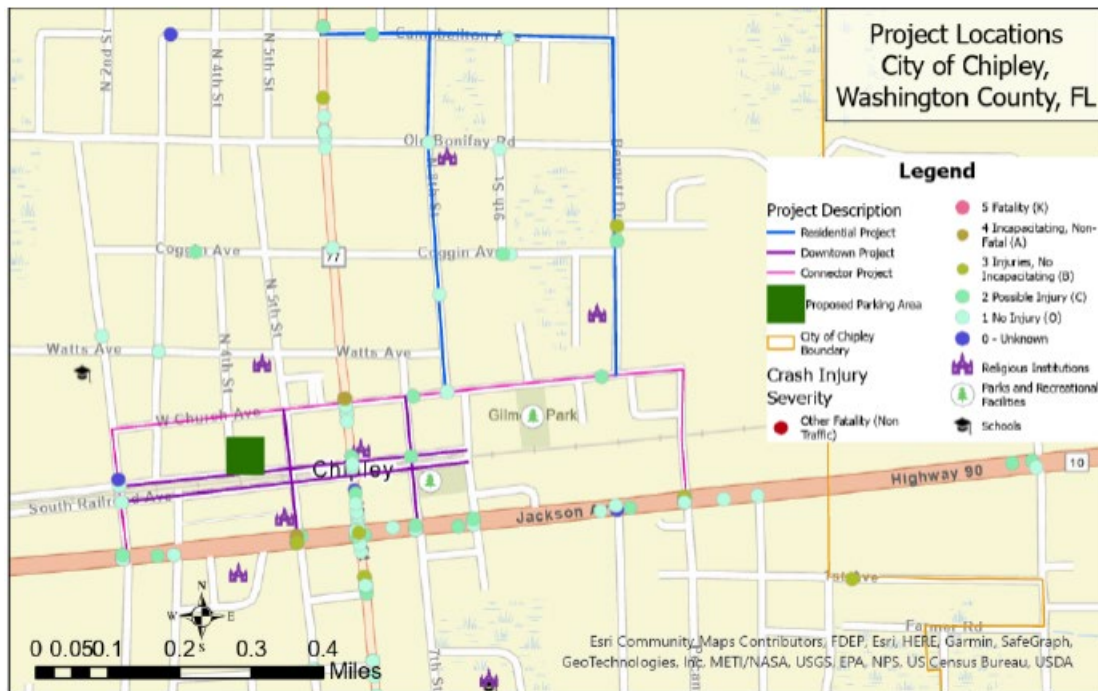
April 4, 2024

City of Chipley  
1442 Jackson Avenue  
Chipley, FL 32428  
*Attn: City Council*

**RE: US DOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Application Results**

Dear City Council,

Metric Consulting assisted the City with its application to the US Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Grant. The application, titled "Uniting Communities of Chipley through Equitable Access and Mobility", was submitted on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. The City requested \$6,002,198.21 for construction activities involving mobilization, creating shared lanes, stripping paths, installing signage, safe side paths, bike share facilities, parking upgrades, intersection improvements, and sharrow installations.



US DOT announced award FY23 awards on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. The City of Chipley's application was not funded. The DOT awarded \$3.3 billion in funding to 132 projects through the program. A total of 555 applications were not funded, for a grand total of 687 applicants and a 19% success rate. Interest in the program was extremely high, with applications requesting over \$11 billion in grant funding – more than 3 times the amount available. To display the level of limited funding, a total of two capital projects were awarded in the state of Florida.

City staff has already requested a debrief with US DOT to discuss the application and opted to receive technical assistance through Reconnecting Communities Institute. These are steps towards a successful future application to the program.



As your strategic partner, we look forward to collaborating with the City to ensure that the work done within this application is used in future available funding streams and will continue to monitor grant opportunities best suited for success, as well as use the takeaways provided during the de-brief to enhance the application for resubmittal through RCN next cycle.

I will continue to serve as the primary point of contact for this work and can be reached at [Suzanne.settoon@metric-consulting.com](mailto:Suzanne.settoon@metric-consulting.com) or by cell phone at (504) 494-4785.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Settoon". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Suzanne Settoon

Vice President

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