

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to approve the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan for Columbus.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to approve the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan for Columbus.

Background: On September 13, 2022, council approved a resolution to apply for and receive an SS4A Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to perform an Action Plan for South Lumpkin Road. The city was notified on January 31, 2023, by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation that the grant application was selected and awarded to the City of Columbus. South Lumpkin Road Streetscape is in Band 1 on the 2022 TSPLOST list, however the SS4A Action Plan grant will postpone this project from starting with the other Band 1 projects. The Engineering and Planning Departments agree to utilize this grant for a City-Wide Action Plan and not on South Lumpkin Road. On August 22, 2023, council approved the staff to complete the paperwork to amend the application through the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. The grant change was approved in January 2024. Alfred Benesch & Company was chosen as the consultant for the action plan. The action plan is complete and must be approved by December 15, 2025.

Funds for this grant program were granted to support planning, infrastructure, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, micro mobility users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operations.

Analysis: The purpose of the SS4A grant is to improve road safety by significantly reducing and eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injury through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users city wide.

Financial Considerations: The City was required to pay a 20% local match. TSPLOST Discretionary funds were used for the local match.

Legal Considerations: None.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to approve the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan for Columbus.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A CITY OF COLUMBUS SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus recognizes that traffic related fatalities and serious injuries are a significant public health issue that must be addressed through a safe, accessible, and equitable transportation network; and,

WHEREAS, between 2019 and 2023 there were 555 fatal and serious injury crashes in Columbus, and 35% of those crashes involved vulnerable road users; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to support local initiatives in developing safety action plans that aim to eliminate roadway death and serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus applied for and was awarded an SS4A grant for the development of a city-wide Safety Action plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has conducted public engagement with local stakeholders and members of the public to aid in the development of a Safety Action Plan consistent with the SS4A program guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, a High-Injury Network has been established within the Columbus SS4A Safety Action Plan and identifies strategies aligned with a Safe Systems Approach to prioritize safety improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan establishes city-wide goals that influence planning, engineering, and policy actions that further reinforce safety improvements that contribute to achieving a goal of zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by the year 2050; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Safety Action Plan represents the City's commitment to eliminating traffic related deaths and serious injuries while improving overall safety for all roadway users including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and micromobility users; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus affirms its leadership commitment to advance the strategies identified within the Safety Action Plan and the pursue implementation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Approval and Adoption: The Council hereby adopts the Columbus Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan as the official planning document for traffic safety improvements and investments within the City.

2. Implementation: City staff is directed to incorporate the strategies of the Safety Action Plan into relevant projects, program, and funding applications, in coordination with local, regional, and state partners.
3. Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Anker voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Hickey voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor